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AIRPORT PLANNING

By CHARLES V. STANTON

At long last the City of Roseburg has definite and official information regarding requirements for an airport suitable for feeder line service.

Months have been utilized in a study of airport possibilities. Many alternate proposals were explored. The city now has approval of the only two sites in the entire central valley meeting minimum requirements. Either the present airport site or a location in Garden Valley can be utilized for limited operation, providing specified improvements are made.

No time should be lost, in our opinion, in arriving at a conclusion as to the site to be improved, determining the cost and setting up a financing proposal. If, as is now expected, a bond issue will be required to finance essential improvements, the program should be fully developed and laid before voters at the earliest opportunity.

It would seem at first glance, and in considering recommendations from the Civil Aeronautics Authority, that development of the existing airport offers the better possibilities. The CAA report points out that the present airport site has better location and alignment with relation to airways route beacons, Highway 99 and the city itself; that it has less fog than the Garden Valley site; that it would require less time for development; that it is closer to the business district and population centers; that it has better approach and take-off zones; that the land already is in possession.

The Garden Valley site, on the other hand, offers a landing strip with fewer surrounding hazards, a location with less nuisance factors, less necessity for immediate zoning, less expense for runway construction (as the strip could be 600 feet shorter) and more room for runway extension in the future.

If the present site is used, it will be necessary to purchase land at the north end, shift the direction of the runway slightly to a more southeasterly-northwesterly line, to take advantage of gaps between the hills, and to remove trees from the hill immediately north of the port. The city must install boundary lights, obstacle lights on all surrounding hills and directional radio equipment and landing aids. The present 3800-foot runway must be extended to 4,600 feet, and surfacing will be required.

Even with these improvements the field would qualify only for feeder line service. No flying would be permitted when cloud or fog ceilings were below the tops of surrounding hills. It would be possible, however, to bring planes through overcast whenever the ceiling offered a margin of a few hundred feet above hilltops. Thus we probably would have scheduled service 85 to 90 per cent of the time.

The City of Roseburg, as yet, has no information concerning the cost of improvement. Money is available from federal grants to pay 25 per cent of land acquisition and approximately 56 per cent of the costs of airport development, including obstruction lighting within two miles of the airport. It is possible, too, that some donations could be secured.

In similar cases elsewhere, oil companies have aided municipalities with their airport development. It might be possible to obtain donations of asphalt for paving purposes. Some labor and use of equipment for grading, tree removal, etc., might be contributed, thus lowering costs.

Transportation is one of the most critical problems faced by the City of Roseburg and surrounding communities. An airport, with feeder line service would be a very important adjunct to business and industrial activity of the community and could easily be translated into hundreds of thousands of dollars annually in increased activity, new industrial payrolls, etc., even though no profit might appear directly from an improved port.

Treason Trial Of 'Axis Sally' Opens

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—(AP)—The "Axis Sally" treason trial opened yesterday amid indications of considerable difficulty in selecting a jury.

Seven of 10 prospective jurors told Federal Judge Edwards M. Curran they had a fixed opinion as to the guilt or innocence of the defendant, Mildred E. Gillars, 48.

Others also stated reasons for which they might possibly be disqualified.

The treason charges against Miss Gillars, a native of Portland, Me., grew out of the German wartime propaganda broadcast as she is known to this as the "Axis Sally" program. She also is referred to in the 10-count indictment as Mildred Elizabeth Sisk.

Judge Curran put a long list of questions to persons on the jury list when the trial opened. He told them that Miss Gillars is "entitled to a fair and impartial jury and that any prospective juror should say if he has a bias or a prejudice or a fixed opinion."

If convicted, Miss Gillars faces a possible death sentence. The minimum penalty for treason is five years imprisonment or a \$10,000 fine, or both.

TWO FORFEIT BAIL

Two bail forfeitures were reported in Municipal Court this morning by Judge Ira B. Riddle.

He said they included William Dee Spurgeon, transient, and Harold Edward Korpi, 326 W.

Cass St., each of whom forfeited \$20 bail on a drunk charge for failure to appear in court.

Judge Riddle also reported that Ronald Clair Slupe had pleaded guilty to vagrancy. He had sought lodging at the city jail last night. A \$20 fine and 10-day jail sentence were suspended.

Ultraconservatives Top Vote Returns in Japan

(By the Associated Press)

Elections gave Prime Minister Yoshida's ultraconservative Democratic Liberal party 263 diet seats, a gain of more than 100, on the basis of complete returns from yesterday's elections in Japan.

This gave Yoshida a clear parliamentary working majority to advance a program of lessened economic controls. The Communists rolled up a popular vote of more than a million and took 35 seats, emerging as a strong political faction.

