

Proposal To Establish Pony Track At Fairgrounds Being Considered

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A proposal to establish a pony track at the Jackson county fairgrounds was reviewed recently by the juvenile advisory council at the request of the county court.

The idea to have such a track here originally was presented several months ago, but only recently has anything substantial developed. Promoting the track is the Southern Oregon Pony club of Medford.

The club some time ago made preliminary arrangements for using land at the fairgrounds owned jointly by the city of Medford and the county. The particular area is behind the county juvenile detention home and, because of this, has caused some concern over whether it was the best place for all concerned.

Referred to Court

Earlier this summer the county court learned of the proposed location and referred the matter to Circuit Judge James M. Main, who is also a juvenile court judge, and the juvenile advisory council which supervises the detention home.

Mrs. Ben Day, chairman of the council, notified Judge Main in a letter recently that the council, after considering the matter, felt that "the establishment of a pony track at either of the locations proposed by the Pony club to the fair board would seriously damage the governmental purposes of the detention home."

In addition, the resolution said, "The advisory council wishes to make clear that it

has no objection to the establishment of a pony track by the Pony club at the county fairgrounds and feels it would be a beneficial recreational facility if it would be maintained for public use and especially if it could be utilized by 4-H horse clubs and similar quasi-public groups for work and show purposes."

Advise Location

In an attempt to offer a satisfactory place for the track, the council advised that the location of a track north of Armory rd. and east of the bureau of land management warehouse would not be detrimental to the present juvenile detention facilities and appears to be in

the "best interests" of those concerned.

The council maintained that there was water available, adequate parking would soon be available adjacent to the track on the old county shop grounds and that access is not a problem.

The recommendation was returned to the county court a few days ago, pending its action and a possible public hearing. The matter is expected to be further delayed until after County Judge Earl Miller returns from vacation.

Plan Creates Confusion

The entire evolution of the plan, and its presentation to various city and county officials for approval, has been clouded in confusion and misunderstanding, according

to many. This in itself has done its share to delay the establishment of the track.

After talking with representatives of the pony club and governmental agencies, it appears that no one really opposes a pony track in Jackson county; it's the location that brings disagreement. As Judge Miller put it, "I have no objection, if the location doesn't cause any conflict."

The whole thing started about five months ago when the S.O.P.C., consisting of between 35 and 40 members, decided that the county needed a pony track. The logical site, according to spokesmen, was a "weed patch" behind the detention home at the fairgrounds. The next thing was to get permission to use the land owned jointly by the city of Medford and Jackson county.

Would Help Group

Mrs. Helen G. Hampel of Medford, a member of the pony club, contacted Robert Haworth of the city parks and recreation department in May. He, in turn, agreed to attempt to help the group,

"in the public interest," to find a suitable location for the track.

According to Haworth, several possible sites were suggested, but no particular location was discussed at that time. When asked about the property at the fairgrounds, he said that it seemed "okay" to him, as long as certain things were understood: (1) "nothing permanent would be constructed at the site," (2) the club would assume first person liability to protect the city; and (3) that the city could have the property back at any time without notice.

Haworth later met with the county court, detention home representatives and pony club spokesmen to discuss the track location. The proposed track was even vaguely plotted behind the home.

Contemplating Site

Since then, county officials have been contemplating whether the site is in the best interest of the county. Haworth says the city is still willing to let the S.O.P.C. use the property under the original conditions. He referred

to the club as a "special interest group" without any commercial interest in the property.

The recreation director said there was "no immediate need" seen by the city for the particular property and that it was his understanding that there would be only a small group there "infrequently." He noted that Jerry Brog, county 4-H agent, has been seeking to find a place for such a track.

Haworth admitted that there had been "a great deal of misunderstanding" all along.

The proposed track would be a 1/4-mile oval track, according to the pony club. The promoters have asked for no financing from the city or county; the S.O.P.C. also would supply the labor and insurance, spokesmen report. No buildings have been planned.

A spokesman for the fair board said the board "could see no harm" in letting the club use the land. The board reviewed the proposal about four months ago, and felt that the track shouldn't interfere with the detention home, he noted.

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Senators, politicians and political scientists air their views on our economy, political issues and elections today on both radio and TV.

The first in the "All America Wants to Know" radio series mentioned in Senator Harry F. Byrd's article "We Can't Spend Ourselves Rich" in September's Reader's Digest will be heard at 4:30 p.m. on KBOY-AM and FM.

Senator Thurston Morton (Rep. Ky.), Senator Eugene McCarthy (Dem. Minn.), Senator Harrison Williams Jr. (Dem. N.J.) and Dr. Raymond Saulnier of Columbia University will discuss "Is Our Economy in Danger?"

Then NBC kicks off television's coverage of the 1962 off-year election political skirmishes with "The National Chairmen," the first in its series "The Campaign and the Candidates," at 5:30 p.m. on KMED-TV. "Anatomy of the Senate" will follow on Saturday, Sept. 8 at 7:30 p.m.

In today's program the National Chairmen, John M. Bailey of the Democratic party and Representative William E. Miller of the Republican party, will be questioned by Chet Huntley and David Brinkley regarding such topics as Medicare, communications satellites and their parties' chances in the '62 and '64 elections.

