

Park Needs—

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who have urged the city council to move the softball facilities to a more desirable location because of excessive noise and nuisance created by the games, held at night.

Mr. Matsler, superintendent of city parks and recreation bureau, said the group of 50 assembled at the Amazon area is a natural location to which softball facilities should be moved, but urged careful consideration of the field, its lights, and other facilities being changed again.

Following the meeting, Matsler expressed pleasure with the turn-out of important city officials, and the meeting's accomplishment.

"No one was prepared for the meeting," he said, "because there was no way to inform all the persons beforehand of the intricacies of this meeting. But we did point

up to all the need for cooperation by everyone concerned, if Eugene is to have the beautiful Amazon park for which so many persons have been working for so long."

The next meeting should bring about more definite action, he said.

Among those present were Mayor V. Ed Johnson; City Manager King; City Councilmen Calvin Crumbaker, J. Don Smith, Robert Booth, Bill Davis, Harold Wells, and A. L. Hawn; Henry F. Beistel, city finance officer; William M. Tugman, managing editor of the Eugene Register-Guard; Clarence Hines, superintendent of School District No. 4.

Dean Lobaugh, assistant superintendent of schools; L. L. Erdmann, assistant superintendent of schools in charge of physical properties; Virgil M. Cameron, Stanley R. Summers, and Harry I. Hamilton, school board members; Earl McNutt, state representative; Smith, Fraternal Order of Eagles; Mrs. J. Don Smith; Hart Larsen; Francis P. Leipzig, pastor, St.

Pauline Burris, Business and Professional Women's Club; Sam Bronaugh, Junior Legion baseball chairman; Howard Buford, planning consultant; Fred Brenne, manager of Eugene Chamber of Commerce; W. H. Lynch and H. K. Mary's Catholic Church; Winfield H. Atkinson, principal, Frances Willard School; Donald Husband, local attorney; Eldon L. Johnson, dean of liberal arts, graduate school, University of Oregon; Dick Strite, sports editor, Register-Guard.

Steel Dispute Talks Hinted

NEW YORK — (AP) — Representatives of labor and management weighed Tuesday a presidential fact-finding board's offer to mediate a wage dispute which threatens the steel industry with a strike on Sept. 14.

Both the CIO steelworkers and some of the big steel companies indicated they might give an answer during the day. The board hopes to have replies from the union and all 63 companies by Wednesday.

Surprise Offer
The surprise offer was revealed Monday night to newsmen by the three board members just before they concluded their formal hearing of the evidence in the case. The mediation suggestion was made at a private session last Friday.

At stake in mediation sessions would be the union's request for a 30 cents an hour package increase for the nation's million steelworkers.

New Deadline
The three panel members, headed by Prof. Carroll R. Dougherty of Northwestern University, plan to go ahead with the writing of their report if mediation is rejected.

The new deadline for submission of this report to the White House, is Sept. 10.

Even if it is made public at once, only three days will remain for bargaining before the Sept. 14 strike deadline unless the President secures an extension of the truce.

Only 86 Degrees, But Nary a Breeze

It was only 86 in Eugene Monday. The reason it felt hotter was the absolute absence of wind until a sea breeze blew in early in the evening.

Tuesday will be considerably improved, the weather bureau said. A high of about 75 was expected.

Welch Firing—

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would resign as chairman of the fair board.

A meeting of the fair board to reconsider the case will be called when Arne returns from his fishing trip. Dr. Hicks told Chase. Dr. Hicks could not be reached for a statement Tuesday.

Welch said Tuesday that although the demand for his resignation came as a surprise at last Friday's board meeting, he had been having difficulties with Dr. Hicks since the veterinarian succeeded Ralph Fulbright as chairman.

"The first intimation I had was when Dr. Hicks objected to book-keeping for the county fair. Later he insisted that I employ Joanne Rousseau, a step-daughter of Frank Gibbs, as an office assistant for the fair. I told him that I did not need any assistant at that stage of the operations.

"My Rights . . ."

"When the time came to hire an assistant, I asked the Employment Service to recommend several candidates, and they sent me four applicants. I also interviewed Miss Rousseau, but I insisted on my right to choose the person I thought best qualified.

"From time to time Dr. Hicks intimated that my job would not be secure unless I played along, but the demand for my resignation came out of the blue. Dr. Hicks handed me a prepared letter of resignation, and told me to sign. I refused till I could consult my lawyer. Then I was told I was fired, but no reasons were given.

"I have done my best to clean things up and do a good job at the fairground, and so far as I know, there have been no complaints of my work there. I have been assured there would be no difficulty in maintaining my bond as fair manager.

"I am grateful to the members who have moved to reconsider my case, and I will welcome the opportunity to be heard."

Vaughan—

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Maragon at any time had claimed that money he was giving Vaughan for 1946 campaign purposes came from Costello.

"Am I supposed to know Frank Costello?" Vaughan in-

quired. He puffed slowly at a long cigar.

