

Skiers unite against legislation

Fuel shortage hits ski areas

Mt. Hood area ski operators are trying to unite with local ski enthusiasts to protect the future of skiing in light of the current energy shortage.

The local ski areas have all noticed a drop in the number of skiers during recent weeks as the fuel shortage hits at recreational users.

So far, the effect has only been slight, but the ski operators are afraid of what the future holds as Congress is moving towards legislation which could mean the end to skiing during the energy crisis.

To help meet the energy shortage, all Mt. Hood ski areas have acted to reduce the amount of energy used. According to a letter from Carl Reynolds of Multnomah-Ski Bowl all areas have reduced the amount of power used by 14 per cent by reduction of lighting, hill packing, heating and operating schedules.

In the letter handed out to skiers this weekend, Reynolds indicated the payroll on the ski business on Mt. Hood includes at least 250 persons. This does not include the many related businesses in this area or in the Portland area.

The ski areas have also started stressing the need for skiers to form car pools and the number of buses scheduled to each

area has been increased from the Portland area in an attempt to get skiers to use mass transit instead of their own vehicles.

So far, this effort has been met with little success and many skiers seem to be taking the attitude they will get as much skiing in as possible while gasoline is available for their private vehicles.

In the letter entitled "Skiers Unite. Act Now to Protect The future of Skiing." Reynolds stated:

"During the present era of fuel shortages, we who supply skiing facilities, and you who ski are threatened with the possibility of being forced to make more than our fair share of the sacrifices necessary to conserve fuel and energy. As this is being written, the Congress in Washington is considering a law—the NATIONAL ENERGY EMERGENCY ACT OF 1973. The language of the Senate Bill (S2589) which has already been passed, contains reference to restrictions on non-essential uses of energy such as recreation. We believe this language in the law to be wrong and unfair. A similar House of Representatives Bill (HR11045 is now being written. Final passage is likely by the middle of December.

Another threat comes from the office of Petroleum Allocation, Dept. of Interior,

where a similar reference is made to recreation as a sector of the economy to be denied fuel (see Federal Register, Nov. 27 issue, pages 32766-32771).

Legislation and rulings of this kind could result in the arbitrary elimination of all skiing activity.

We will do our part to conserve fuel and energy, but we believe it would be wrong, unjust, and bad policy for our sport and our industry to be eliminated. The payroll in our modest sized area alone involves over 250 persons during the winter months, and the economy of the whole Mt. Hood area is deeply involved.

We have already made substantial voluntary reductions in energy use. We have eliminated a full day of operation (Mondays), a 14 per cent reduction, and also made cutbacks in lighting, hill packing, heating and operating schedules.

We believe you will conserve gas, form car pools, use buses, and otherwise act responsibly to insure a reasonable continuation of skiing activity.

We urge you to express your concern now. No one segment of our national life should be singled out for discrimination. All we want is fair play."

It was indicated the skiers should write their Congressmen and the office of Petroleum Allocation.



MANY SKIERS are crowding the slopes on Mt. Hood as an early snow fall has given local skiers a chance to get in some good early season runs. The ski season is being threatened by the fuel shortage throughout this area and the country. Local ski area managers are working to conserve energy and also to protect the right of skiers to

have gasoline to get to the ski areas this winter. Car pools and bus transportation are also being encouraged and sponsored by ski areas on Mt. Hood. Local ski area operators have reported a drop in crowds and feel the fuel shortage is partly to blame. This photograph shows the crowd at the lower chair at Ski Bowl on Sunday. (Post Photo)

City ordinance deals with abandoned cars

A new ordinance has been adopted by the Sandy City Council for the impounding and disposition of abandoned vehicles.

Under the ordinance the police department, on finding a vehicle upon a public street in the same position for 48 hours, makes an investigation to find the owner of the vehicle. If the owner cannot be located, a notice is attached to the vehicle saying it will be impounded if not moved in 24 hours.

If, within this period of time, the vehicle has not been moved, it will be towed away and stored. At this point, the vehicle is thoroughly examined by police department personnel who check its license number, serial number, motor number and anything else which could aid in its identification.

This information is then sent to the secretary of state's office, so that the name and address of the owner can be

obtained.

Once the owner has been identified, he is notified by registered mail that his vehicle is being held, the existing costs charged against the vehicle (towing and storage charges), and an estimate of future costs.

The owner has ten days to pay the charges, or the vehicle will be sold at a public auction at a definite time and place within the city to the highest and best bidder for cash.

The proceeds of the sale shall be applied to the payment of costs incurred by the city and the balance, if any, goes into the city's general fund.

Purpose of the ordinance, adopted on Nov. 19, is to get abandoned vehicles off the streets before they get vandalized and become a public nuisance. The ordinance also sets up the machinery whereby owners of stolen vehicles can be identified and contacted.