Saturday's "Anatomy of the Senate" will present film reports on 10 senatorial races of special national interest such as the Massachusetts primary races between Edward M. Kennedy, brother of President Kennedy, and Edward J. McCormack, nephew of the Speaker of the House, who are seeking the Democratic nomination, and George Cabot Lodge and Congressman Lawrence Curtis, candidates for the Republican nomination.

WIDE WORLD OF SPORTS, 4 p.m. Sunday KMED-TV. National Water Ski Championships held at Callaway Gardens, Pine Mountain, Ga., and Jim Beatty's record-breaking mile run at Helsinki.

TWENTIETH CENTURY, 5 p.m. Sunday KBES-TV. The human side of the late Gen. George C. Marshall is presented from his days as Chief of Staff during World War II to 1953 when he won the Nobel Peace Prize. (Repeat)

DISNEY'S WORLD, 6:30 p.m. Sunday KMED-TV. A repeat of "Chico, the Misunderstood Coyote," the adventures of a coyote struggling for survival against nature and man.

DU PONT SHOW, 9 p.m. Sunday KMED-TV. Part one of "The World's Greatest Robbery," a dramatic presentation of the largest U. S. cash theft from the Brink's Company in 1950.

HOLLYWOOD SPECIAL, 10:15 p.m. Sunday KBES-TV. "The Kentuckian," But Lancaster stars as a frontiersman of the 1820s who heads toward Texas with his motherless son.

OREGON TODAY, 7:30 p.m. Monday KBES-TV. This special documentary salutes Oregon, her people, industry, recreation, education facilities, and natural resources.

SENTRY ABROAD, 9 p.m. Monday KMED-TV. Frank

McGee narrates a report outlining U.S. preparedness overseas from a nuclear submarine base in Scotland to the Guantanamo Naval Base in Cuba.

U.S. STEEL HOUR, 9 p.m. Wednesday KBES-TV. "Dry Rain," John Kerr, Phyllis Newman and Johnny Desmond star in a drama set in a Las Vegas gambling casino about a quarter of a million dollar temptation.

DAVID BRINKLEY'S JOURNAL, 9:30 p.m. Wednesday KMED-TV. The problems created in the City of Miami by the huge influx of Cuban refugees are examined by Brinkley.

THE LIVELY ONES, 8:30 p.m. Thursday KMED-TV. Vic Damone's guests are singer Ella Fitzgerald, trumpet playing Dizzy Gillespie and pianist artist Mamako.

CHET HUNTLEY REPORTING, 9:30 p.m. Friday KMED-TV. Destroyed by Nazi incendiary bombs in 1950, Coventry Cathedral has been rebuilt in ultra-modern design. Huntley reports on the reaction of townspeople and visitors to the new cathedral, the No. 1 tourist attraction of Europe.

TENNIS MATCHES, 10 a.m. Saturday KMED-TV. The semi-final and final rounds of the National Singles Tennis Championships at the West Side Tennis Club in Forest Hills, N.Y.

WORLD SERIES OF GOLF, 12:30 p.m. Saturday KMED-TV. U.S. Open champion Jack Nicklaus, Masters and British Open champion Arnold Palmer, and PGA champion Gary Player compete in the first day of a 36-hole medal-play for a \$50,000 first prize at the Firestone Country Club in Akron, Ohio.

MISS AMERICA PAGEANT, 8:30 p.m. Saturday KBES-TV. Jacksonville's Marty Wyatt will be one of the lovely and talented young ladies vying for the title of Miss America in Convention Hall, Atlantic City.

Men Are Reminded About Registration

Young men must register for the draft on reaching the age of 18, the local selective service board has reminded area residents.

The law requires registration on the 18th birthday or within five days after.

Men on regular active duty with the armed services must register within 30 days after separation if not already registered.

In addition, aliens born on or after Sept. 15, 1924, who have entered the United States on a permanent visa, are required to register within six months after entry.

Registration furnishes the government with available manpower should total mobilization become necessary, the board noted. Failure to register may result in prosecution or induction ahead of others in the same age group.

Additional information may be obtained from local Board 17, 711 East Main st., or by telephoning 772-8482.

'Oregon Today' Film Due on TV

A special Labor Day salute entitled "Oregon Today" will be presented on KBES-TV (Channel 5) at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 3.

Five Oregon companies are sponsoring the 30-minute program as a salute to their employees, as well as to all working men and women of Oregon, for their contributions to the state's economic progress. Six television stations in Oregon will broadcast the special program.

Sponsors include the U. S. National Bank of Portland, Pacific Power and Light Company, First National Bank of Oregon, Pacific Telephone Northwest and the Portland General Electric company.

"Oregon Today" tells the story of the state's economy,

its people, resources and industry. The motion picture portrays the scenic and recreational attractions and cultural and educational facilities in Oregon. Oregonians are shown at work in agricultural, food processing, forest products, electronics and other industries.

A Portland-based documentary film company produced the film.

House Passes Bill Exempting Neisi Tax

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