

"Local" Rule For Private Flying Seen

Decentralization Plans Laid Out By CAA

(See editorial on Page 2 of the Observer today.)
A decentralized program for enforcement of federal aviation laws and regulations has been worked out by the civil aeronautics association, it has been announced by Lt. Col. Leo G. Devaney, director of the civil air patrol for Oregon.

Devaney had met with E. J. Robins, assistant to the civil aeronautics administrator, and R. T. Puckey, assistant airport supervisor for this district.

Can Rule
Devaney says although questions which have pertained to the CAA have been presented to regional offices, final decisions have had to come from Washington. Regional managers now are assistant administrators and can rule on most problems which come up.

Education
Second, the states will have available the educational facilities which have heretofore been centered in Washington. Educational programs in the public schools may also receive the approval of the national director of education.

Third, while the CAA will continue to provide engineering consultants for airport building, decentralization of the program will permit regional engineers to give decisions in less time and to work more closely with state groups.

Devaney pointed out also that federal aviation control ought to segregate regulations pertaining to air carrier operations from private or non-scheduled operations.

La Grande Masons Get Appointments By Grand Master

Several members of the La Grande Masonic lodge have been honored by appointments to positions in the Masonic grand lodge of Oregon, according to an official circular just issued.

Attorney Colon R. Eberhard has been appointed chairman of the committee on endowment, and C. M. Humphreys, secretary of the local lodge, has been appointed chairman of the committee on examination of visiting brethren. Geo. T. Cochran, PGM, was named a member of the committee on honorary grand lodge memberships.

Fred W. Hartman of Portland is grand master. His personal representative in Union and Wallowa counties will be Aug. J. Stange of La Grande, whose appointment has previously been announced.

Man Found Slain In Liquor Battle

CHICAGO, July 13 (UP)—A man was found slain in gangland style today, and police said he was Morris Margolis, 35, who was under indictment in a Michigan liquor racket.

The nattily-dressed body was found slumped over the steering wheel of an automobile on the near-northwest side. The victim had been shot behind the left ear.

Margolis was identified by fingerprints. He had been indicted twice on charges of acting as go-between for Chicago liquor racketeers and a syndicate headed by Peter Licavoli, Detroit mobster. His case still is pending in court.

The slaying was discovered when a passerby noticed blood trickling from the side of the car into the street. The motor still was running.

COMPLETION LEGISLATION

WASHINGTON, July 13 (UP)—Congress today completed legislative action on the long-delayed \$768,500,000 war agencies appropriation bill.

Oregon Bond Sales Nearly Double Quota

PORTLAND, July 13 (UP)—Release of final figures in Oregon's role in the seventh war loan drive disclosed today the state almost doubled its quota, reaching \$204,405,442, 185.8 percent of the \$110,000,000 quota.

The bond sales throughout the state, the toughest quota to meet, achieved \$48,030,060, 106.5 percent of the \$56,000,000 goal.

Multnomah county recorded 0136,434,367 of all series of for the drive's final figure and a record of 198.7 percent of the \$59,670,000 quota.

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HOME FROM RAID, SUPERFORT CRASHES AT IWO JIMA—Returning from a strike at the Jap homeland where it was badly shot up, this Superfort made a crash landing on Iwo Jima's 7th fighter command base. The entire crew escaped, some with minor injuries.

Fishing Prospects Best in East Oregon This Week, Game Commissioner Reports

PORTLAND, July 13 (UP)—Fishing prospects are best this week in eastern Oregon, according to the Oregon state game commission report today.

Wasco, Wallowa, Lake, Malheur, Gilliam, and Wheeler counties all have waters in which fishing is good. Baker and Morrow report poor angling results, although in Morrow several limit catches have been reported in smaller streams.

In Wasco, all streams are in good condition, except the Deschutes is yielding only fair catches in the Maupin district. Olalie and Fish lakes are good.

Trout Bite
Trout are biting freely in Wallowa, and mountain lakes are now free of ice and accessible to horseback travel. Lake county reports poor bass and perch fishing in Dog lake and Drews reservoir, but most creeks good for fly fishing.

In Malheur, Owyhee dam reports catches of crappies taken on any lure; bass being taken in upper waters of the dam; and limit catches of crappies coming from the Owyhee river, also trout.

In Willamette valley, Polk and Marion report hot weather has limited results. In Linn, most of streams and several lakes are within fire-restricted areas and entrance requires permits. Fish taken are small.

