

# Editorial Page

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## Commercial Airline Service Disappearing

Roseburg appears to be fighting a losing battle in trying to keep West Coast Airlines operating into the city.

The events are taking a startlingly parallel course with those followed by Southern Pacific in withdrawing its passenger service several years ago.

Instead, however, of offering very poor service on the airplane itself, WCA is making it almost impossible from one day to the next for a prospective passenger to determine whether or not he can get out of or into town by plane.

After changing the schedule several times in the last year, WCA finally whittled the schedule down to a single round trip each day. This was after it had withdrawn F27s from service into Roseburg.

The latest action of discontinuing flights altogether until "threshold markings" are painted and new lights are installed can't be questioned. It has the backing of the Federal Aviation Agency.

Every action taken so far has had the cloak of official authority. A bill was in the way, so the F27 was discontinued. Now, the hill, a building, a pole (all of which have been there for years) are suddenly discovered as hazards so great even the DC-3 is in danger.

The Roseburg airport was meeting the Civil Aeronautics Board's "use it or lose it" mandate in July.

Then, schedules were juggled around. The result was that the users dropped away in droves. Where the boardings in July had been 246, the August figure dropped to 50.

The decision Friday that the dangers were too great for DC-3s appeared to be just another of the unusual decisions designed to make the airline service as unusable as possible.

The strangeness of the decision was that it was made after WCA had been operating on the airport for 12 years.

With a lucky break in the weather, the city was able to paint its threshold markings so daytime service could start again Saturday. But the 5:30 flight to Portland was still out because of the lack of threshold lights.

It appears likely this is just a prelude to complete discontinuation of service. Since it has been reported that DC-3s will be taken out of West Coast system entirely next year, and F27 has been effectively stopped, the future doesn't appear to be filled with West Coast airplanes in Roseburg.

Mayor Tom Garrison put it simply: "I think we're off their list." He too questioned the sudden discoveries which made flying so hazardous into Roseburg. If the operation were so hazardous, it should never have been started. If it were so hazardous, it certainly should never have continued for 12 years.

The city appears determined to keep trying to do all it can to keep the service for the city, but the outlook is bleak. It quickly got on the job of painting threshold stripes. It is studying the possibilities of putting in new night lights. It is also investigating the obstruction situation.

It is obviously working in good faith to make the company's responsibility to serve the area as palatable as possible. Also, U.S. Rep. Robert Duncan has offered his help on behalf of the city. In a conversation Friday, he reported that he would continue to explore every means toward providing air service to link smaller cities with larger airports.

Only time will tell what the result of these activities will be.



## In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Speaking at Los Angeles the other night to the Council of Profit Sharing Industries, Oregon's Governor Hatfield told his hearers that profit sharing by employers will help employees' morale and will improve their attitude toward free enterprise.

Question: True or false?  
Answer: It all depends.

IF THERE IS A PROFIT, the employees' morale will be improved and their attitude toward free enterprise will be much friendlier.

If there is no profit, the employer will go broke and the employees will lose their jobs. That's about the long and the short of it.

Turning to automation, Governor Hatfield said he has no solution of the problem but believes that business leaders must pool together to solve it.

He added: "I believe that within the NEXT DECADE the work week will be down to 25 hours."

What about that?  
Let's put it this way:

A work week of 25 hours for a five-day week will mean an average of five hours of work per day.

The result of that will probably be a lot of MOONLIGHTING.

## In Days Gone By

Taken from the files of the News-Review

40 YEARS AGO  
Oct. 28, 1923

The monthly payroll in Reed-sport is now about \$100,000 according to C. C. Johnson, mill owner and mayor of the city. The city of about 2,000 is showing great commercial activity.

Considerable interest is being shown in an income tax measure on which a vote will be held Nov. 6 for the state. It was approved by the legislature but a referendum was called. The tax would be imposed on every resident or non-resident doing business in the state. The rate proposed ranges from 1 per cent on the first \$1,000 of net income to 6 per cent on taxable income over \$12,000.

25 YEARS AGO  
Oct. 28, 1938

Warden James Lewis of the Oregon State Penitentiary, who made the prison in Salem a model of orderliness and discipline for the whole nation, died today.

Congressman James W. Mott told Republicans at a rally in the Roseburg Armory last night Congress should not be a rubber stamp for the executive.

Glendale Pirates football team defeated Oakland, 34-6, in a six-man game last night.

Plans for the new school building to be erected as a PWA project by the Garden Valley School District were received here today from Portland architects. The project is expected to cost \$6,300. The district recently voted \$3,500 in bonds. The PWA will pay the rest.

