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AIRPORT MISINFORMATION

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Proponents of Roseburg's proposed airport bond issue will be required to work industriously clearing up many misunderstandings concerning the status of the project.

For instance, we have received two letters, intended for publication in the forum column indicating misinformation concerning the issue. Because both correspondents have been erroneously informed we believe, we prefer to use their letters in this column, but will withhold their names, to save them any possible embarrassment, for both write in good faith.

One writer says:

Some seasons ago reports on the airport were made through your columns by aeronautical authorities of wide repute.

They were very sharp and caustic in their condemnation of the present site and the possible approaches. They recommended the district near the forks of the river as the only feasible area near Roseburg for a commercial airport.

Vast sums have been spent on the present airport, and it is yet only a helicopter landing field.

If Roseburg boosters want a real commercial air field, why not take the $200,000 and buy a practical field, clear of the frowning hills and obstructions. Then sell the present air field for industrial or home site purposes and use the proceeds on the new field.

I think the present proposition is just another deal to sell some low priced land to Roseburg for a nice round sum.

Why pour more money down the old rat hole?

Present Site Only Location Available

The correspondent is mistaken concerning the practicability of the Garden Valley site.

It is true that a great deal of engineering, time and money went into a study of a proposed airport in Garden Valley. But the Civil Aeronautics administration and the National Association of Pilots flatly rejected the alternate site.

Scheduled airline planes are not permitted to descend or rise at angles as sharp as generally practiced by private fliers. Approach and take-off angles must be kept low, both for safety and comfort. At no point on the proposed Garden Valley site could either approach or take-off angles be brought within tolerance set by CAA.

By utilizing the river gap south of Roseburg, and gaps between hills north of the present port, the existing field can be certified for scheduled airline operation, but minor relocation of the runway will be required, and the field must be extended before this certification will be granted. The CAA has indicated the present site is the only one it will approve and is, in fact, the only suitable site available.

As to the price for the land which must be bought to the north of the field, the city has the right of condemnation if the quoted sale price is deemed too high.

Another Erroneous Impression

Another correspondent writes as follows:

Have you informed the people of Roseburg that if the airport is improved to allow any large airline to land planes for commercial use, all small planes will not be able to land within at least five miles from the present site.

It is my opinion that if these large airlines wish to make this a stop, why not let them defray the expense of all improvements instead of the city bonding the people to pay this expense. If you are not sure of what I am trying to explain, please write any plane owner in the city of Eugene who has a private plane.

If the correspondent will visit North Bend, Corvallis, McMinnville, Salem and other cities served by the West Coast Airlines, he will find private planes operating off the fields in those places. Eugene is particularly fortunate in having two airports—one for commercial operations and the other for private planes. But private planes travelling cross-country utilize Eugene's commercial field.

Private planes, if in the air at that time, probably would be required to keep at some distance from the airport during actual landing and take-off of scheduled flights, but otherwise would not be affected.

It has long been established practice that the public builds transportation facilities. Railroads were financed through grants of public land. Roads and highways are built by counties, states and the federal government. Air transportation, with all its benefits, can be maintained only if the public provides the airports. No airline is making enough profit to finance airways facilities.

Winston

By MRS. GEORGE BACHER

Continued heavy rains have proven a grievance to many commercial fruit and vegetble growers who are eager to start tilling the soil. Disappointment is written upon the faces of those who yearn for an early garden, but the situation is not serious, local orchardists say. Spring is still young and chances are that come fall, there will be the usual lush harvest the community has always enjoyed. However, according to farmers, fruits such as apples are in need of a "dormant stage" spraying and spraying cannot be done with any satisfaction while wind and rain prevail.

Oil sprays due to be applied to apple orchards at this "pre-pink" stage control scale and mildew. If a break in the weather doesn't allow for such spraying, crops could be severely damaged, orchardists say.

Thurrel Lyle of Portland has been staying at the home of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Fullerton, for the past week while he attended business in Roseburg. Lyle is a demonstrator for an automotive parts and accessory firm, his territory extending through the states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Cory have returned to their home in Callahan after visiting at the George Butler home in Winston. Cory has a ranch in that vicinity and his wife teaches school at Callahan.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Glenn, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Spelton, enjoyed a weekend trip to Coos Bay. They experienced rain enroute, they said, but when they arrived the weather was "ideal." It was the Spelton's first glimpse of the Oregon coast and they report that they were "favorably impressed." They recently moved here from California. Mrs. Spelton is a sister of Mrs. Glenn. The Glenns are proprietors of Glenn's Grocery store on the outskirts of Winston on Highway 99.