Some Limits
Along the coast, Curry county reports Chinook salmon being taken from the Rogue river below the highway bridge on troll, and by fishermen anchored at the river's mouth. A few steelhead are showing in the river, and fair catches of cutthroat are being taken from Hunter creek and Pistol river, also upper Sixes and Elk rivers.

In Jefferson county, Blue and Suttle lakes continue to yield a few limit catches "nigger fishing" on eggs.

WANTS OPA WATCH
WASHINGTON, July 13 (UP)—Sen. Wayne Morse, R., Ore., wants the senate to set an official watchdog on the office of price administration. He introduced a resolution yesterday to create a special seven-man committee which would conduct "a continuing investigation of OPA." Morse is a strong critic of the agency.

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A Loving, Dutiful Frau . . .

She Was Able to Be Proud of Himmler

By ANN STRINGER

INTERNMENT CAMP ON ROME OUTSKIRTS, July 13 (UP)—Frau Margarete Himmler maintained today she is still proud of her infamous husband and shrugged away the world's hatred of the dead gestapo chief with the observation "no one loves a policeman."

When told her Heinrich had been captured and had died from his own dose of poison, Frau Himmler showed absolutely no emotion. She sat, hands folded in her lap, and merely shrugged her shoulders.

Not Told
Until then she had not known what had happened to Himmler since he last telephoned her at Munich from Berlin around Easter.

When first captured by the fifth army she had claimed a weak heart and internment camp officials, fearful of a heart attack, never told her of her husband's death.

But even when I told her Himmler was buried in an unmarked grave Frau Himmler showed no surprise, no interest.

She Knew
I talked to Frau Himmler in a luxurious villa home owned by a former movie magnate where she and her 15-year-old daughter, Gudrun, are being held with one other female internee.

I asked her if she was aware of her husband's activities as gestapo chief and she replied, "of course."

Then I asked if she knew what the world had thought of him and she replied, "I know that before the war many people thought highly of him."

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Fish Aid Proposed Suggest Closing for Protection of River

Fires Set By B-29s Still Rage

GUAM, July 13 (UP)—Gasoline-fed fires, fanned by a Pacific gale, lighted a 45-mile stretch of the Japanese homeland today after 500 to 550 Superfortresses sent more than 3,200 tons of incendiaries crashing into five packed war centers on Honshu and Shikoku.

Japanese broadcasts tactically admitted the flames are still raging out of control at some points this morning, hours after the massive B-29 strike.

Two Lost
In Washington, a 20th air force communiqué reported two aircraft were lost in the raid and a third is missing. It said bombing was by precision instrument and results were unobserved.

It was the 5th consecutive attack Japan and raised to 30 the number of enemy home cities gutted by American bombers since the pre-invasion bombardment began last March.

And fresh warning Japan's ordeal by fire and high explosive will be stretched around the clock until the enemy is beaten into submission came from Gen. George C. Kenney, commander of the far eastern air forces under Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

Move Seventh
Kenney revealed the seventh air force, aerial spearhead of the American march across the central Pacific, had been shifted from Admiral Chester W. Nimitz' command to join the fifth, 13th and 20th bomber commands in the final phase of the Pacific air war.

"As soon as we're in position, we will attack Japan from 10,000 feet and from ten feet with fires and explosives, with fighters and bombers, and we'll do it 24 hours a day," Kenney promised grimly.

The Japanese Domei news agency went even farther than Kenney, asserting the 24-hour bombardment "already is a reality."

See Invasion
"Moreover," the enemy agency added, "we must be fully aware that these air attacks are a prelude to the invasion of our homeland."

Domei said the B-29s already have switched from bombing Japan's major cities to the smaller war centers and warned the next and probably final phase before invasion will be the attack of Japanese railway and highway communications.

All the B-29 targets today were secondary production centers, each of 100,000 or less population, although their closely-packed war plants and thousands of "shadow factories" made them prime bombing objectives.

Weather

Data for 24 hours to 7 a.m.
Temperature:
Maximum 99
Minimum 60
Oregon—partly cloudy tonight and Saturday; scattered thunder showers over and east of Cascades.



NOT BY AIR POWER ALONE will the U. S. beat Japan; we must invade, Vice Admiral Mark Mitscher declares. The admiral and his wife left today for Washington after a day and a night at his home town of Hillsboro, Wis. Three purposes are seen in the jockeying now going on in the Pacific: to invade Japan by the Okinawa method; to engage and destroy the Japanese armies in Asia; to squeeze to death the Japanese forces now bypassed and isolated.

