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BETTER AIR ROUTE URGED

By Charles V. Stanton

This new year may bring a decided improvement in Douglas County's air travel facilities. Recommendations have been made for major expansion of the service given by West Coast Airlines. If these recommendations gain approval, travel for passengers from Douglas County, through the Roseburg airport, will be made much more convenient. Adoption of the proposals by a Civil Aeronautics Board examiner would be a great boon to business in and out of this area.

Recommendations include one proposing direct service by West Coast Airlines to San Francisco. A proposal of further importance within the State of Oregon is the addition of Salem, the state capital, to the stations to be served by West Coast.

Lacking any form of rail transportation, Douglas County travelers have a choice of private cars, buses or planes. More and more business and industrial executives are using planes to move to and from places where business transactions are conducted. West Coast Airlines, being a "feeder" line, is very limited in the stations served, thus causing considerable inconvenience and delay to many of its patrons.

Salem Stop Important

For example, Douglas County, which has a great deal of business to transact at the state capital, has no direct air connection. It would take about twice as long to get to Salem from Roseburg by scheduled airlines as to drive by car, as a long wait at Eugene would be necessitated to catch a United Airlines flight into Salem.

Roseburg and North Bend are two of West Coast's best Oregon stations for passenger volume, yet passengers from neither station can reach Salem by West Coast planes.

Our industrial executives and our merchants travel extensively to and from mid-Western and Eastern cities. Our lumber executives must make frequent trips to wholesale and retail centers, merchants make buying trips several times each year.

Present facilities require a transfer at Medford and another at San Francisco for eastbound passengers. Many potential West Coast airlines passengers drive to Portland or San Francisco by car to catch transcontinental planes. If we had a direct service to San Francisco, one transfer and its incidental delay would be eliminated and there would be more passenger use of the airline.

California is a chief consumer of Oregon lumber. Douglas County is the largest producer of Oregon lumber. Fast travel facilities into California are of great monetary importance to this community — another reason for approval of the examiner's recommendations.

Delay Anticipated

To obtain extension of service, airlines apply to the Civil Aeronautics board. Usually two or more lines will be making application to serve the same territory.

The CAB then sends an examiner to investigate the "cases." He conducts hearings where airlines, areas to be served and interested individuals may appear.

After hearing the testimony and weighing the evidence, the examiner makes recommendations to the CAB. The Board, usually takes several months, sometimes a year or more, to reach a decision.

Recommendations involving West Coast Airlines would provide a much larger and more convenient service for its patrons. Because of monetary importance to this community, it is to be hoped that at least the San Francisco segment and Salem station proposals get quick approval.

West Coast Airlines has on order a fleet of turbo-prop planes, reported to be the finest ships yet developed for "feeder" service. The first of these ships is expected to be delivered in March and will be used for training purposes, preliminary to fleet operations when the remainder of the order is filled. The planes will be faster, quieter and more economical than the DC-3s now in use, it is claimed.

IN THE DAY'S NEWS

By FRANK JENKINS

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a new problem—PENGUINS and what to do with 'em.

Here's a thought:
If the penguins and been LEFT ALONE down at the South Pole, where they belong and where they undoubtedly WANT to stay, all would have been well with them and we wouldn't have to be worrying (and spending tax money) about how to keep them alive and partially healthy.

More New Year stuff.
The census bureau says there are

about three million more persons in the U.S. today than on New Year's Day, 1957. It has worked out this way:
About 8200 persons were born every 24 hours during the past year. There was a birth every 7 1/2 seconds. There was a death every 10 seconds. A new immigrant arrived every two minutes. Some person left the country every 20 minutes.

It all adds up to about 172,800,000 persons in our country this morning.

Good?
Or bad?
It has possibilities of both.

All these new people will need food to eat, clothing to wear, houses to live in and gadgets to make life pleasant and easier.
If they are to provide these things for THEMSELVES, they must have jobs. If we can manage our national economy so skillfully and so wisely that EVERYBODY WILL HAVE A JOB, our future will be rosy. Everything will be lovely and the goose will hang high.