Mrs. Leonard Brooks and children of Yoncalla spent Thursday with the former's aunt, Mrs. George Butler of Winston.

The Butlers plan to open a restaurant in Winston in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Fullerton were in Portland on business over the weekend. Their son, Jerry, stayed with Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Fullerton during the absence of his parents.

Color Scheme . . .

In the Day's News

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perts are STREAMING TO THE AID OF RED CHINA.

"Nationalist reports tell of an influx of Russians into mainland areas opposite here."

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THE Chinese Nationalists, concentrated for a last stand on the big island of Formosa, using the remnant of the air force we helped them build up, have been battering the Chinese reds pretty badly in recent weeks.

That can go on ONLY AS LONG AS RUSSIA IS WILLING TO PERMIT IT TO GO ON. Whenever Russia decides to come to the military aid of her Chinese Communist brothers, the remnant of Nationalist China that still holds out on Formosa will be crushed as easily as we crush a spider underfoot.

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IF, as and when Russia decides to do that, shooting war will start. Things like that are what Eisenhower is talking about.

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THE latest on flying saucers:

In Rome, Giuseppe Belluzzo, one of Italy's best-known scientists, says:

"Types of flying discs were designed and studied in Germany and Italy as early as 1942. . . . Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini were interested in these instruments . . . there is nothing supernatural or Martian about flying discs . . . they are simply rational application of recent technique."

He added:

"It is my opinion that SOME GREAT POWER IS LAUNCHING DISCS TO STUDY THEM."

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TAKE it or leave it.

That's about all we can do with most of the stuff we get these days.

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IN conclusion, let's flash back for a moment to Eisenhower. After mentioning the "constant threat of a war of aggression,' he 'said: "This threat will continue as long as ONE POWER (obviously Russia) builds and maintains a military machine beyond the recognized needs of reasonable security."

Then he added:

"IT IS FAR BETTER (for us) TO RISK A WAR OF POSSIBLE ANNIHILATION THAN TO GRASP A PEACE WHICH WOULD BE THE CERTAIN EXTINCTION OF FREE MAN'S IDEAS AND IDEALS."

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DO you go along with him on that?

I do. As between living under such a thing as Russian communism and being dead and done with it, I'll take being dead.

Atomic-Powered Plane Development Progresses

CLEVELAND, March 27.—(AP)—Good progress in development of an atomic-powered plane is reported by a top government engineer.

Anthony Kalitinsky, chief engineer of a government project to develop nuclear powered aircraft, spoke Friday at the fifth annual flight propulsion meeting of the Institute of the Aaeronautical Sciences.

He pointed out, however, that the program still was in the early stages and made no prediction on when the first ship would be put in the air.

Now that Russia has the atomic bomb, he said, the question is which nation can best deliver it.

He declared the big U.S. military problem is to find a way of delivering the bomb with atomic powered aircraft.

Scraps from the MENDING BASKET

By Viahnett S. Martin

Nature study material designed for schools, campfire and scout groups, and for anyone interested in wildlife and its conservation is available from the Oregon Audubon Society. "Requires no great knowledge of natural history but simply normal enthusiasm to interest young people in what the outdoors can mean and hold for them, not only to receive enjoyment but to give a service."

Audubon Junior Clubs offer a delightful activity for young folks. The Audubon Society furnishes nature study material selected for the general geographic region in which the student lives. "The new series of seven four-page leaflets, six about birds and one about a mammal, made up in a special Audubon Junior club edition suitable for use in all grades, describes the habits of these birds and the mammal throughout the year.

"A minimum of ten members, at 15 cents each in dues," to further quote the Oregon Warbler, official monthly of the society, "or $1.50, is necessary to enroll a club for the school year. Dues are paid to the club advisor who fills in the club registration form and mails it with the check to the representative whose name and address appears on club form. Children not able to enroll in a club may join individually upon payment of twen-five cents and receive the leaflets.

"Each member receives a button, certificate and the seven leaflets with color plates . . ." For other information of interest address the editor of the Oregon Warbler, Mrs. Herbert C. Judd, 1715 N. E. Buffalo St., Portland 11.