Truman Expected To Dock Sunday At Belgium Port

By WALTER CRONKITE

ANTWERP, July 13 (UP)—President Truman is expected to dock here Sunday morning, it is understood today, and probably will motor to Brussels where he will take a plane to Berlin. Details of the president's arrival and his itinerary were blacked out.

However, it is believed certain he will drive to Brussels since Antwerp does not have an airfield safe for the presidential plane.

It was thought likely Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower will send his new C-54 from Fankfurt to pick up Truman. It is not known whether Eisenhower will fly here to greet the president.

U. S. ambassador Charles Sawyer will greet Truman and accompany him to Brussels.

News reports Truman would dock here created great excitement among security officers and the American embassy in Brussels continued to maintain it had no official information on Truman's impending arrival.

It appeared likely there would be no public observance of the president's arrival except Truman's World War I regiment, the 137th Missouri of the 35th division, a Missouri national guard outfit, would be employed as a guard of honor.

Petillo Held For Assault on Marines

LOS ANGELES, July 13 (UP)—Kelly Petillo, former auto racing champion accused of getting tough with two marines when they were slow in leaving his cafe, today was held for trial on two counts of assault with a deadly weapon.

Pvt. James W. Lamford and Cpl. John W. Young testified in municipal court that Petillo fired a rifle over their heads, hit them with his fists and threw a chair at them.

County Has More Farm Acreage But Fewer Farms Now

State Has Both More Farms, More Acres

Union county has 25,000 acres more farmland now than was the case in 1940, a report of the bureau of census shows today, but there are 47 fewer farms in the county.

In 1940, 471,173 acres were under tillage or in farms of some sort; in 1945 the acreage was 496,169. There were 1,208 farms in 1945 and 1,255 in 1940, the survey shows.

State Increase
Wallowa county in 1945 had 811 farms and in 1940 had 989. Acreage, however, has increased from 579,063 to 679,360 in the last five years.

Oregon has gained 2,439 farms and 1,838,384 acres in farmlands since 1940. The number of farms in the 36 Oregon counties increased by 3.9 percent, from 61,829 in 1940 to 64,268 in 1945; farm acreage increased by 10.2 percent, from 17,988,307 acres in 1940 to 19,826,691 acres in 1945, and average size of farms increased by six percent, from 290.9 acres in 1940 to 308.5 acres in 1945.

Large Gain
Greatest increase in number of farms, 897, or 20.1 percent, was shown by Lane county, but its farm acreage increased only .8 percent. Greatest increase in farm acreage, 614,817 acres, or 79.5 percent, was shown by Klamath county, although it lost 86, or 7.8 percent, of the 1,552 farms it had in 1940.

Lt. Ray Pierson Gets Air Medal For China Flights

First Lt. Ray L. Pierson, pilot, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Pierson, 1305 Tenth street, La Grande, has been awarded an air medal, it was announced by Brig. Gen. W. H. Tunner, commanding general of the India-China division, air transport command.

The award was made upon completion of 150 hours of operational flight in transport aircraft over the dangerous and difficult India-China air routes, where enemy interception and attack was probable and expected.

"The air trail over the 'Hump,' famed route through the towering peaks of the Himalaya mountains, blazed by the air transport command, is recognized by airmen as the world's toughest. Today the Hump route is the main lifeline of vital military supplies for the allied forces fighting the Japanese in China."

The citation accompanying the award adds: "Flying at night as well as by day, at high altitudes over impassable, mountainous terrain through areas characterized by extremely treacherous weather conditions necessitating long periods of operation on instruments . . . requiring courageous and superior performance in his duties, he accomplished his mission with distinction."

The award was made for the period of service Jan. 12 to Feb. 28, 1945.

Lieutenant Pierson is reported missing on a flight in that territory since May 3.

BULLETINS

WASHINGTON, July 13 (UP)—The senate foreign relations committee today approved the united nations charter by the vote of 20 to nothing.

DAYTON, O., July 13 (UP)—Byron Nelson of Toledo, O., shooting four-under-par golf, held a two-up lead over Denny Shute of Akron, O., twice PGA champion, at the end of 18 holes in their 36 hole quarter-final match in the 27th national PGA golf tournament.

Would Save Fish Concentrated In Pools in Summer

Members of the Sportsmen's club here agreed last night the Grande Ronde river has been almost at its best this season and there has been good fishing in it; but, they also agreed, something ought to be done to keep the fishing in good condition for coming years.

