

Red Lion-Thunderbird to manage Bowman's

By Cynthia Dillon

The Red Lion-Thunderbird chain of motels and restaurants has been hired by American Guaranty Life Insurance of Portland, to manage most of the operations of Bowman's Mt. Hood Resort in Welches.

Jim Anderson, president and chairman of the board of American Guaranty, stressed that there has been no change in ownership at the Welches resort. The Red Lion-Thunderbird corporation has been given a five-year contract, with options, to manage the existing restaurant and motel. Management of the golf course and sports shop will remain under American Guaranty, Anderson said.

Red Lion has named Ed Furst to manage Bowman's. Furst, who's been in his new office since mid-May, said the name of the facility will be changed to "The Red Lion at Bowman's" and hopes to continue the same quality of service that Bowman's has maintained over the years.

Furst added that extensive remodeling is planned for the restaurant and motel units. He also plans to initiate the Sunday Brunch at Bowman's, a popular innovation at many Red Lion-Thunderbird restaurants.

Furst hopes to be able to cater to local as well as carriage trade.

"We're close enough to Portland that people can drive up for dinner and return the same evening," he explained. Neither does he see the price or shortage of gasoline affecting the Portland trade.

Furst, who came to Oregon in 1962 from Switzerland, has been employed by several well-known establishments, including the Silk and Satin, the Sheraton Hotel, the Canlis Broiler at the Hilton, Inn of the Seventh Mountain, the Jantzen Beach Thunderbird and, most recently, the Medford Red Lion Inn.

Commenting on his move to the Hoodland area, Furst said, "I believe it's one of the most beautiful places in Oregon—just like back home."

The contract negotiated with Red Lion-Thunderbird is just one more phase in the total plan that the American Guaranty has projected for the Welches area since their purchase of 160 acres on the Salmon River in 1972. That plot of land adjacent to Bowman's is now the Rippling River development. In March of this year, American Guaranty purchased Bowman's Mt. Hood Resort in a multi-million dollar transaction.

Rippling River is a massive development, with 111 residential lots and 502 condominiums. Anderson explained that the condominiums are constructed in a way so that they might

be divided for additional rentals, bringing the potential for living units to approximately 1,000.

In addition to the housing, there will be 14 tennis courts (some indoor), five swimming pools, a total of 27 holes of golf, a convention center and restaurant facilities.

It's intended that the general manager of Bowman's would also manage the Rippling River facilities, but Anderson states that the contract has not yet been signed and that nothing is finalized concerning management.

Bucher Realty, with head offices in Beaverton, has the contract to purchase condominium building sites from American Guaranty. Wylis Bucher, president of Bucher Realty, says that American Guaranty is responsible for putting in streets and sewers, and Bucher-Norman Construction Com-

pany Inc. does the actual construction of the buildings. Bucher Realty sells the units upon their completion.

Bucher adds that the firm is presently spending between \$200,000-\$250,000 per month on the development and that by this time next year that figure will increase to \$1 million per month, with an average of one building completed every four to six weeks. The condominium units range from the guest unit, which Bucher says is comparable to a deluxe motel unit, up to the three-bedroom deluxe model. Bucher added that prices for the units will not be determined until they are ready for sale.

American Guaranty has also purchased 58 acres on Welches Road, but Anderson says there are no plans to develop the land at present.

Welches 'Tiny Tots' program aids mothers

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After five years, the Welches Community School "Tiny-Tots" program is still going strong.

The "Tiny-Tots" program is for children newborn through 3 years of age, with the mothers and children meeting every Wednesday morning, from 10 a.m. to noon, usually in parents' homes.

Reva Cox, Welches Community School Coordinator, created the "Tiny-Tots" program when her son Adam, now 5 years old, was a baby.

"The original idea was for the mothers that were house-bound with small children to get together once a week for a morning of crafts and an opportunity to socialize with other young mothers," she said. "The original name was Gab and Craft Sessions."

Cecily Thompson, one of the original members, later came up with the name "Tiny-Tots."

Cox added, "The craft idea did not go over too well, and the mothers that came had many small children, so everyone sat around comparing and talking about the children and their development stages."

Cox feels that this program is an easy introduction for children into preschool. She continued, "Mothers

look forward to Tiny-Tots because the days are long and neighbors are far between, especially in the winter months."

Kathryn Bliss, the group coordinator for the program, said, "Without this opportunity, Emily (her 10-month-old daughter) would not have much time around other small children to help with her social growth."

