

Racing Commission Drafts Changes in Dog, Horse Rulings

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SALEM — Last Monday the State Racing Commission came here for the first time in its history to meet with a legislative committee on what it thought should be done about controlling greyhound and horse racing in the state.

The group was invited by Chairman Rudie Wilhelm Jr. and the House Committee on state and federal affairs. The controversy has been waging, with growing bitterness, between the sponsors of greyhound racing on the one hand, and of horse racing on the other.

Will Draft Plans
After they had told their story to the committee, they promised to draft the recommendations in written form and return them within the week.

Monday the House committee will meet to study these recommendations and briefs filed by the supporters of greyhounds and

horses. House Bill 221, by Representative Lieuwen of Pendleton, will be rewritten in an attempt, as Chairman Wilhelm phrases it, "to write a law that is fair to all, including the dogs, the horses, sport and the public."

Recommend Changes

The Racing Commission recommended some very material amendments to the existing law. It was proposed that the governor should be given a free hand in appointing the members of the commission and that there should be no horse breeders on the commission; the law now requires that two members be horse breeders. Neither should there be any greyhound breeders appointed; there never have been in the past.

It was recommended that the racing commission select, hire and pay veterinarians, and other key men, at all race meets who are charged with seeing that competing animals go on the track in proper condition and that the racing is strictly according to the

rules of the commission. The commission now names these employees but the operators pay them.

Also suggested was a section saying all racing in the state should be licensed by the commission. All racing which has been under the license and control of the commission has been conducted without objection or complaint. In the past it has not had control over the state fair or county fair meets.

Would Limit Bets

It was recommended that all pari-mutual betting be limited to meet under its control and that all meets be held under the jurisdiction of the commission. This provision would make it impossible for jockeys, or horses, barred from tracks outside of Oregon to compete in this state.

In the opinion of the commission "there are too many days of racing" under the existing schedule. It wants to control the number of racing days, set the period in which these days may be allocated and, in its discretion, overlap the time in which both the greyhounds and the horses may be allowed to race.

Real Race to Come

These are the main amendments, recommended by the commission and are expected to smother the controversy which has been smoldering over the racing control bills; in which the greyhound backers point to their \$3,368,838 contribution to state, county and local fairs and rodeos for the support of 4-H and Future Farmer activities, or better than 83 per cent of all racing revenues paid to the state commission. The horsemen retort they were flooded out at the Portland Meadows and didn't get a chance to show their earnings.

The real race will develop after the committee fixes up the bill and it goes into the House for final passage.

Quick Thinking Saves Home From Damage

SPRINGFIELD — An overheated oil stove at the home of W. G. Wetzel, 1510 Mill St., only caused \$5 damage Saturday morning, but firemen said quick clear thinking by Mr. and Mrs. Wetzel possibly saved the structure from serious fire loss.

The stove was red hot when the fire truck arrived, but the elderly couple by that time had extinguished flames under the stove and shut off valves feeding oil to the burner.

Mrs. Wetzel told firemen she didn't pour water on the flames under the oil furnace because she knew oil and water didn't mix. Instead she lifted the floor lin-

oleum and poured water under it to cool the floor surface.

The intense heat turned the water to steam which gushed upward and extinguished the floor blaze. Firemen said it was a remarkable example of clear thinking and that Mrs. Wetzel must have once upon a time taken the firemen's training course on the "Chemistry of Fires."

No damage was reported Friday from an overheated oil stove at the home of K. W. Carney, 912 Kelly St.

CONSPIRATORS FINED

BUDAPEST, Hungary — (AP) — A workers' court Saturday convicted 13 persons accused of conspiring with Josef Cardinal Mindszenty in Black Market Monday dealings. They received prison terms ranging from one to eight years and were fined.

Last Browsing Room Hour Tuesday

The last of the University of Oregon's Ethel R. Sawyer Browsing Room hours Tuesday afternoon will feature James C. Stovall, assistant professor of geography, who will lecture and show colored slides of U. S. national parks.

The lecture is scheduled for 4 p.m. Tuesday afternoon in the Browsing Room of the university library. The colored slides to be shown by Mr. Stovall are reproductions of pictures taken during his tours of the parks. His commentary on the pictures will be interpretations of the geographical and geological features of the nation's parks.

Egyptians used simple scales 4000 to 5000 years ago.

Kids, You'll Be Swimming In Style When School's Out

It'll be "Come on in, the water's fine," this June at the new Eugene swimming pool. City Building Inspector M. E. Pallese said Saturday as he announced the pool is completed and will open on schedule when school is out.

Work on the pool, which is to be named the Phoebe Smith Memorial Pool, after the late wife of Dr. Warren D. Smith, was commenced early in 1948. Many of the parts of the 60 by 120 ft. pool are from a Navy surplus pool which was purchased at a huge saving to the city.

Test Runs Made

Stein Bros. did the contract work and their work has been accepted by the city, Pallese said. Test runs have been made of the circulating system and the pumps.

Some work has to be done yet on the chlorinating system, parts of which have had to be replaced. A parking lot to facilitate 50 cars is being planned, but that de-

pends on the budget for the next fiscal year.

The 16th Ave. entrance is to be designed for bicycle and pedestrian use, and a curb cut on 15th will take care of autos.

Admission Charge

An admission charge will be necessary, Pallese said, to take care of part of the maintenance and operation costs. Such costs will amount to \$7000 a year and a fee schedule has been worked out to supply the city with half that sum.

There are a lot of little details to be worked out yet but those patrons saints who take care of such things for children will see to it that the pool is ready for swimming season.

Exchange Club Sets Dinner-Dance

The Exchange Club will have a dinner dance Saturday, March 12 for the presentation of a charter to the local club by a representative of the National Exchange Club, according to Dr. L. W. Stauffer, president.

All members of the local Exchange Club and their guests are invited to a social hour at 7 p.m., with the banquet at 8 p.m. and followed by dancing from 9 to 12 p.m. after the presentation of the charter. The dinner-dance will be at the Veterans Memorial Hall. Invitations have been sent to the Exchange Clubs of Portland, Salem and Klamath Falls.

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Taking a stand as a committee without reflecting necessarily the opinion of the entire chamber membership, committee members pointed out that the commercial fishing industry in these three rivers was limited in scope, but that one commercial fisherman was taking a minimum of 20 fish to every single fish taken by a sportsman.

The Chamber Board of Directors Wednesday recommended that the state fishing license fee be raised from \$3 to \$5 in accordance with a bill now before the state legislature.

Onthank to Attend YMCA Conferences

Karl W. Onthank, director of the University of Oregon graduate placement service and a member of the national YMCA advisory board, will attend two YMCA conferences in Seattle, Mar. 11-13.

The Pacific Northwest Student Council of the YMCA will meet on the University of Washington campus, Mar. 11-12, and the Pacific Northwest Area council will meet the following day. Onthank will report on the National Student Committee meeting of the YMCA which he attended in New York last month. Delegates from Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Montana will be present.



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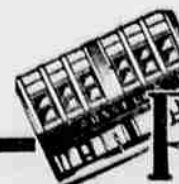
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