



Expansion decision pending

Expansion of ZigZag Village development on Lolo Pass Road has been opposed by some Village residents. At press time, a decision had not been made by the Clackamas County hearings officer.

Monday hearing to decide pickers' fate

U.S. District Judge Jack Tanner will hold a full hearing Monday on whether 10- and 11-year-old pickers should be banned from strawberry fields which have been sprayed with the fungicides Captan and Benlate.

The court decided this morning that it would hold a full hearing, with a decision expected next Tuesday, said Beth Caster of the Oregon Farm Bureau.

That could put young pickers back in the fields as early as next Wednesday morning.

The Oregon and Washington farm bureaus have been racing against the clock to get the young pickers back in

the fields before the season ends in two or three weeks.

The trial will decide the merits of using the particular chemicals in the fields, farm bureau attorney Jerry McCarthy said. Earlier decisions had dealt with the U.S. Labor Department's authority to ban the chemicals, not with the safety of the fungicides.

A federal appellate court Friday yanked the young pickers out of fields which have been sprayed with Captan and Benlate, two common fungicides. By a 2-1 vote, the judges reversed U.S. District Judge Jack Tanner's June 1 injunction which prohibited the Labor Department from adding those

chemicals to its banned list for fields where 10- and 11-year-olds work.

The Labor Department contends that Captan can cause cancer and Benlate is toxic to young children. But the Oregon and Washington farm bureaus maintain those claims cannot be supported. They are conducting their own research for McCarthy to use in a trial, Steve Holgate of Congressman Bob Duncan's office said Monday.

Duncan said Friday he was "disappointed about the decision of the San Francisco Circuit Court of Appeals." He had earlier applauded Tanner's decision, noting he was

"embarrassed that the Congress and the Department of Labor can so complicate a simple matter, but delighted that a federal judge can demonstrate such pragmatism and common sense."

"I believe the regulations of the Department of Labor have already had an adverse effect on our berry crops over the last several years," Duncan said Friday.

Last season, when young pickers were allowed in the fields for only part of the season, Oregon farmers lost about one-third of the total crop, worth about \$3 million, according to Beth Caster of the Oregon Farm Bureau.

General Telephone denied stable use

OREGON CITY — After holding a "very unusual hearing," as one commissioner termed it, Clackamas County commissioners voted to not allow General Telephone Company to use Mt. Hood Stables as a support facility.

The 2-1 vote was applauded by citizens in the crowded hearing room, filled mostly with local residents and 4-H Club members.

GTE had requested a conditional use permit to use the vacant stables on U.S. Highway 26 near Boring for vehicle storage and minor repair work.

In the wake of the commissioners' decision, the owner of Allen Stables in Troutdale said she would attempt to purchase the Mt. Hood Stables for horse quartering.

"A representative of the Small Business Administration said he would be knocking on my door if the commissioners decided not to approve GTE's request," said Marlene Allen.

The stables were originally constructed in 1974 with the help of a \$350,000 loan from the Small Business Administration. Foreclosed in 1977, the property was sold to Arthur Close in 1978.

The property is again subject to foreclosure, according to SBA officials.

County Hearings Officer Ken Stewart had granted the request April 12. He said he was concerned with the plight of the neighbors who noted there were no other horse facilities in the area, but

that he was not empowered to force the owner to continue the stable use.

Arthur and Mildred Edmon of Boring appealed the hearings officer decision, saying the GTE use would be detrimental to the surrounding property. Edmon, who built the stables, questioned how the GTE use could be allowed on property zoned farm-forest use.

"That building was made for a horse stable and not anything else," Edmon told the commissioners. "You take those stalls out and it won't be structurally sound. It would take a lot of money to bring it up to code if you did that."

"The community needs to keep this as a recreational facility. We have 700 people in the Clackamas County 4-H horse program. It's a terrible shame to lose a facility like that which is nationally recognized by horse people."

Deborah Noah, a Boring resident who lives near the stables, agreed the county desperately needed the facility. She also felt the proposed use would cause a traffic problem in the area.

