



"DO YOU WANT OUR COUNTY TO LOSE \$17,000 EVERY YEAR?"

All this will be lost or PROPERTY TAXES will have to be increased if the anti-pari-mutuel bill passes in November.

DON'T KILL REGULATED RACING - VOTE 327 X "NO"

4-H and F.F.A. programs at every County Fair of Oregon draw upon pari-mutuel racing tax revenue for the awards that stimulate wholesome competition.

If pari-mutuel racing taxes are voted down, we must either weaken the 4-H and F.F.A. programs at the fairs . . .

OR PAY the cost from increased property taxes.

"Pari-Mutuel contributions form the cornerstone of the American Legion Youth Athletic Commission Program." Gunner Gunderson, Chairman, American Legion Youth Athletic Commission Program.

TAXPAYERS' COMMITTEE TO RETAIN PARI-MUTUEL REVENUES

DON'T LET THEM TAKE AWAY PARI-MUTUEL TAX REVENUES

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They say:

"Pari-Mutuel operators make huge profits."

The facts: Audits show that stockholders of Oregon's major track received only 7/10 of one per cent of racing dollar. The State of Oregon received from this same operation more than eight times as much as the stockholders. Portland Meadows has shown only losses. Of the million dollars-plus wagered at Oregon fairs, only modest profits accrued, all of which goes to counties and state.

They say:

"Pari-Mutuel serves no economic need."

The facts: Pari-Mutuel serves a positive economic need. It makes possible a million dollar industry involving breeding and training of race horses and greyhounds, \$3,000,000 in farm products, goods, services and employment of thousands. Killing Pari-Mutuel racing would ruin a multi-million dollar investment. It serves as much economic needs as any recreation.

They say:

"Business suffers when the races are on."

The facts: Show that retail store credit collections actually are above average and that business increases during the racing season in Portland. (SOURCES: Both Portland surveys by Don Clark and Associates and Federal Reserve studies.)

They say:

"Pari-Mutuel contributes nothing to Public Welfare."

The facts: Oregon charitable organizations have received contributions approaching one-half the amount of the amount stockholders of the major track receive. (Verified by audit.) All profits from County Fair and State Fair racing go to the counties and the State of Oregon.

They say:

"Oregon citizens who enjoy racing are weak, gullible."

The facts: The facts are established (see official audits) that those attending Oregon races are average people with above middle incomes. They attend church as regularly as other members of this community. Racing fans are respectable citizens who, like everyone else, choose their own recreation.

They say:

"County Fairs can tighten their belts and exist happily if pari-mutuel revenue is destroyed."

The facts: Ex-Gov. Charles A. Sprague wrote in column, IT SEEMS TO ME, January 16, 1945: "Certainly no legislature would have increased the money going to county fairs from \$738 to \$6,041 in five years . . ." (The fairs now receive \$12,500 annually.) "But some day, when the state goes bankrupt and abolishes pari-mutuels, the county fairs, hat in hand, will come begging for direct appropriations."

They say:

"It is propaganda that racing will move to Washington."

The facts: A Turf Association of Vancouver, Washington, already has filed papers of incorporation and has petitioned the Washington Racing Commission for racing dates in Vancouver. Such a development would attract patrons of Portland race tracks and the State of Washington would collect the taxes.

They say:

"Racing siphons dollars out of Oregon (as falsely stated on display cards in theater lobbies.)"

The facts: 98% of the racing dollar remains in Oregon. This amount greatly exceeds the fraction kept in Oregon by the average merchant, and compares favorably with the estimated 55% of the movie dollar kept by movie houses.

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