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EARLY START PLANNED

By CHARLES V. STANTON

West Coast airlines plans to lose no time starting scheduled flights in and out of Roseburg.

As quickly as the airport is made ready for use, the company plans to begin its operations. It now appears that the field will be ready about mid-September.

Undoubtedly Roseburg will prove one of the best stations on the WCA system. It may take a little time for people unfamiliar with plane service to overcome their fears of air travel. But after once using air transportation, people usually become boosters for that method of travel. Our transportation bottleneck should lead to more general use of plane service than at other stations on the system, except North Bend, which is in much the same situation as Roseburg with regard to transportation. North Bend-Coos Bay now leads the West Coast's stations in number of daily passengers. Roseburg is expected to take over the top spot within a short time.

Air traffic out of Medford is divided between West Coast, United and Southwest lines, as three services are provided at that port. Roseburg, North Bend-Coos Bay, Corvallis-Albany will be served by West Coast only. The McMinnville station recently was closed by West Coast because proximity to Portland precluded needed traffic to sustain the stop. The West Coast service, originating northbound at Medford, serves the area through western Oregon and western Washington, affording convenient schedules to contact transcontinental airlines at major terminals.

Will Aid Industry And Business

Inauguration of scheduled air service will, we anticipate, greatly aid business and industry. In addition to breaking the transportation bottleneck the service will open this area to the traveling business and industrial representatives shuttling exclusively by air. Local business houses will be able to add to their stocks of merchandise a number of lines available only to towns which can be visited by agency supervisors traveling by plane. The service also will be appreciated by the Veterans administration, which uses air ambulance service in transporting patients and in its supervision of facilities.

One of the most important aids, however, will be found in the inauguration of direct air mail and air freight service. We anticipate the operating company will do a thriving business in handling machine replacement parts by air freight for local industrial plants.

Some idea of the usage of passenger planes and the manner in which business and industry will be affected, is found in a survey made recently at Medford by E. C. Ferguson, managing editor of the *Medford Mail-Tribune*.

During a week of "just about average" travel, 822 persons boarded commercial line planes at Medford. Of that total, says Editor Ferguson, 379 or 46 percent, gave their address as Medford; 214 or 26 percent were from points within Jackson county but outside Medford, and 229 or 28 percent were from points outside the county.

Probably Roseburg passengers accounted for a part of that 229, but undoubtedly the majority were people traveling in and out of Medford in connection with business activities in that area.

Because of the benefits to our economy, we are well pleased that West Coast airlines is showing such interest in getting service underway at the earliest possible date. We are just as anxious to see the service inaugurated.



Recently the Drain enterprise carried a story about an old bell that was found in the country—at the Geary place, I believe. I clipped it and sent it to The Mission Inn down in Riverside, thinking they might be able to tell something more about the "mysterious" bell. (The Portland Oregonian also had a story about some bells found in a tree with similar inscription.)

The Mission Inn bell collection numbers 749 now. The last one added was the State Freedom bell (California) that toured the state in 1950. The number one bell was brought from Rome and belonged in 1450 to the Medici.

My query was answered by Mrs. DeWitt Hutchings, the former Alis Miller, daughter of Frank and Belle Miller, so the management of the famous inn has remained in the family for 75 years, a fact now being celebrated.

Mrs. Hutchings calls attention to

the correct spelling of the inscribed words on the bell mentioned in the clipping sent to her:

"We have such a bell in our collection with wording as follows: Chantel Fondere 1878, Saigneliger, which is the name of the founder, and the date of casting. The spelling in your letter was not correct. Ours is either a French or Swiss cow bell. Many hundred bells from this mold may have been cast in 1878. For the last twenty years, reproductions have been made of these bells in USA and abroad, so unless the bell found in Oregon is very much worn it could only be ten years old or so."

I always think of the Mission Inn when I wonder about a bell. Undoubtedly the bell found near Drain is worn with the years and so will have special interest. However, one still can have fun in wondering just who brought the bell over here.

Reader Opinions

Sen. Morse Contradicted On Livestock Figures

SUTHERLIN — Senator Wayne Morse has been mailing out copies of a speech in which he brands livestock raisers as unwilling to make "equality of sacrifice" — in other words selfish and self-seeking.

Senator Morse does not know of what he speaks, or is trying to play to the consumer vote. Inflation is simply cheap money, printed currency, off printing presses. In the last year the Truman administration increased the currency 25 percent, or seven billions of dollars. Now there is 34 billion in currency. In

1950 there was about 28 billion; in 1949, 12 billion, and in 1931, 8 billion.

When the average workman made \$2.00 per day he could buy about four pounds of beef for a dollar, or half a day's work. Now at \$10 to \$15 per day he can buy 10 pounds of beef for a half day's work.