And speaking of Natural History—Did you know that the American Museum of Natural History, 79th & Central Park West, New York, N. Y., is offering an eight-hundred page book of stories, nature lore, poems, articles, and I don't know what all, called Greystone Nature Lover's Treasury? Its price is $2.75. When a great institution like the American Museum of Natural History sponsors such an edition it ought to be good. I think it is good!

PTA Father-Son Banquet Success; 230 In Attendance

By MRS. BRITTAIN SLACK

The father-son banquet sponsored by the Sutherlin Parent Teachers association was acclaimed a success, with 230 fathers and sons attending the affair.

Held in the new high school, the dinner was supplemented with an entertaining program, with the Rev. Mr. Lloyd Whitford, master of ceremonies.

The program included guitar selections by Ed Strickland and Myron Babb; vocal numbers, Roger Hall; trumpet solo, Bill Smith. A double quartet, composed of Jack West, Urlen Edwards, Nick Norton, Thom Howard, Raymond Smith, Doyle Hall, Frank Holgate Jr. and Jim Barnes, was well received.

Table decorations were yellow and green, with bouquets of daffodils centering the tables. Favors carried out the St. Patrick's day theme.

Responsible for the affair were Mrs. Fred Brauninger, general food chairman, and the following who worked on various committees: Mrs. Keith Dies, Mrs. Maggie Francis, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Ema Mann, Mrs. Cynthia Magill, Mrs. Isabel Card, Mrs. Meryl Wahl, Mrs. Joe Danchok, Mrs. May Willis, Mrs. Ruth Manning, Mrs. Lucille Chase, Mrs. Jean Smith, Mrs. Loa Mae Wilson, Mrs. Lochie Thompson, Mrs. Robert Michaels, and Mrs. Gladys Minor.

Food, except the ham, was donated by the PTA workers, and the teaching staff donated money for rolls, butter, and coffee.

Mrs. Harley Wilson carved the ham, the Home Economics girls of the high school, under the direction of Mrs. Wilson, served. Hat check girls were Barbara Brauninger and Dixie Willis.

Mrs. Vern Holgate was in charge of advance ticket sales, and Mrs. Tom Minor and Mrs. Fred Richardson sold tickets at the door.

"Tick's" Tips On Veterans Hospital

By L. J. "Tick" MALARKEY

I'm job hunting in Coos Bay. The doctors tell me out By the Grove all has been done that can be done and from now on the bum back and foot will be my "cross to bear" and a situation to "tough out" while this Greybeard watches the sun set throughout the years which remain. So "Private M." rode in on the wings of real sou'wester and is calling on the firms that Dr. Kenneth W. Kinney contacted for him during his convalescence down this way some few weeks past.

Logging and sawmill days are over. Too old anyway.

Before proceeding further with this column a word or two about those fine people who go to make up the staff and personnel of the Roseburg VA hospital. They really are tops. As a patient since Aug. 9, 1949, the voice of experience speaks when this statement is made. They have it all out there and veterans of Douglas county are lucky that they have the services next door to their homes. This patient knows; because his tour of duty included three other VA hospitals and two private ones since an injury occurring July 14 last year.

While in Portland Monday of last week, Frank M. Ierulli, service officer in the department of veteran's affairs—state of Oregon, was found in his office at the new Lincoln building. Ierulli is a busy boy. In addition to this job he is so ably doing, Frank is completing law studies at the University of Oregon law school, attending classes and studying during the nights and Saturdays and Sundays. Found time to get married not so long ago.

As a Kid in the late affair, this Oregon state service officer is supposed to have been one of the youngest skippers of an LST while he wore the blues of our Navy. After the lad left the seas, he returned to the Oregon campus at Eugene and completed his studies, interrupted when the sons of Nippon threw the "sneaker" at Pearl Harbor.

Of further interest is the fact that "Skipper" Ierulli stood 13th among his class of 130 law students when some mid-term exams were completed just a week ago.

Up on "The Hill," the vets hospital at Sam Jackson park, a half-hour visit was enjoyed with Jay Fulcher. Still a member of Umpqua post 16, this one time resident of Roseburg is just completing a five-week stretch in bed. Jay had a setback following a major operation but is doing all right now. Another week of complete rest cure and he will then graduate to a wheel chair and from there to his home. Mrs. Fulcher, Umpqua post auxiliary unit member, is now supervisor of nurses in an Oregon City hospital.