Sandy grade sets music programs

Sandy Elementary Music department under the direction of Gerald Dickson and Karen Brisbin has scheduled two Christmas programs prior to the school holidays.

The intermediate program will be held Thursday, Dec. 20

at 7:30 p.m. in the upper grade gym. Singers and band members from grades four, five, and six will perform a variety of musical selections.

Students in the seventh and eighth grades will hold their program Friday, Dec. 21, at 10

a.m. in the upper grade gym. The Concert Band, Stage Band, and Chorus will participate in the program of popular music.

The public is invited to both concerts.

4-H livestock club holds meet

by Mark Ten Eyck

Sandy 4-H Livestock Club held their 1973-74 organizational meeting recently at the home of Dan Ten Eyck, club leader.

The following people were elected to serve as officers for

the coming year: Dale Kuehn, president; Angel Lemen, vice-president; Deborah Reedy, secretary; and Mark Ten Eyck, new reporter.

Discussion was held on plans for the year. The next meeting will be Friday, Dec. 14 at Sandy Grade School.

Clackamas county hunts for planning director

The Clackamas County Planning Commission has been instructed by the board of county commissioners to involve county residents in the screening of candidates for county planner.

Clackamas County is now in search for a new planning director with the resignation last week of director James Hall. This resignation is effective as of Feb. 1, 1974.

Hall stated his reason for resigning was to follow a career in law. He recently went back to school to earn his law degree.

Upon learning of the resignation of James Hall as Planning Director of Clackamas County, the County Planning Commission issued the following statement:

"The resignation of James Hall as Planning Director of Clackamas County is felt by the Planning Commission with a deep sense of loss and regret. During his tenure of many years, planning in the county has moved ahead dramatically and his dedication and unending hard work has been of great benefit to the Planning Commission and to the people of Clackamas County.

"His decision to pursue law school and a legal career is commendable but the county will feel the loss of a dedicated and loyal servant. The Commission extends its sincere thanks for his contributions and accomplishments in taking the county further down the road to good planning and extends its warmest wishes for success in his new endeavors.

"An adequate replacement for Jim Hall will be extremely difficult to find. Some discussions have been held indicating that the Planning Commission will be asked to assist in screening applicants, through its administrative committee, and recommending possible candidates to the Board of County Commissioners. The Commission pledges, that in this event, a diligent and methodical search will be conducted, and no possibility overlooked in providing the county with the most qualified planning director available."

The Board of County Commissioners Wednesday asked the Planning Commission to set up job criteria and procedures for the search and screening of candidates for the position. Tentative plans call for:

1. Job description and qualification criteria to be set up by the administrative committee of the Planning Commission

with greatest amount of citizen input possible.

2. Representatives of citizen's groups and all interested citizens will be asked to participate in the screening process.

3. Top candidates will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners for further screening and final selection.

The administrative committee will begin immediately to set up procedures and advertising for a new director will begin about Jan. 1, 1974. Members of the committee include Jack Courtney, chairman; Leighton Perkins, Dr. Dan Baer and Kirk Braun.

Interested citizens and citizen organizations throughout the county are asked to channel suggestions and recommendations to the Administrative Committee, Planning Commission, 940 Warner-Milne Road, Oregon City, Ore. 97045.

Hall accepts planning job

Clackamas County planning director James Hall, has accepted a job with the Portland architectural firm of Philip Thompson Associates.

Hall last week submitted his resignation from the county post effective Feb. 1. His new job will begin upon his leaving the county planning position.

Hall stated he will continue to go to law school besides working in a planning capacity with the firm.

Burglars take Post camera

A burglary was reported at the Sandy Post newspaper office and an attempted burglary at Ogden's Variety store over the weekend.

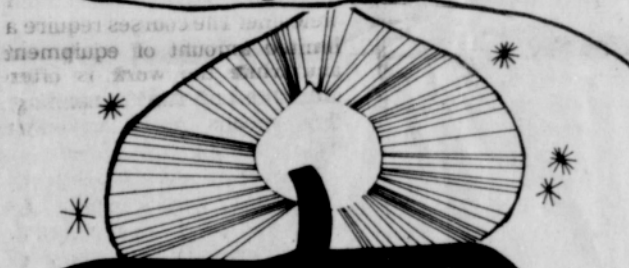
Taken from the Post was a camera, film, am-fm radio and a pen and pencil set, according to the police report.

Entry to the newspaper office was made by punching a hole through the back door and then unlocking it. The police estimate the burglary took place last Sunday night.

A solid door prevented the burglars from entering Ogden's. The police reported the back door had been pried, but unsuccessfully and entry was not made.

The two stores are next door on Main Street in Sandy.

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