Fred Lanzer set out the suggestion to have the club press for closing the river to fishing after the middle of July each year, after the water is dropped to low level and the fish are left in small pools where it is too easy to catch them. This it was agreed would help to keep the fishing good up to the middle of the summer every year. No official action was taken.

Plan Dinner
The club expects to have a big dinner meeting late in the summer, before the deer season opens. Possibly a barbecue will be held and a fly and bait casting contest has also been proposed. Details will be settled at the next meeting.

Satisfaction was expressed by the president, Ernie Walden, and other members of the club at the report of Claude Mackey on pheasant stocking in the county. Four hundred and eighty-two birds, with two roosters for every six hens, were brought in from Ontario and 2,400 more have been promised by the game commission. They will be released in the valley.

Harmony
Chairman of the fish committee, Barney Tillotson, was unable to be present, but Walden transmitted his report, which is to the effect that only four hatcheries in the state are operating, which makes fish for planting scarce. There will be an abundance of crappies later, which the members of the club may release in county waters.

Reports on the recent meeting of the Eastern Oregon sports council declared harmony prevailed on the questions of the dates for the open seasons on elk and deer. Max Wilson of Joseph, the council delegate to meet with the state commission Saturday at Portland, has been instructed to seek the following dates for deer and elk open season in eastern Oregon:

Biting Well
Deer, Sept. 20 to Oct. 25, inclusive; and elk, Nov. 5-30 inclusive.

Walt Sweet, member of the Sportsmen's club, had an audience when he gave out the following facts.

The trout in the Powder river near North Powder, below the Thief Valley dam, are fighting fools and a fisherman is lucky if he gets two out of five strikes.

His luck was good as he caught 10 fish which weighed 14 pounds.

Crawfish, found plentifully under the rocks along the river, attract the fish quickly.

Other recent experiences in the valley and in the surrounding territory were recounted at the meeting, before the session came to order in the Triangle park. The meeting had been scheduled for the city hall, but an aversion to the heat inside a building last night led the members to seek the soft grass and cooler air of the park.

NAZIMOVA DEAD
HOLLYWOOD, Calif., July 13 (UP)—Mme. Alla Nazimova, one of the world's greatest actresses, and a favorite for two decades, died here today. The Russian-born actress was 66.

Cat Walks In With Swallow On Head
SEATTLE, July 13 (UP)—Mrs. Myron C. Miller was emphatically surprised yesterday when her pet Persian cat, Taggie, marched into the kitchen with a baby swallow sitting on her head.

Mrs. Miller said Taggie took her new friend into the living room. The bird hopped down and apparently was quite pleased with the situation.

"Taggie sat down by the bird and purred," she said.

Parsons Changes Common Stones into Beauty

Crysozoela, carnelian, rhodonite, obsidian — agates of surpassing beauty—are made into rings, brooches, tie clasps and other types of jewelry by Cecil Parsons, 901 O avenue, as a hobby.

Parsons, machinist for the Union Pacific railroad company for the past 26 years, cuts and polishes the stones himself, buys the mountings and makes the jewelry for his own and his friends' enjoyment. He sells only a few, but is thinking of making a business out of it.

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He wears a large rectangular Montana scenic ring in a copper setting, of pearl-grey background with brown and black formations, and has made two exceptionally beautiful brooches. One resembles a pond, with a marsh in the fore-

ground, and ducks flying high in the sky; the other shows red-brown mountain bluffs outlined against a sky of blue-grey, with bullion earrings to match.

Parsons has one of the best agate collections in the north-west, possibly in the whole United States, with stones of hypnotic beauty.

Many Colors
There is the Oregon red formation with lacy blood-red vein formations in a grey-beige background; the flower obsidian, a black stone which has been a hobby for two years.

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craves when they swept the country, and hunting and fishing, as the seasons come.

Parsons had no hunting and fishing trophies, no completed jig saw puzzles, or radios left from his former hobbies, but several excellent samples of his wood-working skill, bookcases, two round tables, coffee table, end table, magazine shelf, and two pin-up lamps grace his apartment.

Five oil paintings are there, too, copies of well-known pictures — Sir Thomas Lawrence's "Pinky"; an old seaman in a sou'wester, smoking a corn-cob pipe; an opium smoker squatting by a fire; an Indian in a birch-bark canoe; and a woodland scene.

Points, Too
Mrs. Parsons shares a few of her husband's hobbies, having painted an appealing little picture of two Scotch terriers, and having made the rock shelf table upon which her husband's agates are displayed.

Parsons was born in the Eng-