



Turner's Raceway Takes The Inside Track

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By MAX MUELMAN
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A reported "battle of speedways", one to be constructed by automobile racing star Curtis Turner and Associates and the other a project of Concord promoter Bruton Smith, apparently is no battle at all.

According to reports from parties concerned in both ventures, the only super speedway Charlotte will see is the one announced a week ago by the Turner group.

Their proposal for a mile and one-half track to be constructed

ed six miles from the city limits on N.C. Highway 49 South has been met with enthusiasm by Pat Hall, general manager of the Arrowood Industrial Development Corp., on whose property the site lies.

TO DECIDE TERMS

A meeting has been scheduled next week to decide exact leasing terms. Topographical maps are now being made to actual construction expected to begin within 30 days.

The lease must still be approved by Hall and four other officers of the Arrowood corporation. Hall said he could not yet

announce official approval by Arrowood, since such word must come from a meeting of Arrowood directors. He said the meeting is scheduled soon. Hall and four associates comprise the Arrowood directors.

He emphasized, however, that "Arrowood looks on this thing very favorably. After considering the plan submitted by the Curtis Turner group, I feel it would fit nicely into our overall idea, enhancing our plans for industrial development."

ONLY TURNER

Hall added, "When we do act it will be with the Turner

group and with that group alone."

The Arrowood industrial sites encompass 2,296 acres. Land proposed for the track would require between 200 and 250 acres and would be flanked by the U. S. 31 superhighway to be built in 1960 as well as the present N. C. 49.

In announcing purchase of a 200-acre tract bordering Arrowood adjacent to Pineville for his proposed two-mile, two and a quarter million dollar track, Smith emphasized the imminence of a collaboration between himself and the Turner group. It was said that both Turner and Smith felt two

speedways would be out of the question and that a merger was certain.

But Turner today flatly discounted any possibility of a merger, other Smith with him or himself with Smith.

He said, "There will be no merger of any kind. I'm sorry this thing had to be presented in the wrong light. I could make no comment on a merger or anything else without discussing it with the others. I'm not building this track by myself by any means. I have three associates to consider. Unfortunately, my inability to officially deny a merger was construed as agreement."

"However, we met last night and I can now officially say that the group vetoed the idea. The matter is closed."

The group to which Turner referred includes three associates—Harold Braxton of Darlington, S. C., who built Darlington International Raceway; Alvin Hawkins of Winston-Salem, a prominent North Carolina promoter currently acting as track director of the Charlotte Fairgrounds and promoter at Winston-Salem's Bowman Gray Stadium among other ventures; and Enoch Stacy of North Wilkesboro, promoter at North Wilkesboro Speedway. Hawkins commented, "We

don't need any more money. The financial end of our project is already set up, so it

feels he can still go ahead with his track, more power to him."

Turner also said financial arrangements are sufficient. "I don't have anything like the money to build a \$100,000 track myself, which is a realistic figure for what we have in mind. But there are a few prominent Charlotte people who intend to join my group in putting money into this thing, and whatever we might need can be secured through

a financier we have contacted."

In revealing that his proposed mile and one-half track would almost certainly be in the \$700,000 range, Turner called reports of a \$20 million plan "figural happy statements."

Although neither track makes exact figures public, it is known that Daytona Speedway's two and one-half-mile layout cost less than \$2 million, that Darlington Raceway, a mile and one-half spread, was in the \$500,000 vicinity. With Turner's rejection of a merger, it would follow that Smith will go ahead with his

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Well, That's Show Biz

The Occasion's The Same But The Girl's Brand New

By JULIAN SCHIEER
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Sunday Bob Livingston had a date for Davidson's big dance weekend last night and tomorrow.

Monday he had one date, 15 offers of other dates. Tuesday he had one date, 20 offers, one marriage proposal.

Wednesday he had one date, 25 offers, one marriage proposal.

Thursday morning he had a blind date, 30 offers, one marriage proposal.

Friday—Bob Livingston is a worried man. You know how it is when you have a blind date.

Bob Livingston's simple college life became complicated Sunday night. The brilliant 21-year-old Davidson student appeared on the CBS-TV from Minneapolis.

The University of Minnesota defeated Davidson in the quiz game and Bob was a member of the four-man Davidson team.

This program has a break in the middle during which the master of ceremonies talks informally to the participants. This chat chat is set up in advance. It was suggested that Livingston mention the dance weekend (with Duke Ellington's band) and to say he didn't have a date. Livingston, the good performer, followed instruction.

"I'M MAKING an appeal to the American public for a date," he said over the coast-to-coast network.



Local Admirer Cuddles While Bob Reads Mail

Things started happening fast for the five-foot, five-inch, 145-pounder since he's a right nice looking young fellow, letters started coming in. By midnight he had 25 offers of dates and a marriage proposal (she was just 12, but hopeful).