The average farm or livestock owner in western Oregon receives, it is said, 60 cents per hour for his time, including management. Does Senator Morse think this is enough for Americans raising his veal, his ground beef and his roast beef?

W. J. MATTHEWS
Sutherlin, Ore.

Fulton Lewis Jr. WASHINGTON REPORT

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LONDON — Any illusions being entertained on the American side of the Atlantic ocean that our aid to the British government since the war is being appreciated by the British people, can be dispensed with promptly. It is not so.

It is not so because I find, to my astonishment, that the British people in general — even up into the ranks of the so-called upper classes — are totally unaware of the facts in the matter. When enlightened, they are bluntly and stubbornly incredulous.

My first interview on the subject was a waiter in the Savoy hotel, an intelligent, objective and somewhat conservative individual who catalogued himself as a member of the working class. He was bearish on the Labor government, thought there should be a change, but was devoutly skeptical as to whether the change would produce improvement.

I asked him whether he and his friends ever discussed the Marshall plan aid, and the North Atlantic pact assistance in rearmament, and if so, what they thought of it.

He replied that the general feeling is that there's nothing Britain can do about it.

Obviously, he said, it is necessary for someone from the outside to come in, and help England and the nations on the continent to rebuild their industries, and get them into operation again — and the only country in a position to do so is the United States.

The British people, he said, are disturbed over the United States buying up the controlling interest in all of the industry and business of the British Isles and Europe, and it is not a pleasant feeling for the British people to feel that their industries no longer belong to them, but there seems to be no alternative.

That conception was so astonishing to me that I tried it out on every individual I talked to. Without exception, the reaction was the same. The people at large have no understanding, whatsoever, that we are giving them the Marshall plan and NATO aid without cost to them. They understand it to be a slick Yankee trading deal, which the recipient nations must accept because there is no other way out. All efforts to convince them to

the contrary are futile. They simply will not believe that we or any other nation would palm out billions of dollars to them, for free, whether in cash or materials. In fact, most of them seemed to eye me with some distrust when I tried to explain the facts.

What's more, there is a noticeable disinterest in any threat of communism, or any rearmament program to guard against such a threat. There is no general Communist activity in Britain, as we know it in the United States. There is a small hard core of Moscow-directed Reds, but they seem to have little influence on the public generally, and the average citizen doesn't want to think about war, with Moscow or anybody else. So he just doesn't think about it. And the newspapers don't force it on him.

The result is that there is some little resentment, even, about the tax increase which was levied last May to finance the home side of the rearmament program. The Labor government doesn't want to impair its own position by telling the public that not even these taxes are financing the full arms program.

Regarding Marshall plan aid, the government doesn't want its constituents to know that it has been propped up, financially, in these years of socialistic experimentation, during which it has posed as the benevolent giver of all things.

The disturbing fact, however, is that no one on our side, gets the story to the British people. We have 2,200 people employed by the United States government in London, on State department, ECA, Voice of America, Information service, and other sundry propaganda outfits.

How come they haven't seen to it that the British public got the truth? Or maybe it wouldn't be accepted in the more polite walks of diplomatic society to expect a frank relationship with a country we have been bailing out of hock for six years.

Local News

Visiting Friends — Mr. and Mrs. Harold Desbani and children of Roseburg are visiting friends in Reedport for several days.

Go To Eugene For Weekend — Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sandall and son, Harold Dean of Little River went to Eugene over the weekend.

Reported Improving — Mrs. B. W. Maddox, Roseburg, who has been very ill at her home on South Pine street, is now reported improving.

Undergoes Surgery — Patty Lamb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lamb, Roseburg, underwent a major operation at Community hospital Monday morning.

Leaves For San Diego — Bob Laws, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alva Laws, Roseburg, is leaving today for San Diego, where he will begin his naval training course. Bob recently enlisted.

On Vacation — Mr. and Mrs. Arne Copple, Roseburg, are spending their vacation at Yellowstone park and visiting friends in Wyoming. Mr. Copple is employed as steward at the Elk's club.

Leave For Tahoe — Mr. and Mrs. C. M. McDermott and children, Dorothy and Robert of Roseburg left Tuesday for Lake Tahoe on a vacation. They will be gone about a week.

At Hubbard Home — Pvt. South West, Reedport, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Hubbard of Roseburg. He is leaving for Camp Stoneman, Calif., today and will ship out from there.

Returns Home — Kee Briggs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Briggs of Roseburg has returned to his home with Bill Dresser of Silver City, Idaho. Kee visited with Bill in Silver City last week.

Visit Here — Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dopyera and children, Bob, Kenny and Susan of Taft, Calif., are finishing their two weeks vacation after visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Briggs and two children of Roseburg.