10 YEARS AGO  
Oct. 28, 1953

Gordon Stewart has been elected president of the Roseburg Kiwanis Club.

Sen. Guy Cordon of Roseburg said in an interview he isn't certain whether or not he will seek re-election next year.

Nyb Beamer, fullback for the Roseburg High School Indians, leads the team in scoring with 60 points this year. He has scored 10 touchdowns in five games.

More business news: According to a statistical note in the Wall Street Journal, the profit margin after taxes of U.S. manufacturers rose to five cents per dollar of sales in the second quarter of 1963 from 4.2 cents in the first quarter and 4.7 cents in the corresponding quarter of 1962. It was the highest since the second quarter of 1959.

Question: Is that good news or bad news?

I suppose it all depends on your point of view. If you incline to the belief that profit is a sinful thing and ought to be done away with, you will regard it as bad news. Many politicians in these days lean to the belief—or at least PRE-TEND to—that a good profit is wicked and shouldn't be permitted.

Let's put it like this: If you continue to make a profit, your business expands and you hire more people. These added people provide more customers for other businesses. If you don't make a profit, you go broke and your employees lose their jobs. If you go in the hole, you don't pay income taxes.

## Opinions From Readers

### Letter Notes Lion Club Help For Blind Persons

To The Editor:

We of the Douglas County Chapter of the Blind would like to make the public aware of some facts about the Lions clubs and auxiliaries — not only the statewide organizations, but our local groups of Douglas County. Most people have heard of the Lions, but how many know what they do?

The Lions Sight Conservation Foundation, Inc. takes many forms:

The summer camp program for the blind and visually handicapped provides rehabilitation and social recreational experiences for the blind campers in a country environment which many of them might not otherwise be able to enjoy. Blind adults from all corners of Oregon have enjoyed this camp each year since its inception in 1958. Inasmuch as there are more than 2,300 blind persons in the state, the Lions are looking to expansion of this program. At camp the blind enjoy fishing, orseshoes, archery, singing, swimming, hobbies, crafts, shuffleboard, dancing and hiking. The campers return home invigorated and uplifted, looking forward with enthusiasm to returning next year.

In short, they have given of their money, their time, and themselves to better the lot of blind people all over Oregon and Douglas County. We just thought the public might like to know a few of these things and that the blind and visually handicapped of this area certainly appreciate their sincere and conscientious efforts.

Douglas County Chapter of The Oregon Council of the Blind

By Joan Marice Wallace Secretary-Treasurer 2010 N.E. Stephens

and 1963) they donated candy to supplement that made by power was given to lend or give the blind, and helped to sell away a single cent of our real or candy sale. They have sources to anyone, at home or provided transportation needed abroad. Yet, knowing all this, for special meetings and to the our Congress, oathbound to up-summer camp. In August they hold and defend the Constitu-donated to and helped with the tion, has appropriated and giv-sale of rummage which the en away \$100 billion of our local chapter of the blind put wealth.

If the purpose was to add to the debt that Lenin said would be built to destroy the Republic, that giveaway makes sense, But it makes sense in no other way. There is no nation, great or small, today that is not in better, safer fiscal condition than our own once great and free Republic. Now we owe more billions than all of them combined.

The late FDR told us: "Don't think things just happen. They don't. They are planned that way and don't let anybody tell you different." That he knew those planners and what they were up to cannot be denied. If one ventures to discuss the current lawless usurpations at Washington, the One Worlders begin howling about the "lunatic fringe."

### Drunken Drivers Need More Than Wrist Slap

To The Editor:

Ordinarily I am not critical of the actions, opinions or decisions of others. Neither am I inclined to find fault with our public officials, but once in a while I see a news item which induces me to sound off. On page two, column five of Thursday's News-Review was such an item.

According to the paper a Eugene man was found guilty by District Court Judge Gerald R. Hayes of drunken driving. I quote a part of the news item: "He was fined \$50 and \$5 costs and sentenced to 30 days in the county jail. However, he was given credit for two days served and the remaining 28 days were suspended." End of quote. Oh Boy! In effect the man was given two day's room and board at the county's expense and purchased the right of getting drunk and slamming his car over the public highways for a measly \$55 tab.

Under Oregon law it is difficult enough for our law enforcement officers to even get a drunken driving conviction, but when our court judges are inclined to merely slap the convicted drunken driver on the wrist and send him happily on his way to get drunk and drive again, that's just too much. Something should be done about it.