GOLD JUST NUISANCE

MACOMB, Ill.—(AP)—Melvin Shrier, Carthage, Ill., accountant, strode into a Macomb bar and deposited a bag containing \$1,600 in gold pieces on the bar—just like in the days of the Wild West.

The bartender, E. E. Kellum, was unimpressed. He charged the incident created a disturbance and Shrier was fined \$14.40 for disturbing the peace.

Macomb police said the bag contained \$1,600 in \$5, \$10 and \$20 gold pieces. They said Shrier told conflicting stories about where the money came from. One was that he found it buried in his yard.

Just How Potent Is the Power of Suggestion?



Scrap from the MENDING BASKET

By Vianett S. Martin

Controversial issues that line up the inhabitants of a town into two sides do not seem funny at the time—at least to the participants. But 50-odd years afterwards it's a different story. Take Cottage Grove, for instance.

As you know the Coast Fork divides the town into an eastern and western section. In 1894 the citizens living in the west side decided they would be different; they petitioned the Legislature to authorize their half of town as Cottage Grove proper, and the east side was to be called just East Cottage Grove.

Well, you don't suppose the East-siders were going to stand for anything like that, do you? No, sir! They promptly incorporated their part of town under the name of Lemati—and they had the railroad!

Things got hotter and hotter. So the marshal of Cottage Grove had to go to the railroad station for the mail, and before he crossed the bridge he removed his badge. If he didn't—into jail he went. Pronto! There he stayed, too, until his part of town, Cottage Grove so-called, paid his fine and got him out.

This went on for two years... finally the quarrel was patched up and peace declared, and the story ends happily with the nam-

ing of the whole, East side and West side and all around the town: COTTAGE GROVE. Next time you drive across the Coast Fork bridge look back 50 years and "see" that marshal; did he remember to take off his badge this time? No? Hey-diddle, clap him in jail!

IN OREGON (The American Guide series) are so many human interest stories which one could never know by just driving along. There is nothing, as you go through Sutherlin, to tell you about Kentucky Belle, is there? Probably everyone knows the area is a turkey-raising and lumbering section, but the Guide tells us of more: Mr. Fendel Sutherlin established the first turkey farm in Sutherlin in 1851; he brought fruit trees from Oregon City and planted the first orchard in southern Oregon. But his wife, Lucy Richardson Sutherlin, rode Kentucky Belle all the way across the Indian-infested plains, and Kentucky Belle was the ancestor of many race horses of the Willamette Valley.

Sutherlin Valley was first known as Camas Swale because of thickly carpeting blue blossoms that from a hilltop seemed a veritable deep-blue lake, nestling in a valley between fir-covered hills.

mander George Caskey with brief talks by Sheriff O. T. Carter, Chief of Police Calvin Baird, Sgt. Lyle Harrell of the State Police, Lieutenant Paul Morgan of the State Police, Medford; Sgt. Wm. Colbert, State Police, Medford; Captain Cleo Tipton, Sheriff's posse; Charles V. Stanton, editor of the News-Review; Kenneth Quine, member of the Reserve, and Deputy Sheriff "Red" Eckhart.

A letter from the Roseburg Fire Department, expressing appreciation for the services of the Reserve in assisting with traffic control at fires was accompanied by a gift of cigars.

Home from University—Miss Priscilla Wade, who has been attending University of Oregon, has returned to Roseburg to be with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Wade, 255 South Kane street, until her marriage to Jeffrey Currier, which will take place Feb. 5.

Installation—Ducky Daugherty will hold installation of officers tonight, Jan. 25, at the home of Marcia Newell, on Riverside drive in Laurelwood. The officers have requested all officers to be present.

The division processes a total of 1,468,010 transactions during the year, averaging slightly under \$3.00 each.

Sheriff's Reserve Holds Annual Dinner Meeting

The annual dinner meeting of the Roseburg Sheriff's Reserve was held Monday night at Carl's Haven, where reservists had as their guests members of the State Police, Sheriff's force, and City Police, together with visiting officers from Medford and Reedsport.

Following dinner a short program was conducted by Com-

Truman Asks For Repeal of G. O. P. Tariff Statute

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—(AP)—President Truman renewed his call on Congress yesterday to repeal the 1948 Republican-sponsored tariff act and revive the old reciprocal trade law "without hampering restrictions."

At the same time, the Senate got busy on a drive to kill the filibuster, the weapon Southern Senators have relied upon to talk to death Mr. Truman's civil rights program.

Chairman Hayden (D-Ariz.) of the Senate Rules Committee predicted that a majority of the committee will recommend action to prevent future filibusters.

