

### Trailer Court Action Eyed

PORTLAND (AP)—The Multnomah County Commission is considering a zone change to permit the construction of an ultra-modern trailer court in Southwest Portland.

The county planning commission twice has denied the application. The commissioners will make the final decision.

A formal protest Thursday was presented by residents of the area. They presented color slides to show the homes which would be affected. Other objections included traffic hazards, inadequate water supply and an unfair tax burden on permanent home owners.

Howard Budlong, spokesman for the applicants, said they planned a 150-trailer location in a 30-acre park with a swimming pool, recreation hall and putting green. He said no children would be allowed.

### Portland Living Costs Lower

PORTLAND (AP)—Department of Labor figures show Portland living costs dropped slightly from April to July, although the price level was still two per cent higher than last year at this time.

Max D. Kossoris, western regional director for the federal Department of Labor, said the cost of living dropped about two-tenths of a per cent between April and July.

Food prices were up slightly in April. Housing and clothing costs were down over the three-month period. Transportation prices, too, were up.

### Last Shasta Bullwhacker To Observe 90th Birthday

MOUNT SHASTA — Pictures of a young man of 20 years driving ox teams to haul loads of logs to the



GEORGE BLAIKIE — Photo by McKinney

These pictures were taken in 1888, and Saturday, August 25, that erstwhile young man observed his 90th birthday. He is George Blaikie, the last of the old bullwhackers of the Mount Shasta logging era.

Blaikie is active, both mentally and physically. He walks miles each day, has a keen sense of humor, and recalls episodes and events with a vividness that surprises those who do not know him well. He makes but one concession to the years, and that is going to bed early and sleeping late. He is unmarried.

Bue he has a ready explanation for this. He states that a clear conscience allows him to sleep.

The old ox teamster is a native of Nova Scotia. He says that while fishing is the prevailing activity there, all the fishing he ever did was in brooks. No deep sea fishing for him. He said he could think like an ox team, and control them, but

he could do little with ocean waves.

While this energetic, and happy oldtimer is sunny, he can be raked. If one questions his age because of his activity, he states that he has been around long enough to know his age, but will pay good money for any remedy that will take off a few years.

He likes stories with happy endings, and if they are on the racy side, he can appreciate that, too. But when one bemoans changes, he flares. Monotony, he says, would ruin everything if no changes occur, for monotony is the worst thing in this world.

Logging as he knew it, he says, was trying to take all one could get for as little as could be paid. Timbering now is a science with sustained yield taking the place of ruthless cutting.

He longs for the sight of timber growing all across the base of Mt. Shasta that now produces nothing but brush. "It is coming," he says, "but it must be slow. I may not see it, save in my visions of days ahead."

The host of friends this old timerman has made holds hope that he will enjoy this same rugged health through another decade at least.

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### POTLUCK

CASTELLA — The annual potluck supper of the Castella Fire Department and Ladies Auxiliary was a recent event at the fire hall. Good food and sociability was the fare at this community event. Auxiliary officers, Mrs. Ed Columbaro, president; Mrs. Milton Kenney, vice president; Mrs. Joe Ammirati, hospitality chairman, and Mrs. Albert Coppi were the dinner committee.

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The fire was spotted by a passing motorist. Monroe firemen saved the nearby main building.  
Giesy said the grain was insured. He said the building, valued at \$50,000, was partly insured.

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