Member Marilyn Leslie, mother of a newborn and 2-year-old, said, "I find the two hours relaxing, and a chance for me to talk with other mothers." Chris Hamreus, also a member, said, "This is my chance to see if I am doing the right things with my little boy, Ryan. This is a really good confidence builder for myself."

Bonnie Couture, mother of 2-year-old Nate, said, "This is a chance for Nate to learn to play with other children and to learn from his peers." When asked, participating mothers unanimously agree "Tiny-Tots" is a worthwhile program.

The Tiny-Tots group will continue to meet throughout the summer. Last week they met at Wildwood Recreation Area, and will continue to meet out-of-doors as long as the weather permits.

For more information or to register, call Bliss at 622-3032.



Ed Furst — The new manager of Bowman's Resort in Welches

Staff photo

Report on Highway 212 is a Carver junction alternative

OREGON CITY — Clackamas County commissioners recently reviewed the draft Environmental Impact Statement on State Highway 212, including public testimony taken from previous hearings.

The hearing study report, which resulted from the two public hearings held in March and April, made few changes in the Environmental Impact Statement, written by the Oregon Department of Transportation.

The new report does recommend a modified alternative for the Carver junction, however. The junction was the

subject of much public testimony.

The proposed alternative would include a grade separation so traffic could flow freely through the intersection, with only traffic from Damascus to Carver having to stop. This should alleviate the citizens' concern about traffic bottleneck, according to Leon Brock, project coordinator for ODOT.

The highway project, including the modified option, would cost about \$6.7 million.

ODOT also recommended constructing the truck scales at the originally-proposed site between 142nd and 152nd Avenues near Carver. Several persons had testified about the sites, with some concerned the site was too close to residences and others feeling the site should be completely removed from the area.

"The site has been near residential property for a good many years," said Winston Kurth, assistant director of the county Department of Environmental Services. "It would be extremely difficult and costly to relocate the site. Of course the truckers would be in favor of doing away with it."

Jim McClure of ODOT said five different sites from the Evelyn Street to the Carver section were studied for the scale site, but "there were flaws in every one of them."

"The present location is a good area for catching violators," McClure said. "Their violation rate is one to two percent above the state average."

An Environmental Impact Statement must be drawn up for the proposed highway improvements between the Interstate 205 junction and the Carver

junction to qualify for federal funds.

Officials earlier stated prospects look "very promising." ODOT will receive \$7.1 million for the project, from combined state and federal funding. The project has had a "tumultuous" history, gaining and then again losing funding because of reclassifications of the highway.

The proposed plans include four travel lanes with a "nearly continuous" turn lanes to the Carver junction from the Interstate 205 junction, according to Brock. Traffic signals are being installed at the Carver junction and the Evelyn Street junction in Clackamas as part of an interim project.

Evelyn Street will be realigned with 102nd Avenue and separated bikeways and sidewalks will be constructed from 82nd Avenue to Evelyn Street.

The highway will also be realigned just west of Carver to move the road away from the bend of the Clackamas River. Six single family dwellings and four commercial structures will be displaced by the highway construction.

County commissioners will soon be voting on whether to accept the proposed design of the highway. Both commissioners noted at last week's informal meeting they had "no problems" with the proposed design.

The Oregon Transportation Commission will then review the plan and a final Environmental Impact Statement will be drawn up. Following federal approval of the design and statement, acquisition of required right-of-way improvements will probably start in November, according to McClure.

Construction should begin in June, 1981 with completion slated for 1983.

Zig Zag Village topic of expansion hearing

A public hearing June 13 will be held to discuss the expansion of Zig Zag Village located on Lolo Pass Road, two miles from its intersection with U.S. Highway 26.

The proposal involves more than 50 acres on both sides of Lolo Pass Road, which would be developed in phases into a 192 unit subdivision. Plans include single dwelling lots and 61 condominiums.

Currently more than 50 of the 74 lots in the existing Zig Zag Village subdivision have been built on, with a rapid growth experienced. Present facilities

include a private water and sewer system, tennis court and swimming pool. Under the recent rezoning of the area, the subdivision is zoned recreational residential.

The hearing will begin at 11:30 a.m. at the Department of Environmental Services, 902 Abernethy Road, Oregon City.

For further information, contact the Clackamas County Hearings Officer at 655-8521, or the Hoodland Association, c/o Milt Fox, Box 74, Brightwood, Oregon 97011.



photo by Kim Smith

Hopping along

WHAT CAN you do with an old burlap sack? Well, how about a sack race? The Boring Grade School Naas building

playground was the sight of fun and games Wednesday as students took part in the school's annual Field Day. The

competitions, which were conducted with relay teams, served to rev the kids up for summer vacation.