However, even if it passes the committee, 17 Southern Senators have served notice they will fight any move to limit debate on "the Senate floor. That may touch off a filibuster against the anti-filibuster proposal.

Mr. Truman's new attack on the GOP tariff act, passed by the Republican-controlled 80th Congress last year, came in a letter to Chairman Doughton (D-N.C.) of the House Ways and Means Committee as the House group opened hearings on the trade program.

The President declared that curbs enacted by the Republicans when they commanded a majority threaten the effectiveness of world trade negotiations this spring.

Without a full interchange of trade, Mr. Truman wrote, "there can be no sure foundation for economic progress."

The President's proposal is expected to run into stout resistance from GOP lawmakers. But the President apparently has sufficient backing to get the kind of trade act he wants.

Freed Convict Jailed On Habitual Criminal Count

PORTLAND, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Albert Le Roy Moore, 38, released from the Oregon Penitentiary by former Governor John H. Hall, is behind jail bars again. He was arrested Saturday on an habitual criminal complaint.

Linn County District Attorney Melvin Goode signed the warrant. He said Moore had been convicted of four burglaries. He had served two years of a 10-year sentence when released.

The former governor explained the release at the time as stemming from Moor's poor health.

Fire Destroys Regina Buses and Trolleys

REGINA, Sask., Jan. 24.—(AP)—Forty-four of the city's 60 buses and trolleys were reported lost in a fire at a car barn yesterday.

Supplies and equipment were destroyed and the office and barn damaged.

At an emergency meeting, the city council made arrangements to rent 16 Saskatchewan government buses, some Army vehicles and some buses from independent companies.

Junior Red Cross In Full Swing On Gift Box Project

The Douglas County Chapter, Junior Red Cross has about completed its 1948 enrollment, although a few schools not contacted early are still enrolling. Also, the majority of its gift boxes have been collected, but the latter will be a year-around project, announces Miss Ruth Swinney, Junior Red Cross chairman.

To date the high schools of Canyonville, Days Creek, Drain, Elkton, Glendale, Reedsport, Yoncalla and Roseburg Junior and Senior High, all grade schools but six out of 46, and one parochial school have enrolled and contributed very generously to the local and national children's fund and filled gift boxes, she said.

Total of 337 gift boxes have been filled and sent to San Francisco. Each one represented an expenditure of about \$2. Of these 136 were sent in time for Christmas overseas shipment. Elkton and Benson (Roseburg) grade schools filled 24 and 26 boxes respectively and Roseburg Junior High 8.

Myrtle Creek eighth graders, showing what could be done where there is a will to do it, sold cakes to raise money for their contribution, said Miss Swinney. That school gave \$34.28, being topped only by Roseburg Junior High with \$34.70. The total amount raised so far is \$375.

The international art project is now being promoted, the slides of pictures sent abroad last year having been shown some of the schools. The project has been received with much enthusiasm, Miss Swinney said. Four countries received these pictures last year and five more, including Poland and Japan want them this year. Only one picture was chosen from California, so it is hoped other parts of the West will be represented this year, according to the chairman.

Canyonville and Tenmile schools are the first to enter the project in this county.

Camp Fire and Bluebird groups are working on projects for the Veterans Hospital, said Miss Swinney. Now that enrollment and gift boxes are in the background, each school is asked to participate in one of the following projects: International art, school correspondence albums, weaving or knitting afghans, making of soft toys for children's hospitals, scrap books for hospitals (scenes preferred), and making wash clothes and beanies.

Patterns, directions and lists may be obtained from Red Cross headquarters at the Roseburg Armory.

Wilbur Hotel Suffers Small Fire Damage

An overheated wood stove at the Wilbur Hotel, on the Pacific Highway eight miles north of Roseburg, this morning caused a fire which burned a hole in the roof of the building, Fire Chief Glenn T. Taylor reported.

The fire started where the pipe from the stove passed through the ceiling to the second floor. Flooring around the stove pipe was burned. Flames leaped up the walls and to the roof, Taylor said.

About four families reside in

the hotel, which is owned by E. E. Garrett. When fire fighting equipment arrived from Roseburg, about 8 o'clock, the fire had been brought under control, but furniture and personal possessions had been moved outdoors.

At 3:10 Saturday afternoon, firemen extinguished a flue fire at 747 S. Pine St. Damage was slight.

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The Oregon Council of Baptist Men announce three radio broadcasts on KRNR this week and one each following week:

- Wednesday morning, Jan. 26, at 9 a. m. (Carrie Dollar, Nat'l Youth Leader.)
- Friday at 9 a. m. (Sarah Louise Walker, state Missionary.)
- Saturday, 4:30 p. m. (Dr. Ralph Walker, Pastor, White Temple.)

Don't Miss These Broadcasts