

Third Hilliards Racing Suit Filed in Court

The third law suit in the hassle over horse racing at the Franklin County Fairground in Hilliards was filed Wednesday in Common Pleas Court.

Principal parties in the three lawsuits are Hilliards residents and land owners and fairground interests.

In the latest action, Mrs. Mae L. Weaver, 75 E. Eighteenth Ave., asked the court to order Hilliards village officials to fence in a five-acre park and block one of the main en-

trances to the fairground. The park is currently used as a parking area during racing seasons.

TUESDAY, THE Franklin County Agricultural Society asked the court for an injunction to prevent construction of the fence. In a lawsuit filed Monday, 64 residents of Hilliards requested the court to halt all racing at the fairground track.

The five-acre tract was sold to the village in 1934 and was to be used for park purposes. Mrs. Weaver, in the petition, said the land was previously owned by her late husband, James H. Weaver.

In accepting the deed, Mrs. Weaver said, the village agreed to "erect and maintain a good substantial fence" along the north line of the property. The agricultural society was to use the property for "fair purposes during fair week and the week preceding."

SHE CONTENTED the fence was erected and maintained until 1947, when "certain sections were removed."

In a letter written Apr. 9, Mrs. Weaver asked the village officials to erect a new fence. It was completed May 5. However, a 30-foot section across the fairground entrance was removed a few days later.

Roland A. Sedgwick, attorney who prepared the legal action, said the fence would cross an entrance which leads to the horse barns.

MRS. WEAVER also asked the court to cancel the warranty deed to the property and return ownership to her if the officials do not comply with the fencing request.

A hearing on the temporary injunction which would prevent construction of the fence will be held at 10 a.m. Friday before Judge Robert M. Draper.

Meet to Air Fairgrounds Controversy

The Hilliard Village Council and the Franklin County Fair Board will meet at 8 p. m. Wednesday at Legion Hall in Hilliard to discuss cooperative ventures regarding the county fairgrounds.

Atty. Robert Barton will speak at the public meeting for the fair board and the Columbus Trotting Association.

BOTH HILLIARD Mayor Gaymon Wright and A. E. Bogen, chairman of the fair board, have indicated a willingness to cooperate and work out problems concerning the fairgrounds.

One move being considered is the possibility of building a well-equipped village park away from the fairgrounds since use of Weaver Park for race track parking has been a sore point in the village.

Hilliard village council has taken steps to fence the park which would remove much parking area from the fairgrounds. Also, three hog barns of the fair are located on park property.

Meanwhile Ralph J. Woodin, chairman of a Citizens Park Protection Committee, is leading a move to obtain funds to fence three village park areas including Weaver Park.