Bob enjoyed it all—until Wednesday night. He called the girl at Duke University with whom he had had a date all the time.

"Oh," she said, "you don't need a date, Mr.

Livingston. I heard you on TV and . . ."

The boys at the ATO fraternity house came into the picture. They tried to get the offers? They slipped through the letters. One of the boys knew one of the letter writers from Atlanta. Bob called her. She said okay.

She arrives today. Bob's a little anxious—blind date and all—but her picture looks good.

He's taking a chance. That's show biz.

More Rebel Arms Found On Beach

PANAMA (AP)—National Guardsmen today reported finding a second cache of arms on the beach where Roberto Arias and a rebel band landed six days ago.

Arias, fugitive husband of ballerina Dame Margot Fonteyn, was still eluding patrols searching the coast and hills around Santa Clara, 75 miles west of the capital.

The rebels were believed well armed. Several empty boxes which officials said presumably contained rifles were found.

The latest arms cache included 24 pistols, 3 revolvers, 3 loaded cartridge belts and 1,000 rounds of ammunition. A similar cache was found Wednesday.

NEW EVIDENCE

A government prosecutor said new evidence showed that Dame Margot was aware of her 41-year-old husband's plot to overthrow President Ernesto de la Guardia.

The famed British dancer was expelled from Panama Wednesday after questioning. She professed ignorance of any revolutionary activities. She flew to New York and on to London Thursday, still refusing to talk about the revolt.

Dist. Atty. Francisco Alvarado told newsmen he would not have let the dancer go had he then had letters found in a beach cottage near Santa Clara Wednesday.

Alvarado said the letters—addressed to the dancer and her husband—were written by July Thacham, a British friend living in New York. The letter to Dame Margot said "the plot thickens very much" and referred to "strange calls from Alastair to me." Authorities identified Alastair as a friend of Arias who visited Panama recently.

Officials said a memo found in the cottage showed Arias had drawn more than a half million dollars in the last 18 months from American star John Wayne.

Wayne told newsmen in California he was a long-time friend of Arias and that they were associated in a shrimp company along with other stockholders.

Our Weather

Fair to partly cloudy and warmer today, tonight and Saturday.

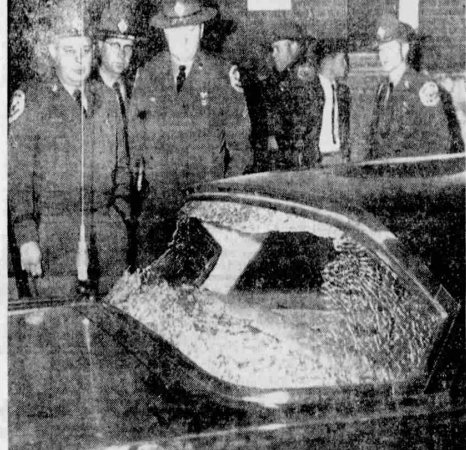
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High yesterday . . . 64
High tomorrow . . . 70
Sunrise today 5:40 a.m.; sunset today 7:00 p.m.

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To The Public

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Patrolmen Look At Rear Glass Of Patrol Car Shattered By Rifle Fire.

Quiet Rules At Henderson Following Night Gunfire

By PHIL CORNER

HENDERSON (AP)—First shift workers entered the struck Hatter-Henderson Cotton Mills without incident today after the third

straight night of violence in this small industrial city.

Following a pattern established earlier in the week, only a few strikers showed up at the mills' heavily-guarded North and South

Henderson plants to jeer and shout at the incoming workers.

Mill guards peppered the plants again Thursday night until second shift employees departed under police and highway patrol guard.

No serious injuries were reported among the workers or the large number of shouting strikers gathered outside the mill gates.

Operation of a second shift at the plants, struck Nov. 10, has brought criticism from Gov. Luther Hodges who said he had warned the management it might mean bloodshed.

Shortly before the second shift left at 11 p.m., highway patrolmen fired two parachute flares over the South Henderson plant. One patrolman patrolled a back street across from the mill where most of the sniper fire had originated.

On the brilliant light of the flares and the watchful eyes of the patrolmen, the workers left without incident.

In Raleigh, Gov. Hodges, himself a former textile worker, closed his door to mill president John D. Cooper Jr. April 16 against opening the second shift.

Cooper, who started the second shift April 20, told Hodges that to close the shift would be "an absolute surrender to force and violence."

Cooper said previously he would close the mills permanently if he had to close down any of the shifts.

The strike began after the company insisted on elimination of an arbitration clause from a new contract with the Textile Workers Union of America. It apparently had been settled April 17.

Special Meeting Monday

By JULIAN SCHIEER
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The Charlotte City School Board will meet Monday at 8:30 a. m., and petition the County School Board to take the city board under its wing.