Noah is purchasing the lot which Mt. Hood Stables used as a drain field but, she said, "we won't let GTE use it as a drain field now."

Commissioner Robert Schumacher noted that any sewage or drainage problems need not be addressed at the hearing because the county found the area was not acceptable, the permit would not be granted by them anyway.

With several citizens arguing the facility was needed for recreational purposes to meet one of the state land use goals, Commissioner Ralph Groener noted the building had not been used as a stable for some time.

"The Small Business Administration sold it to the current owner with the intention he would keep it a horse barn," said Edmon. "We think he never

intended to keep it for horses, but meant to look for a commercial use."

David Prost, attorney for GTE, noting he was "surprised" to see so many at the hearings, said he felt the general public would be better served by the relocation of the facility from Gresham. He noted the relocation would also take some pressure off the heavy traffic in Gresham.

Hoodland businesses may profit from gas crunch

By Dawn Morrison

"About eight new businesses have opened in Hoodland in the past one and a half years, and none have closed," said Rick Scott, Hoodland Chamber of Commerce President.

"Hoodland needs to become a destination resort area, a place for people to stay overnight and longer," he added. "Overnight housing is needed badly, with only Bowman's Resort and several small good motels available now."

Scott said the gas shortage is probably good for Hoodland. "If we handle it properly."

"People can tank-up their cars in town and travel to Hoodland and back without refilling," he added. "People in town will also use mass transit during the week for travel to and from work, and then use their gas for leisure trips."

Scott said the Chamber has tried to help businesses by compiling a Visitors Guide to Mt. Hood, which is given away

free-of-charge and indicates what services are available from merchants in the area.

"The Chamber was also instrumental in bringing Providence Medical Center to the mountain and puts on the July 4th Fireworks Show, an annual attraction."

Scott said the Chamber, with a good nucleus of interested people and 82 active members this year, would like to get a Visitors Information Center on the mountain in the near future, and would like to organize activities of various local clubs and organizations to benefit local business.

Several small business owners were surveyed in Hoodland, and they indicated that customers and business volume have been increasing steadily since opening.

In March 1977, Al and Shirley Hendrickson opened "Lodge Logs" in Hoodland Park Plaza. Starting with sales of home kits from pre-cut logs, in

At Zig Zag Village

Residents oppose expansion proposal

by CYNTHIA DILLON

A county-sponsored hearing on the expansion of the Zig Zag Village development on Lolo Pass Road turned into a long and occasionally heated meeting at the Department of Environmental Quality in Oregon City on June 13.

Approximately 20 residents of the village and adjacent properties were present to express their views on the proposal which involves more than 50 acres on both sides of Lolo Pass Road, two miles from its intersection with Highway 26.

Mike Cliburn, senior planner for Clackamas County, said most residents were in opposition to the expansion so the hearings officer postponed his decision until June 20.

Zig Zag Village had its beginnings in 1969 when Bill Masters, owner of the property, applied to the county and received a conditional use permit for construction of 294 residential units and a commercial development with a service station and restaurant.

The development was to be designed with its own sewer and water systems, tennis courts, swimming pool and stables. The water, sewers, tennis courts and swimming pool have been completed, and 74 units, which comprise Zig Zag I and II, have been sold.

The Homeowners' Association, made up of the residents of Zig Zag Village, was planned by Masters to give residents a voice in the management of the housing development.

Gordon Fyfe, a member of the board of the Homeowners' Association, says, "Many homeowners are upset about what's being done. It's a very confused issue."

Several homeowners, who asked to remain anonymous, said they were led to believe that Zig Zag I and II were to remain a separate entity. They believed that although there was to be additional development, the sewer, water and recreational facilities were to be used by only owners in Zig Zag I and II.

They say they now will be forced to share these facilities with the additional 189 units to be developed.

Another issue upsetting to some residents interviewed was that there will be no additional roads built by the county to handle additional traffic. The Village Loop Road, which is the main road through the community, provides two access routes from Lolo Pass Road. One resident commented that his house would be up for sale if all the traffic from the expansion were to be funneled past his home.