Vaughan asked McCarthy to identify Costello and to say what bearing he had on the case.

McCarthy said: "Frank Costello is a rather famous—"

Vaughn interrupted: "Oh, the New York gangster."

He went on to say then that "I'm sure if Maragon had told me he got money from that individual I would have remembered it."

The going got a bit rough for Vaughan, too, over the question of his connection with efforts of the Tanforan (Calif.) race track

to get scarce building materials in January 1946.

Vaughan acknowledged taking the case up with housing officials—who gave a permit for the materials—but he denied there was anything improper.

Vaughan explained: "I urged speed and a decision. I was making no request on how they acted."

McCarthy then mentioned the name of James V. Hunt, Washington management counselor who has been described as representing himself as a close friend of Vaughan.

McCarthy asked: "Did you

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know Hunt received a fee of \$15,000?"

"I didn't know Hunt had anything to do with it," Vaughan replied.

Chairman Hoey spoke up to say he didn't think there was anything in the committee record to show that Hunt had received any fee in the Tanforan matter.

McCarthy said: "You never got any fee of course in connection with Tanforan deal?"

Vaughan said that he did not. McCarthy wanted to know whether Vaughan had ever received any money from Maragon. Vau-

han said at first that he never had and then reversed himself to acknowledge that he had got some from Maragon during the 1946 campaign.

Vaughan said he "probably" had gotten 2,000 from Maragon and that William Hells, who was identified with the Tanforan transaction, gave him 2,000 or 3,000 for campaign purposes.

Vaughan told McCarthy the money he had received from Maragon and Hells went to either Roy Harper, Missouri Democratic leader, or the Missouri Democratic organization.

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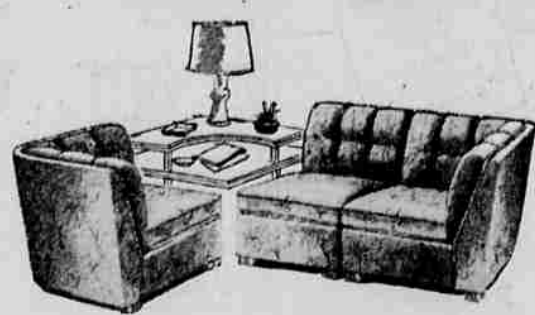
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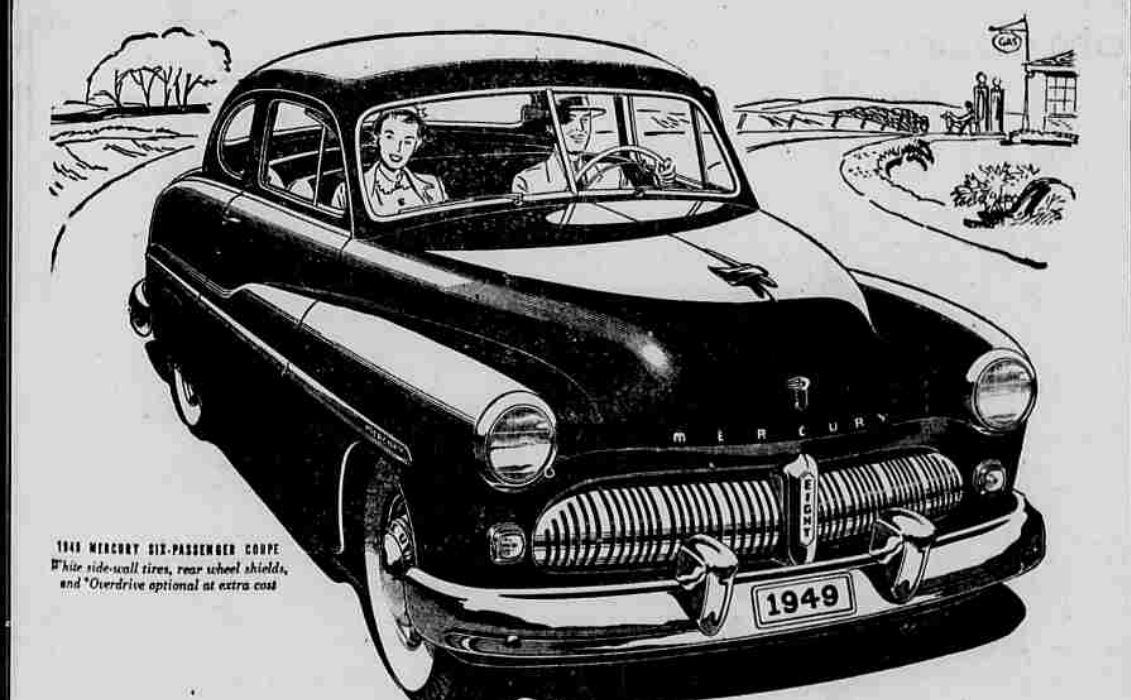
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