This will be the first big step toward school consolidation. Acting chairman J. P. Hobson said today the city board will make the request in a special meeting in accordance with provisions of the school merger act which passed the General Assembly yesterday.

The board will join the county board in becoming a consolidated city-county board—if a vote on a supplemental tax levy is approved by the voters.

If voters fail to vote a new and increased supplemental tax rate, the boards will retain their separate identity and the school systems of the city and county will not be merged.

Following the petition Monday, these events will take place:

1. The Board of County Commissioners will set a supplemental tax rate for a consolidated system.

2. A vote by the people on the rate will be held before January 1, 1960, probably within 30 days.

3. If voters approve the tax rate, school consolidation will become effective July 1, 1960.

But all the groundwork has not been cleared away.

The school boards, acting together, asked for a bill calling for a tax rate of up to 60 cents per \$100 valuation. The county now has a 40-cent rate, the city a 30-cent rate.

However, the General Assembly delegation drew the bill so the ballot would show an allowable 60 cents.

It will be up to the Board of County Commissioners, upon recommendation by the boards, to establish what the rate must be to take care of school needs.

It will be up to a joint consolidated committee to draw a budget plan for the operation of a merged school system. When it has the budget, it will decide on the tax request.

The amount of the supplemental tax is not expected to be as much as 60 cents.

NO FIGURE

No figure has been arrived at, but the thinking has been a figure of between 50 cents and 55 cents for the first year, probably 52 or 53 cents.

"All we can say at this point," Mr. Hobson said, "is that the voters will know what the figure will be. We will make a recommendation to the commissioners, but they'll set the amount. This moves the commissioners, not the school boards, full authority."

In preliminary drafts of the school consolidation bill, the school boards asked for the privilege of setting the supplemental tax rate. The city board set its rate at 30 cents.

But the Mecklenburg delegation to the General Assembly decided the power should be vested in the County Commissioners. The commissioners suggested the 60-cent figure, while the school commissioners had hoped the

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Cross-Filing—California Oddball—Faces Eradication

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—allows candidates to run on both California can kiss cross-filing goodbye.

The Senate Thursday joined with the Assembly in voting to abolish the unique system which

allows candidates to run on both party tickets in state primary elections.

Senate approval, 22-15, sent the legislation to Gov. Edmund G. Brown for his certain signature.

The Democratic chief executive advocated repeal of cross-filing in his inaugural message.

The Assembly passed the bill by a wide margin.

A reform Legislature installed cross-filing 46 years ago. It long had helped incumbents win reelection in the primary. Until recently, most offices were held by Republicans.

Repeal of the law has been a fixture in the state Democratic platform. This is the first Democratic Legislature since 1896. Democrats snatched up all but one state office last fall.

The overturn of cross-filing will mean the end of widespread double nominations in state primaries. Republicans will be able to vote only for Republican candidates and Democrats for Democrats.

Final debate touched off warnings, and denials, that removal of cross-filing would lead to party bossism. It also developed an unusual political situation.

The Senate majority leader, Hugh M. Burns (D-Fresno), led opposition to the bill which the Assembly majority leader, William A. Munnell (D-Monterey), introduced for the governor.

Burns declared repeal of cross-filing would restore party bosses. He argued it would deny voters freedom of choice in selecting party candidates.

Under the present system, he told the Senate, "California has been singularly free of party nominations that go on in other states."

The Saga Of Osmo: He Loved Too Well

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Osmo was an ocelot. You might say he loved club-footed chickens not only unselfishly, but too well.

If that shakes you're sorry. This story really doesn't have a plot, but it does have some interesting people.

He has the Shab of Iran, a pretty airline stewardess, a sad scientist—plus mass murder at midnight and sudden vengeance.

And, of course, Osmo, a catlike Brazilian with golden fur and sharp teeth who loved to roam at night.

TOKEN OF APPRECIATION

The Shab presented Osmo to Miss Ellen Forsyth last year in appreciation for her services on Pan American during his visit here.

Miss Forsyth made a pet of Osmo but needed an ocelot-sitter on her overseas flights. Last week she left him in care of Day Miner, a friend across the bay in Berkeley.

Osmo escaped. Enters now the sad scientist: Dr. Lewis W. Taylor, professor of poultry husbandry at the University of California. He has spent some 13 a five years developing club-footed white Leghorn chickens.

Taylor said club toes show the chicken has an inherent lethal disease. He has been breeding them for club-toes to learn how to eradicate the ailment.

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DEATH TOLL 11

Sunday night something got the chicken's genetic research plant and slaughtered 11 of his highly prized chickens. Plant supervisor Noboru Inouye was asked to be in ambush for the invader.

With a small caliber rifle, he blazed the intruder with one shot Tuesday night. It was Osmo. The adventurous Brazilian feline's body was taken to the university's vertebrate museum for taxidermy.