Extenuating circumstances? In my opinion there is no such thing for anyone who will get drunk and drive!

John Kelly 1330 NE Winter Street Roseburg, Ore.

### Give-Away Of Wealth Usurps U.S. Authority

To The Editor:

The government of these United States was created to serve the needs of the respective states and was given only strictly limited and specifically delegated powers. It was given no authority to increase its own powers in any way whatsoever. To make doubly sure it did not usurp greater power, the tenth amendment was adopted. No power ever was delegated to that union of the states to subject us to the rule of any world union, nor was it given any authority to delegate any of

## Piaf Will Help Heavenly Choir

By ROBERT C. RUARK

PARIS — Not since Joan of Arc's untimely end has a nation mourned more a departed lady, which is remarkable when you consider she was born in the street, reared in a house of prostitution, had an illegitimate baby when she was 15, was as ugly as sin, went unsteady with the wrong fellows, and was named "Sparrow," with reason.

Jean Cocteau, a rather rarefied playwright, and Edith Piaf, a tiny drab with a grand voice, died within an hour of each other, and Piaf upstaged Cocteau in the wailing at the various bars. Piaf probably created more Gallic sympathy by her passing than La Fayette ever managed on an unscheduled ocean voyage to America.

### Lady Loved

The French do not ordinarily take their famous folk to heart, and in Paris "heart" is a word mostly spoken in a butcher shop. But they loved this little lady of the great misfortunes, because somewhere she touched a chord usually heard only on cash registers.

Nobody ever had as much luck of the bad sort as Edith Piaf. She was born accidentally in the street. She was raised in a hookshop by her grandmother, after her mother deserted her at the age of two months. (It was a respectable maison. Granny employed 20-count 'em, 20-girls.)

Edith did have the woods colt at 15, and the child died of an economic recession late next meningitis. Edith owned a less year. That is what puts JFK's functional liver than nearly any job in jeopardy. A recession body for the last double decade, would have mighty impact on She fell in love with a prize fighter named Marcel Cerdan, which Kennedy will seek a second and he copped it in a plane crash. She had a thing about younger men, which caused her pain, and she looked like a butcher's assistant in her little black frock.

And, by God, she was lovely. She sang some songs ("La Vie en Rose" made her famous) and everybody who ever heard her, saw the sad eyes, and watched the wonderful hands, immediately fell sadly in

love with whomever was closest. She was incomparable. She was incomparable in a way that Toulouse Lautrec, the degenerate dwarf, was incomparable in his own field of art. She was incomparable as Maurice Utrillo, an illegitimate drunkard, was incomparable in his painted feelings for Paris. She was just plain incomparable.

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### WASHINGTON WINDOW

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By LYLE C. WILSON United Press International

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You did not consider anything. You merely felt that life was pain and then came death and in the meanwhile, with luck, there might be love.

Piaf quit this sphere much too early for the world's health. The Bible says that no sparrow's death goes unnoticed by God Almighty. I hope He's on the ball with Edith. She could certainly qualify for the special place for the folks who die wounded by life, and she is bound to improve the heavenly choir.

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## Pressure Won't Decrease For High Court This Year

The U.S. Supreme Court will get no respite from the field of major controversy in 1963-64 term now beginning.

New cases involving reapportionment of state legislatures and Negro sit-ins in public establishments will be high on the docket.

The reasonably well-informed layman may ask: "Haven't these issues already been settled by the court?"

The answer is, only in part. In the matter of the sit-ins, the high court ruled last spring in a cluster of decisions that segregation practices which bar Negroes from lunch counters and similar places are unconstitutional — where it can be shown that state or city authorities were used to enforce such practices.

Left unsettled was the question of whether the proprietor of a privately owned establishment, acting entirely on his own, can bar Negroes once he has declared his place open to the public.

Congress, of course, is right now embroiled in debate over this very issue as it mulls over President Kennedy's civil rights program. One proposal would bar racial discrimination in such establishments.

If this feature were adopted in law, the Supreme Court presumably would be powerfully influenced in its judgment on the matter. It might even consider the decision had been 1955.

## Habitual Criminal, 44 To Serve Long Term

PORTLAND (UPI) — William Commodore, 44, was convicted of being an habitual criminal by a Circuit Court jury here.

Circuit Judge Alan Davis scheduled sentencing of Commodore for next Monday morning. Under law, he must be sentenced from at least 20 years to a life term.

Commodore has been convicted six times for burglary since the decision had been 1955.