But—
If we listen to the economic crackpots and go chasing will of the wisp through the something-for-nothing swamps, thus throwing out economy out of kilter, there won't be jobs enough to go around and we'll have to support millions of jobless persons on relief.

That's about the long and the short of it.

I reckon that's enough of this sort of stuff for one New Year's

Everett — Carbon monoxide fumes are blamed for the death of a young bride and groom of three months. The bodies of Leroy Winchester, 21, and his wife, Yvonne, 18, were found in their car near midday Wednesday.

Snohomish County Coroner Ken Baker estimated the couple died about eight hours earlier. They were parked alongside heavily traveled U.S. Highway 99 between here and Seattle.

The couple had been at a New Year's Eve party at the home of Winchester's brother, Kenneth, at nearby Edmonds. They left the party early Wednesday morning to return to their home at Alderwood Manor. Baker said they apparently became ill from the fumes and probably died shortly after Winchester parked at the side of the road.

... For the Richest Man in the Cemetery



Declines In Livestock Feed Prices Allowing Producers Of Milk Higher Returns

By OVID A. MARTIN

WASHINGTON — Recent declines in prices of grains and other livestock feeds are allowing producers of milk to net somewhat higher returns.

In a farm price report, the Agriculture Department says the ratio between prices of feed and milk is much more favorable than average.

The report said that in December, the price a dairyman received for one pound of whole milk would buy 1.56 pounds of concentrated dairy ration feed. In the 1956-57 period, one pound of whole milk would buy an average of 1.29 pounds of ration. Thus, December milk would buy about 20 per cent more feed than milk did during the 20-year average period.

Labor Costs Higher

Tending to offset in part the increased feed buying power of milk in December is the fact that labor used in producing milk costs more than during the 20-year period.

Department officials said that the low feed prices are encouraging many farmers to buy additional dairy cows. They said also

those prices are encouraging dairymen to delay culling low-producing cows from herds.

This demand for more cows has been forcing prices of milk cows higher.

The feed price situation also favors the hog producer. In December 100 pounds of live hog would buy 18.1 bushels of corn. This compared with 13 bushels for the 1956-57 average. It compared also with 12.52 bushels a year ago. Hence, feeding of hogs at present price relationships offers producers much higher returns than average, and than it did a year ago.

Meat Production Drops

WASHINGTON — Meat production in November dropped 11 per cent below that of October and 11 per cent below November last year.

Reporting this, the Agriculture Department said also that total meat output for the first 11 months of this year was 4 per cent less than in the corresponding period last year.

For the 11-month period, beef production was down one per cent, veal and pork, down 7 per cent, mutton and lamb, down 4 per cent. Production of lard was down 8 per cent.

This decline in meat production reflected a smaller number of livestock on farms.

Traffic Control Devices Manual Being Distributed

SALEM — A manual of the state Highway Commission's regulations for uniform traffic control devices is being distributed to all counties and cities.

State highway engineer W. C. Williams said Tuesday it is a major step toward achieving uniformity in street and highway traffic signs, markings and signals.

"Every motorist has a right to expect that every traffic sign or marking will have the same meaning, color and shape and require the same action on his part regardless of where it is encountered," Williams said.

The law directs the Highway Commission to establish standards for the design and use of traffic control devices on all streets and highways. This is the first time they have been compiled into a single volume.

The manual follows national standards adopted by the American Assn. of State Highway Officials, Institute of Traffic Engineers, and National Conference on Street and Highway Safety.

Senators Seeking To Pump Life Into Vets Home Loans

By G. MILTON KELLY

WASHINGTON — A group of senators led by Sen. Thurmond (D-S.C.) launched a drive Thursday to pump new life into slowed down veterans (VA) home loan program. Among other things, they want more money for direct loans.

The VA home mortgage guarantee program for World War II veterans now is due to expire in July, and the Veterans Administration has virtually run out of funds for direct housing loans to veterans.

Thurmond has asked the Senate Banking Committee to continue prompt action to continue both and make them more vigorous. Committee sources said quick action of some sort is likely.