On the other side of the controversy is would-be developer Jack Armstrong, one of two owners of Mayfair Realty of Portland, has purchased the land personally, not for the company, and is quite sure the expansion will be approved.

"It was zoned in 1969 for 189 units and that's what is expected to be developed, as per the Mt. Hood Plan. The density will be equivalent to Timberline Rim."

To residents who complain about the density of the plan, Armstrong replied, "All they had to do when they bought in was call the county and find out how many units were planned. The plat (for the subdivision) was there."

Somewhere in the middle of the controversy is Milt Wear. Wear is not only a resident of Zig Zag Village and



president of the Homeowners' Association, but is also an employee of Mayfair Realty, which some residents see as a conflict of interest.

"I sold the property to Jack Armstrong," Wear said. "Bill Masters came to me and asked me what I could do for him. I probably could have sold it to someone else, but it just happened that I sold it to Jack. He'd been up here many times and had a feel for the area."

But, he adds, that is as far as his involvement in the development goes.

Wear said that when he moved to Zig Zag Village he had full knowledge of the number of units planned because there was a billboard at the entrance which showed the entire plan, and he chose his lot accordingly.

"Very little is new in the plan," said Wear. "Village Loop Road was designed as just that — a loop. Almost all decisions now are at the county level. A developer submits a plan and the county either accepts it or rejects it. The Department of Environmental Quality OKs the water and sewer, not the developer."

Concerning the added recreational facilities, Wear said, "It's very, very hard to say. A swimming pool is the most expensive type of recreation and requires a lot of upkeep."

He added that it's hard to plan recreational facilities without taking into consideration how many residents will be full-time or part-time and their age range.

Wear added that as soon as there were enough people to support it, a full-time professional manager, such as is employed at Timberline Rim, would be to the advantage of residents.

Wear is resigning as president of the Homeowners' Association because he is moving. Wear said his reason is not because of a conflict of interest, adding that was not an issue until the expansion was proposed. He said it has become too far to commute, and that he is moving closer to Portland. Wear added that he plans to buy a vacation home in the expansion of the Village.

In the meantime, some current residents say they've been given the runaround by the county and the developers.

"All we get are a lot of 'ifs' and 'maybes.' We went to the hearing to get some answers, but Armstrong and Masters walked out before it was over," said one woman who did not want to be identified.

"We're not happy with everything that's going on, but it seems pretty much cut and dried," said resident Art Bock, expressing the feelings of some residents that you can't fight city hall, or in this case, county and developers.

"It's in the final stages. Next week this will all be history," Wear said.

They also added wood-burning stoves and accessories.

"Sales are increasing in spite of the tight money situation, and we are in the process of expansion," Mrs. Hendrickson said. "We would like to expand into other energy-saving products."

Chuck and Kay McCracken opened the Irish Deli in January 1978, also in Hoodland Plaza. They specialize in sandwiches, homemade soup and salads, and sales of delicatessen meats and cheeses of all kinds. Inside seating is available for 32 people, with lunch and dinner served and take-out orders accepted.

"We have experienced a 50 percent increase in customers since we opened, with most customers being either local residents or from the Bowman's resort," said Kay. "The skiers found us for the first time this year, and we had an additional boost in business from Rippling River construction workers."

A new florist shop, Flowers by Fireside Enterprises, opened in November 1978 on Highway 26 in Wemme. Rick and Molly Smith operated the business for three years from their home prior to moving to this location.

"I feel that the majority of my customers are local residents, and the business is holding its own at the new location," Mrs. Smith said.

The "Book Place" was opened by Shirley Duerber in December 1977 in Hoodland Plaza. "A friend owned the store and wanted to close it, so I took it over," said Duerber. "I try to keep in stock as many books and information on the Mt. Hood area as I can find, along with children's books, which are a favorite of mine. My book business has expanded and grown since opening, and I expect further growth," she said. "My sales are mostly to local residents with some sales to tourists and people lodging at Bowman's resort."