

Eugene Invalid Teaching Army Airmen How To Fly!

Westiders who walk home on Tenth Avenue west note a particular friendliness about the old house with the L-shaped veranda at No. 556. Paul Davis lives there. Every day when weather allows, he's lying on his portable couch, on the front porch. He doesn't wave, because he has been an invalid for 16 years from arthritis,

is scarcely able to move, and he has papers to correct. He will never be able to walk, or hardly move without help, but Paul Davis, nevertheless, is teaching young soldiers how to fly! His work, done through the University of Oregon extension service, the physics department, and recently through the campus ASTP, actually started 10 years ago when he took up astronomy and air navigation as a hobby. This branched into aeronautics and aircraft design. He wrote several books, on the latter topics, compiled a number of navigation tables.

What Goes on at The Statehouse

By ERIC W. ALLEN, JR. SALEM, Ore.—One of the most important and least known jobs in the state executive department is that of the public utilities commissioner, a post now held by George H. Flagg of the Dalles.

Flagg, currently recovering from an automobile accident, was appointed to the position for a four-year term, beginning June 1 of last year.

His job includes any number of duties—including the primary one of licensing and regulating transportation, both rail and automotive, in the state, at which he is assisted by A. F. Harvey superintendent of motor transportation, and John H. Carkin, superintendent of rail transportation.

The Oregon timber industry is very largely under the supervision of the commission, inasmuch as it is dependent on both rail and truck transportation.

Rate Supervision
Regulation and supervision of the rates, services, practices and regulations of all public utilities, including railroads, truck and bus companies, telephone companies, water, gas, electric and steam heating companies, are among the jobs handled by the commission, which is granted extensive powers governing the reasonableness of fares, rates and service conditions.

As a matter of fact, the duties of the commission are among the most extensive of those of any state department. A partial list of additional duties includes the representing of patrons, users of services and consumers of products of any public utility, and the public generally in all controversies respecting rates, charges, valuation, service and kindred matters; the commission is charged with classifying, governing and regulating operations of minor vehicles engaged by carriers, the licensing and regulation of forwarders engaged in assembling for compensation property to be transported by minor carriers, and brokers engaged in selling or arranging such transportation. Rates, practices and accounts of such carriers are all under the commission's control.

Born in St. Helens
Flagg, 66, was born in St. Helens and was educated in Salem. He married Henrietta Spencer of La Grande in 1914. He has been in newspaper work for a number of years, and for a time was publisher of The Grant County Journal, Prairie City, The Condon Globe-Times, Condon, the Central Oregonian, Prineville, and The Dalles Optimist, The Dalles. He was chief deputy secretary of state for several years prior to his appointment to the public utilities commission.

Fan Fare

By Glenn Hasselrooth

Communique: FROM HOLLYWOOD, ETC.

Fredric March and Betty Field will costar in the motion picture version of "Tomorrow the World." The play tries to answer the question, "What would you do if you had a little nazi in your home?" Right now, one might force him to read the daily reports from Normandy.

Eleanor Parker, a newcomer, has been given the role of Mildred, which made Bette Davis famous 10 years ago, in Warner's remake of "Of Human Bondage." She played Ambassador Davies' daughter in "Mission to Moscow." Paul Henreid will have the part played earlier by Leslie Howard.

After months of preparation, Bing Crosby will begin production late in June on "The Great John L." movie based on the life of Sullivan, which has been held up until a suitable lead could be found. The fighter will be played by Greg McClure, 26, graduate of Oakland Junior college where he was a football star. McClure was born in Atlanta, has worked as salesman, longshoreman, railroad laborer, and farmhand. Linda Darnell and Barbara Britton will play Sullivan's wives.

Laura Nidever says that bump on her head wasn't caused by falling out of a highchair but from being bumped by a belligerent microphone. Her program emits from KORE.

Rita Beery, ex-wife of Wally, returns to films after an absence of 22 years in "Dark Waters." The film stars Merle Oberon, Franchot Tone, Thomas Mitchell, and Fay Bainter, and is being produced by Joan Harrison, who did a honey of a job on "Phantom Lady."

Robert White, 17, juvenile lead in the original Broadway production of "Kiss and Tell," will make his film debut in Columbia's "Meet Miss Bobby Socks," starring Bob Crosby.

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