The mortgage guarantee program for Korean War veterans is covered by a separate law which will continue it through 1962, and it is not expected that effort

3 Mothers Take Off To Visit Sons In Red China

LOS ANGELES — Three mothers of American sons imprisoned by the Communists on spy charges take off Thursday by Pan-American Clipper en route to Red China for two-week visits with their sons.

They arrived last night from New York saying little and carrying vitamin pills, hand-knit socks, fruit cake—and hope—for their sons.

The hope is that somehow they can obtain release of the young men. However, the Red Chinese government, extending an invitation for the visit, offered only that and no indication that they intend to release the prisoners.

The mothers, who appeared unafraid over prospects of entering hostile country, are Mrs. Mary V. Downey, New Britain, Conn., widow and schoolteacher; Mrs. Philip Fecteau, Lynn, Mass., housewife, and Mrs. Ruth Redmond, Yonkers, N.Y., housewife and dietitian.

Their sons are John Downey, 27; Richard Fecteau, 30, and Hugh Redmond, 38.

Only Eight Films Under Production As New Year Starts

HOLLYWOOD — The film industry greets the new year with one of the lowest production schedules in years—only eight pictures shooting in Hollywood.

But the outlook is not as grim as it seems. The studios are full of plans to speed up production after the seasonal lull, and reports from the nation's theaters have buoyed up hopes that audiences can be lured back to movies.

The blue-ribbon holiday attractions are doing fine business.

Nor is the economic outlook bad for movie workers. Although the major studios are slowed down to a crawl, no less than 79 TV series are being filmed in Hollywood.

Gary Cooper is outspoken concerning his takeover to the "10 North Frederick" role after Spencer Tracy's spurned it.

"He must be nuts to turn down a role like this," Cooper remarked. "You hardly can find scripts like this any more."

The screen is getting franker and franker. In "A Farewell to Arms," Jennifer Jones refers to herself as a lady of the evening, using the common word. Old-timers don't recall ever hearing the word in a movie before.

It's a sad sight to see Paramount's current total budget of Elvis Presley's draft. Not because there's anything wrong in the delay. But because it's sorrowful to see a once-proud studio seeking salvation with the Presley brand of entertainment.

Sign of the times. Variety has added a new section to its entertainment pages—"television."

In a letter to Sen. Sparkman (D-Ala.), chairman of the Senate Housing subcommittee, Thurmond contended subsequent events have knocked the props from under arguments advanced by President Eisenhower in vetoing a veterans housing bill passed by Congress last summer.

The bill Eisenhower vetoed would have put up an additional 200,000 dollars for direct housing loans by the VA to veterans in rural and small town areas who were unable to borrow at interest rates up to 4 1/2 per cent. The bill would also have extended the GI loan program into 1959.

In killing the measure, Eisenhower termed it discriminatory, contending it would provide relief in the rural areas but not in the big cities. Eisenhower also said he considered the bill's per cent limit was unrealistically low in light of the going interest rates in the money markets.

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—Hal Boyle—

NEW YORK — Once a year we try to be a fortune teller, and once again we must say:

"This year is fortunate."

It is a welcome reading in a crystal ball too often cloudy. The usual things in 1958 will disturb the world pattern — things like earthquakes, people, weather and doubt.

The endless changing pattern of change itself will affect our lives as always, closing doorways on the familiar by a pull, and by a push opening new doors to new and differing days and other ways.

Yes, we must be willing to face fresh adventures in the coming year, such as:

Item: A man will invent a doll which he will guarantee will not weep, close its eyes, walk, or wet its diaper. It will be called "Dumb Doll," and it will sell 12 million copies. Children will try to own this strange toy, so different from themselves.

Item: The Detroit Lions, a professional football team, will hire a 145-pound guard. After the first three plays, they will hire a 245-pound guard while they are looking for a firmer man.

Item: The Russians will throw a spitball toward the moon and miss it, but won't announce it.

Item: The British will hit the moon — and if someone observes it that makes a complaint about it the British Home Office will force the British Foreign Office to come clean.