Return Home — Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Benedict, Roseburg, have returned from San Francisco, where they have been honeymooning for the last six weeks. She was formerly Gloria Shriner of Roseburg.

Visiting Calkins — Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Calkins of Port Orange, Florida are in Roseburg visiting Mr. Calkins' brothers, Curtis and C. B. Calkins. The H. A. Calkins are former residents of Roseburg and have been spending the summer here. They plan to return the latter part of August.

Mrs. Trued Home — Mrs. S. Clarence Trued has returned to her home on S. Jackson street, following a trip to Portland to attend the western division of the National Music Teachers convention. Mrs. Trued is now arranging her music teaching schedule for the fall season, which will be resumed Sept. 4. Registration is being held this week.

Enjoy Play — Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pranna and son, James, and daughter, Elizabeth; Mrs. R. B. Springer and Mrs. Paul R. Shanklin of Roseburg drove to Ashland Friday to attend the Shakespearean play, "Twelfth Night."

To Visit Husband — Mrs. Edwin Lowes, Roseburg, left this week to join her husband, Capt. Edwin Lowes, of the army, who is stationed at Fort Riley, Iowa. Mrs. Lowes was the recording librarian at the Douglas Community hospital.

Aunts Visit Here — Visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Jones, 1002 Winchester street, were Mrs. Jones' two aunts, Mrs. Edith Ryder, Whitehouse, Yukon, and Mrs. Harold Walters, Chillawack, B. C. Mrs. Ryder and her two sons, Howard and Gordon, traveled across Canada and into New York before coming to Roseburg. Also here was Mrs. Jones' mother, Mrs. Thomas Barry of Salem.

Visiting Here — Mrs. Wayne R. Howe and her sons, Gordon and Gary, are in Roseburg visiting Mrs. Howe's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Cluske. Mrs. Howe's husband, Lt. L. Howe, is at Fort Worden, Wash., waiting to go overseas in September to Yokohama, Japan. Mrs. Howe and her sons will remain in Roseburg during his stay in Japan.

Return From Vacation — Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Todd, Roseburg, returned recently from their vacation in California. The Todds visited friends in San Francisco and Los Angeles and in Santa

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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

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ended last night in a blaze of hate for the United States with half a million blue-shirted East German youth chanting allegiance to Stalin.

That's the Communist side of it. Here's our side:

"Official Western observers said they would report to their governments that the festival was a NEAR DISASTER for communism in Germany because too many of the Communist youngsters came over into West Berlin and liked what they saw."

What's the truth?

I swear I wouldn't know. I'm getting so I practically don't believe anything any more, because it looks like just about everything is tainted with propaganda of one sort or another.

In Washington, Vice President Barkley tells a reporter who had intimated that the "Veep" might be on the aging side that it ISN'T SO — that in these days a man of 70 is about what a man of 50 used to be.

There is nothing, I reckon, that makes a politician so mad as the suggestion that there is some reason why he shouldn't, or couldn't, RUN AGAIN.

The Veep, after thus suggesting that he may take a whirl at it if Harry decides not to buck the tiger, adds that the President may decide to run again AS A MATTER OF PUBLIC DUTY.

In that event, Barkley thinks, "Truman can and undoubtedly WILL be nominated, and, in my opinion, will be elected."

No, Mr. Vice President, if the President decides to run again it WON'T be "as a matter of public duty." It will be because of the pressure brought to bear on him by the boys who ARE IN but who in the event of a change of administration WOULD BE OUT.

Barbara they visited relatives. Also they spent some time with Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Flagg, formerly of Roseburg, who are now residing at Laguna Beach, Calif.

Visit At Shanklin Home — Richard Button of Anchorage, Alaska, spent the weekend as the houseguest of Mr. and Mrs. Paul R. Shanklin in Roseburg. Also guests were Mr. Shanklin's cousins, Mr. and Mrs. William Camp, of Burbank, Calif.

Out of Hospital — Mrs. W. Howard Pattison of Roseburg drove to Cottage Grove Tuesday to bring her brother-in-law, Homer Pattison back to his home on the Calkins road from the Cottage Grove hospital where he has been a patient the last two weeks. Mr. Pattison suffered the loss of his left arm by surgery as a result of injuries suffered in an automobile accident. His condition is reported to be steadily improving.

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BRIEF MENTION

There is a little good natured rivalry between Eugene and Salem in the matter of their public parks. Where, oh where is Roseburg's Park? The answers, nil! The weeping willow on Oak street between Main and Jackson is put-ting forth leaves in abundance. It was almost Christmas before it shed last year's foliage. Its seasons of rest are very short in this delectable region. Last Sunday's storm was snow in the foothills. The trainmen report about an inch of snow in the Cow Creek canyon on Monday.

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