

Omni-Range Station Will Aid Mahlon Sweet Traffic

Marking an important step in the progress of aviation in Eugene, the Omni-Range Station at the Mahlon Sweet Airport was officially commissioned by the Civil Aeronautics Administration on Aug. 27.

Gleemen Ready For Season

Eugene's famous male chorus—the Gleemen, will start their 1949-1950 season—their 24th year of activity—next month.

A meeting of the board of directors will be held at the home of Dr. Theodore Kratt, conductor, 176 Sylvan Drive, Tuesday, Sept. 12. The following Tuesday, the first regular meeting of the Gleemen will be held at the Community Center, for members who sang last year.

Former Gleemen who did not sing last year will meet with new applicants for voice tryouts September 22.

Following is the procedure for applicants for new membership: Application blanks may be obtained from Al Stockstad at Garret Appliance Co., Eugene Medical Center Bldg., or from Stanley R. Summers, at Johnson Furniture Co., 649 Willamette St. Blanks should be filled out and then signed by two sponsoring members of the Gleemen, and returned to Stockstad before September 20.

Voice tryouts for all new applicants will be given Sept. 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the School of Music Bldg., University of Oregon.

The unit has been in operation on an experimental basis for the past two years, and was flight checked Saturday by the CAA chief test pilot, Stanley Compton, in a DC-3. The station was commissioned as an "en route airway aid without voice," and shares with Portland the distinction of being one of the only two in the state.

Bethel Finishing Student Interviews

BETHEL — M. V. Ploghoft, assistant principal of Willamette High school, has completed interviews of sophomores, juniors, and seniors who will enter the new school this fall, with the exception of a few students.

These few students have not been at home when he has called; and he has requested that those not yet contacted call him at Bethel school office, Dial 5-2117, to arrange for interviews as soon as possible.

The interviews were held this summer to familiarize Bethel school authorities with pupil needs, and to establish closer relations between parents, students and school officials.

These students have attended Eugene, Springfield, and Junction City junior highs and high schools, pending construction of a new Bethel District high school.

Pending the availability of floor space for the communications station, the voice facility will be added, explained Earl Snyder, municipal airports manager.

The Omni-Range now being installed on a national basis by the CAA are intended to first supplement and later supplant the low frequency radio ranges now in use on our airways. Instead of transmitting only four courses, like the ordinary radio range, the Omni-Range transmits courses in all directions simultaneously, said Snyder.

Almost 300 of these ranges are now in operation and eventually will blanket most of the United States. Snyder said that the CAA plans establishing them about every 90 miles along major air routes.

The Omni-Range is static free because it operates in the very high frequency part of the radio spectrum. The pilot no longer must listen to the monotonous and uncertain "dit-dah" signals—with the new unit he merely watches a vertical needle which tells him when he is on course and what corrections are necessary when he deviates from course.

The Omni-Range is the result of a need for a common all-weather navigation system to be used jointly by all who fly. The completion of this system will require approximately 15 years.

D. W. Rentzel, CAA administrator, in a report published recently by "Aviation Operations" said:

"One measurement of a nation's progress is the speed, safety, reliability and efficiency of its transportation systems.

"Today's scheduled airlines offer incomparable speed to passenger and cargo shipper alike—when schedules can be met. But because of the vagaries of weather, there is no certainty that planes can arrive or depart on schedule, or even land at the point of destination.

"In this respect, aviation is lagging behind other types of common carriers.

"We have the finest aircraft in the world, but their inability to maintain schedule reliability is preventing their general acceptance as a means of mass transportation."

Eugene Planning 'Hoo-Hoo' Lodge

What may well be the largest Hoo-Hoo Club in the United States is under organization in Eugene this week.

The local fraternity of lumbermen and woodsmen now numbers about 70—and with initiation of about 80 new members Sept. 9 should reach over 150.

The local Hoo-Hoo will initiate new members at a "concentration" business meeting, election of officers and banquet session set for 5:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 9 at the Eugene Hotel.

Those to be initiated are asked to contact Herman Giustina for application blanks which must be filled out before the meeting.

Various International Hoo-Hoo officials are expected to attend the Eugene meeting, and those wishing to attend are asked to make reservations by calling Jack O'Neill, telephone 5-3379.

Two Obsidian Trips Planned for Labor Day

Obsidians have planned two trips for Labor Day weekend. Mary and Bailey Castellone will lead a trip to Broken Top Center by way of Bend and the Century Drive Saturday through Monday.

A climb of the South Sister Sunday will be led by Bob Pfeiffer and Don Nacker, with camp planned for Devils Gardens.

Persons interested in either trip may register at Hendershott's. Complete information has been posted there on the Obsidian bulletin board.

Frying Pan Grease Causes Fire Alarm

Grease in a frying pan ignited in the oven at the home of Nellie Casperson, 459 18th Ave. W. Monday noon. Firemen arrived and extinguished the blaze before any damage resulted.

A grass fire about 2 p.m. at the Amazon flats near the University Housing Project burned about an acre, but caused no damage.

