

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

A DEVOUT racing fan, famous for his incredibly bad judgment, insisted upon betting his last \$1,000 on an impossible long shot. The nag started at 80 to 1 and not only finished last, but dropped dead as it crossed the finish line.

The fan was bemoaning his luck when, to his amazement, the bookie returned his stake—plus eight crisp, new hundred-dollar bills.

"But the horse finished last," protested the puzzled fan.

"So what?" shrugged the bookie. "You don't think I'd put down a bet on a horse like that? I took out an insurance policy on it!"

Jim Backus tells the sad story of a Hollywood composer who was commissioned to write a rousing new drinking song, but couldn't get past the first four bars.

A wise man of Athens was asked when injustice would be abolished. He replied, "When those who are not wronged wax as indignant as those who are."

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Council Grants Lease for New Crop-Dusting Firm at Airport

The Medford city council last night granted Rosenbalm Aviation Inc. a 10-year lease to operate a crop-dusting firm at the city airport, and approved two liquor license applications.

The council also ratified Mayor John Snider's appointments to the various city boards and commissions.

The application for liquor licenses approved were from the Tower Broiler and Ping's Gardens.

The application from Ping's Gardens had been tabled at last month's meeting because the council said it had been advised by the Oregon State Liquor commission that there were too many liquor outlets for the size of the Medford population. The recommendation is one outlet per 2,000 population.

No Explanation Given

The council did not explain why it felt it was all right to approve the licenses last night, nor did it say that the number of outlets had been reduced since last month.

Tower Broiler, 1296 North Riverside ave., is the new name of the former Henry's Broiler, which had been turned down on a request for a liquor license by the council last month. The establishment has since changed ownership, according to lawyer Robert Boyer, who spoke in favor of the applicants at last night's meeting.

The request from the Tower Broiler was approved unanimously and the one from Ping's Gardens by a five to two vote.

Rosenbalm Aviation Inc. will be the second crop-dusting firm at the airport. The other is Medford Air Service, which has been in operation since 1929.

Municipal Judge Alan B. Holmes, who is a partner in the new firm, and Walter Nunley, representing the Medford Air Service, engaged in some debate last night regarding the financial ability of the owners of Rosenbalm Aviation.

Raise Coverage

The council voted to raise the city's liability insurance coverage at the airport to \$1 million. The raise had been recommended by the executive committee of the council. Councilman Robert Baccus, speaking for the committee, said the raise was necessary because a disaster at the airport could cause the city serious financial difficulties if it is not properly covered.

A request by the Mail Tribune to have the city vacate an alley behind its building was turned down by the council by a five to two vote. The council expressed the fear that authorizing the vacation of one alley might set a bad precedent, leading to similar requests by other businesses.

Upon recommendation of Fire Chief Gordon Barker, the council awarded Munnell and Sherrill, Inc., a contract to furnish the city with a new fire hose. It was noted that the bid of that firm was slightly more than that of two other bidders, but it was recommended it be accepted as the brand of hose to be supplied by Munnell and Sherrill could be more easily loaded into the trucks.

An extension of time to Dec. 31, 1959, was granted the Dan Herder Construction company for the installation of pumps at the Berrydale pump station, which went into operation last year. The extension was warranted, Duff reported, because there was a mix-up in the delivery of the pumps from the manufacturer.

Approves Purchase

The council approved the purchase of two pieces of property for the right of way of the 10th st. extension, for \$14,000 from Mrs. Alice Egan, and for \$5,500 from Waldo E. and Elsie M. Tucker.

After a report by the city manager, the council approved an extra width driveway for Walt Young, 525 South Central ave. The driveway, it was explained, will be used for access to a grocery store parking lot.

The council adopted an ordinance for the segregation of certain sanitary sewer assessments in the Kenwood-Grandview district, and corrected an error in assigning ownership to a parcel of land in the same district.

Assessments Approved

Assessments in the Berrydale sanitary sewer system were approved by the council and plans and specifications for the construction of a sanitary sewer to serve an area bounded by Crestbrook dr., Ellendale dr., Barnett rd., and Bear creek, and for the paving of Summit ave. from Mary place to Clark st.

New member of the various city boards and commissions appointed by the mayor and approved by the council are

Jack Edson, Donald Walters, and Elwood Hedberg Jr., planning commission; Dwight Houghton, water commission; Morris Leonard Jr., H. S. Morris, and Don Carlson, citizen's budget committee; Richard Travis, library board; Eugene Thorndike, Jerry Lausmann and William Singler, park and recreation commission; Carl Bismarck, Victor David, Paul Haviland, Dr. John T. Brandenburg, and Jay Elliott, Medford state athletic commission; F. M. Patterson, Edward Ford, Seth Waters, board of plumbing examiners; and Alan Holmes, Ronald Ricketts and Richard Courtright, municipal and portem judges.

Butler Charges Nixon in Cahoots With Steel Firms

Washington—UPI—Democratic National Chairman Paul M. Butler has charged that Vice President Richard M. Nixon has secretly agreed to let the steel companies raise prices next year if they help elect him President.

Butler made the charge in a speech to the Woman's National Democratic club in which he discussed Nixon's role in settlement of the steel dispute.

Cites Publication

Asserting he had a "very respectable Republican source" to support his charge, Butler cited this paragraph from the Wall Street Journal's Tuesday edition:

"Although the new agreement will boost steel company costs sharply, the major producers have agreed to forego any general price increases several months, possibly through 1960. This agreement was part of an unwritten understanding with Vice President Nixon and Labor Secretary James P. Mitchell..."

"Nixon secured the agreement to hold off price boosts until after the election," Butler said.

DECLARE PORT INFESTED

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Quotes From the News

By United Press International
Peoria, Ill.—A 14-year-old boy, admitting he stole an estimated \$50,000 worth of loot in two years and buried some of the proceeds in his back yard:

"Finally I dug it up as I needed it. But I threw some of it in the garbage can because it was getting old and torn and I couldn't spend it."

Washington—Rep. John S. Monagan (D-Conn.), stating he will introduce a bill requiring party conventions to be held no more than 60 days before the election in order to shorten the campaigning:

"It seems to me the people get tired of it. They can take so much and that's about all."

Chicago—Mrs. Ethel Krueger, manager of the Chicago Anti-Cruelty Society office, expressing regret that a doe that wandered into the city died from exhaustion after fleeing police:

"It was scared to death of the people. They didn't understand and were scared of it. Why when things are frightened of one another do they always not understand?"

WOMEN OPPOSE MICKY

El Centro, Calif.—UPI—An invitation to ex-gambler Mickey Cohen to speak at the Imperial Valley Press club Jan. 16 met with opposition today from a local women's civic club. Fifty members of the women's Ten Thousand club signed a petition protesting the visit here on "that character known as Mickey Cohen."

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PLAN PROTEST RALLY
Tokyo—UPI—An opposition group Thursday announced plans for protest rallies and demonstrations in Tokyo on Jan. 16 when Prime Minister Nobusuke Kishi leaves for Washington with a Japanese delegation to sign the new Japan-United States security treaty.

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