In the National League it is hard to find fault with Milwaukee, and in the American League after the Yankees it is hard to predict Kansas City less than a close last.

There are other possibilities:

In the year ahead thinking may replace bowling as the national pastime, it must also be considered that people, weary of outside entertainment, will look more into themselves for refreshment. This could build larger stadiums within the heart, or it could happen in

peak of approximately 100 billion dollars a year. Obviously outlays of such magnitude could not be managed without either new taxes or heavy new borrowing on a deficit basis, or both. Any large borrowing would compel big additions to the federal debt and hence a boost in the present 275-billion-dollar debt ceiling.

In the Post account, Mr. Eisenhower is represented as fearing the Gaiter report would panic the American people and that they would balk at footing the tremendous bill. The indication is this was a prime reason the administration has not until now formally released the report.

ADMITTEDLY, Americans like their material comforts, business and pleasure as usual, and a minimum of concentration on the gloomy aspects of the titanic cold war struggle with Russia.

But it would be unwise for the President or anybody else to underestimate either the capacity of the American people to swallow really harsh truths, or their need to know them if they exist. It should not be forgotten that twice in this century they have risen up to cast their great and full weight into the balance for freedom in monumental world wars. At those critical turns in history, they spent their blood and treasure without stint.

Fully published or not, the Gaiter report is not the final word in the debate over America's and the free world's position as against the relentless Russians. But the men who put the country under their sharp and powerful lenses were acting in the highest spirit of dedicated patriotism. They include such men as Dr. James Killian, the President's new research boss, and the famed Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle.

When they find our danger so immense, when they, in sober care, use such words as "appalled and frightened" in depicting that peril, all Americans are bound in same regard for their safety and liberty to give close heed.

Heavy Rainfall Noted For Week During December

Douglas County had its first flood scare of the year in December and figures of rainfall over the county leading up to the Dec. 21 bankfull stages of the rivers show why.

The figures have been compiled by Ben B. Irving, director of the Douglas County Water Resources Survey, and the Roseburg station of the U.S. Weather Bureau.

Several areas of the county averaged more than an inch of rain a day during the seven days up to and including Dec. 21.

The biggest total precipitation measured was 21.3 inches. The week's figures were 2.33. Of that, 2.32 fell on Dec. 21. Six other areas averaged more than an inch of rainfall a day for the week. They were: Rock Creek 8.96; Flournoy Valley (west of Lookingglass) 8.79; Qualla 8.0; Elkhed 3.44; Sulphur 2.96 and Camas Valley 1.72.

The lowest reading for the week was noted on South Myrtle Creek where 4.94 inches fell. Other readings showed Roseburg with 6.64 Little River with 6.33 and Devil's Flat (at the head of Cow Creek) 5.87.

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Thinking It Over

By Robert L. Dieffenbacher, D.D.

(Written for NEA Service)

Suffering helps to keep people humble. Mental turmoil warns men not to think that they are the complete masters of their lives. Physical pain keeps folk from committing errors toward their bodies.

Everyone could have less pain if he cut down on his sins against the body and the mind. The sins against the body are easy to observe. We may not want to protect our bodies as God would have us do, but we do know how our waywardness has made us suffer physical discomfort.

Our sins of the mind are almost as obvious as the sins against the body. Our spiritual failures would be just as clear as our other shortcomings if we used the spiritual standards which God has established for our use.

We must seek God's direction of our lives if we are going to eliminate suffering. As we humbly recognize our faults we become ready to seek God's help and accept it.

Youth In Stripped Down Hotrod Dies In Crash

MOSES LAKE, Wash. — DeWain H. Bruff, 24, was killed Wednesday when the stripped-down car he was driving was smashed from behind.

Grant County Coroner Richard Penhallurick said Bruff was driving a vehicle that consisted of four wheels, a frame, motor and little else. There was no car body, apparently no seat and no license could be found, he said.

It was Washington's state's first reported traffic death of the New Year, said Penhallurick.

Penhallurick said the rear wheels were knocked from beneath the Bruff car and the young Moses Lake laundry worker was thrown to the street and killed instantly.

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