A grass fire near the University Warehouse on the Millrace was out when firemen arrived Monday afternoon.



THEODORE PENLAND, 100 years young, Portland, Ore., Commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, takes time out to tell Dicky Nicoll, all of four years, of Civil War events. (AP Wirephoto).

Reveille Sounds Late for GAR Vets at National Encampment

INDIANAPOLIS — (AP) — Reveille sounded late Tuesday for six tired old soldiers.

The men, all over 100 years old, were completely tucked out after two days of ceremonies, banquets and receptions in connection with the 83rd—and final—encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Tuesday, they slept until almost noon as the people assigned to care for them tiptoed and spoke in whispers in the corridors of their hotel. Later they will participate in sessions of affiliated GAR organizations.

Bear Up Well They were bearing up fairly well under the excitement of the GAR's last meeting. But several were so feeble and required rest so frequently that all six never had a chance to go together for a single meeting.

National Commander Theodore A. Penland of Portland, Ore., who is the youngest of the men at an even 100, said he hoped all of the aged men could get together at least one "for a real chat."

Penland was the only one of the six who has not missed a single meeting. Monday night, he and three other vets attended a reception tendered them by Indiana's Gov. Henry E. Spricker. The others were Joseph Clovese, 105, Pontiac, Mich.; Albert Woolson, Duluth, Minn.; and Robert Barrett, 102, Princeton, Ky.

But James A. Hard, 108, Rochester, N.Y., and Charles L. Chappel, 102, Long Beach, Cal., just couldn't make it. They rested in their rooms.

Penland sat erect and solidly as 1,000 well-wishers filed by the four wheelchairs to pay respect to the old fighters. His wrinkled face, colored a delicate baby pink, glowed happily.

Vice-presidents nominated without opposition Monday included Mrs. Fred R. Hearst, Pasadena, Cal.

Checking Up?

SALEM, Ore. — (AP) — The Marion County marriage license bureau Tuesday contacted a man who neglected to give the name of the bride-to-be on the application. The prospective groom said he hadn't forgotten his fiancée's name, but had left her off the marriage license application because "he didn't know enough about her yet."

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Hawaii Plans Fight Against Dock Pickets

HONOLULU — (AP) — The Territory of Hawaii Tuesday planned to resist picketing of its dock operations by striking CIO longshoremen. Both government stevedoring and picketing against it were upheld by a federal court.

U. S. district judges J. Frank McLaughlin and Delbert E. Metzger announced the double-bitted decision Monday. They said the territorial government could continue in the stevedoring business which it began after seizing the islands' strike-plugged docks under an emergency law passed by the Hawaiian Legislature Aug. 6.

Picketing—Approved The judges also ruled the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union could keep on picketing the government-operated docks. The union's 2000 stevedores struck 122 days ago to raise their \$1.40 hourly pay by 32 cents.

The ILWU had challenged the law in federal court. It had asked an order temporarily restraining the government from operating the docks. The two judges said their ruling upholding Territorial dock operations and the union's right to continue picketing would be effective until they completed a hearing on the union's application for a permanent injunction.

Resistance Warned It was the court's action on picketing that brought an immediate promise of resistance from J. Garner Anthony, the Territory's special deputy attorney general.

The judges ruled that pickets at government piers would be regarded as "monuments to free men" in protest against the Dock Seizure Law. These pickets, the opinion continued, would not constitute a "picket line in connection with a labor dispute."

Anthony said this ruling "is vague and indefinite as to its possible effects." Judge McLaughlin declined to clarify this part of the opinion for a reporter Monday and Anthony said he could give no authoritative statement on what the court meant until the order enforcing the judges' decision is drafted.

Collectors to Show Mineral Displays

Mineralogists from five Northwestern states will come to Eugene Friday, Saturday and Sunday for the annual convention of Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies. The convention will be sponsored by the Eugene Mineral Assn., an affiliate of the federation.

McArthur Court will be the scene of displays of minerals and artifacts (man-made relics of an earlier day). This display will be at the south end of the court, backed with a 10 by 12 foot map of the state, showing the places many of the displays were found. Special "trading tables" will be set up, and dealers will have displays.

No field trips have been scheduled for the three-day convention, but Harry M. Rhorer, Jr., chairman of the convention, said persons wishing to visit geologically rich areas near Eugene would be accommodated.

The Eugene society has arranged with the 4-H club to provide baby sitters for delegates who bring their families.

Representatives from Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, and western Wyoming will attend.

Neuner Rules Trucks Must Cover Milk

SALEM — (AP) — Attorney General George Neuner ruled Monday that owners and operators of milk trucks should be held responsible under the new milk transportation regulations which become effective next Thursday.

The new rules requires enclosing of milk trucks and protection of milk from dust and sunlight.

Neuner ruled that the responsibility rests only with the truck owner and operator, rather than with the dairy or milk plant which receives the milk.

In another opinion, Neuner ruled that state police can serve municipal court warrants upon non-residents of the city in which the warrant is issued.

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