"When the doctors say I can travel the first place I'm going to visit is Roseburg; never got over getting homesick for all of my friends there and that part of the state," stated Jay. After a moment or two later we said 'so long' and his parting volley was a request that he be remembered to everyone back home.

The Very Reverend Father John Green of Coos Bay is putting up with Malarkey as a house guest for a while. It is like a reunion because of the fact that we were well acquainted when he was parish priest at Seaside for seven years.

"Skypilot" Green is a Greybeard from Argument One. Enlisting wh a mere 17 years of age in a Rhode island outfit, Private Green saw it all and, like Chaplain Feller, he decided to take up preaching of religion as his life's work. This call came when the guns had ceased firing back in '18. Popular with all people wherever he goes, this Rhode Island born Irishman is a Legionnaire, a 40 et 8er and a good Kiwanian.

Dean of the archdioces of Oregon for Coos, Curry and Douglas counties, his work—and this is a new station for him—will take him to Roseburg. His interest in the war veteran is keen, particularly for the disabled soldier. Additional help is soon to be sent to Father Hyland and this means that more time will be devoted to patients of the local VA hospital.

Greybeard Green will not hit 50 until May. Just a Kid.

Might add that during college days the lad from the eastern sea board state enrolled at Brown university and while there labored as an end on their varsity football team. "Private M" is doing all right. The cook in this parish house is none other than Julia Boyle a life time friend from Astoria town.

And can Julia cook!

Another few meals such as have been served since Thursday and all old belts and pants can be given out to someone else. It is extremely hazardous to bend over and pick anything up from the floor. And to tie one's shoes is getting to be hard work, now.

"30"—Now—"TICK"

DEEP SNOW, CRATER LAKE

MEDFORD, March 27. — (AP) — Sixteen inches of snow fell Thursday night at Crater Lake park.

This bring the total on the ground to 176 inches, the deepest pack since 1938. That year there were 186 inches.

All roads, except the west entrance, are temporarily closed.

Conversion To Dial System Discussed In Lookingglass With Phone Representative

By HAZEL S. MARSH

A large delegation greeted C. E. Akers, special representative of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company's Portland office, at the Lookingglass school last Wednesday evening. He discussed with local subscribers and those desiring phone service conditions which will arise when the Roseburg exchange changes over to the dial system.

Akers said a survey of the community would be made permitting those not now having phone service to sign up for the installation of telephones when the company lines were constructed. He said the line construction into this area would be started in the near future.

Under the dial system, which will be company owned, eight subscribers will use one line with but four of the rings sounding on any one phone, the speaker said. While the rate will be necessarily higher to the subscriber than that of the co-operatively owned lines, the service will be correspondingly improved, Akers said.

The area is served at present by three so-called farmers' lines, owned and maintained locally with a hookup to the Pacific Telephone company's system near the city limits of Roseburg. These lines, known as the one-eight, two-seven and two-three lines have been in operation in the valley for many years.

The first line constructed, known as the one-three line, was put into operation in 1906. This was merged with the two-seven line in 1940. The one-eight line was constructed in 1921 and the two-three line has operated since 1907. The one-three line was organized in May, 1906, with 18 members. A. C. Vernon was president and William Voorhies, secretary.

Access to the old records of this telephone line put into operation in the valley brings out some of the rules governing the service. Among them was one of interest to party line members today—i.e.—"eaves-dropping is prohibited over this line and any person found guilty of eaves-dropping and telling the same be liable to a fine of 25 cents for the first offense and 50 cents for the second and a fine of $5.00 for all other offenses." Also, "everyone using the line under the emergency call provision for other purposes shall be subjected to fines the same as for eaves-dropping."

Members of the locally owned lines expressed appreciation of the opportunity offered by Mr. Akers to be informed of the proposed change. They quite generally agreed that adopting the plan proposed would be of greater general advantage than attempting to overcome the difficulties attendant upon operating the present set-up under the dial system.

However, no definite action has been taken to date by the companies representing the three lines to surrender their respective franchises. Meetings have been tentatively called for the companies to meet Wednesday evening, March 29, at the schoolhouse.

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