

Planning Airport News



By Polly Snyder

Some day it may be possible to fly in the same car you drive in. And that time may not be too far in the future.

This month the prototype aerocar will begin its flight tests. Built by Aerocar, Inc., the combination plane-car has a body about the size of an Austin or a Ford, and is about the same as either of the two cars mentioned. While it will do sixty on the highway, forty-five is a safer speed. But, to take-off, it can get up to seventy-five in nine hundred feet.

In flight, its hundred-horsepower engine drives a conventional propeller attached to the tail end of the fuselage. Top speed of the plane is expected to be a little over one hundred miles an hour with a rate of climb of five hundred feet a minute, a service ceiling of twelve thousand feet, and a cruising range of around three hundred miles. Fuel consumption is only about six gallons an hour in the air.

When production gets far enough underway to offer the planes to the public, cost is expected to be around seven thousand dollars each.

Having sold his Beech Bonanza, Del Beebe, Beebe Construction Co., chartered a twin-engine Cessna last week-end for a trip to Pullman, Washington, for the Oregon-Washington State football game. Beebe and pilot, Joe Harrell, Eugene Flying Service, stopped in Portland on the way to pick up friends of Beebe's.

The helicopter from Rick's in Los Angeles, chartered by Bonneville Power Administration for power line patrol in western Oregon is now paying regular visits to the airport. When in the Eugene area, the copter is hangered and receives necessary maintenance at Lane Aircraft Co.

Why not run out to the Mahlon Sweet field Friday and help to welcome the football team from the University of Denver. They are scheduled to arrive Friday afternoon at 1 p. m. on a United Air Lines Mainliner. After the game Saturday they will take the Mainliner out of Eugene for Portland to begin a sightseeing tour of as much of western Oregon as time will permit.

With headquarters at the Multnomah Hotel they plan to take a chartered bus for trips up the Columbia River, to Bonneville Dam, to Mt. Hood, and other points of interest before boarding the United Mainliner for the return trip to Denver.

Don't forget their arrival time

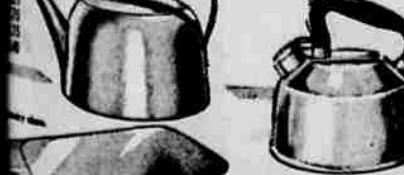
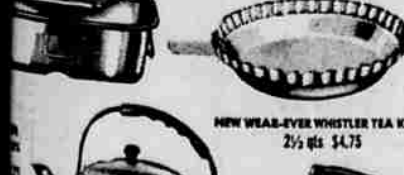
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State Population Increase Exceeds Meat, Milk Output

Oregon's output of meat and milk scarcely equals state needs now that the population has increased one-half since 1917. That is a general conclusion to be drawn from facts and figures in the latest farm outlook circular issued by the extension service at Oregon State College, now available from county extension agent O. S. Fletcher.

The purpose of the report is to aid producers in planning their production and marketing operations. There are sections on the

in Eugene. Let's have a good crowd out to greet them.

The fellows around Lane Aircraft are mighty proud of that new heating system. They now have a completely heated hangar, which according to them surpasses everything in the Eugene area, making it possible to work 24 hours a day (which they do most of the time).

Just to show how far aviation has progressed in the last twenty-two years, consider this ad that ran in September, 1927, on a deluxe aerial tour from New York to Chicago for the Tunney-Dempsey fight.

It was, said the ad, the first public aerial tour in history. Passengers would ride in the most modern cabin-cruiser-type airplanes equipped with every necessary passenger convenience, including comfortable chairs and observation windows from which to view landscapes, clouds and strange light effects.

Take-off would be from Curtiss Field at 8 a. m., arriving Chicago early the same evening. Passengers were to get choice ringside seats, stay at the Stevens Hotel, and leave early the next morning, arriving in New York that evening.

The price was a mere \$575, including everything. Today the round trip costs less than \$100 and it takes only three hours each way.

No C. of C. Forum Scheduled This Week

There will be no Chamber of Commerce forum luncheon this week, because the Oregon State Medical Society has reserved the Eugene Hotel dining room, Chamber president Deane Seeger announced Wednesday. The luncheons are normally held each Friday noon.

Arrangements are pending for a speaker for next week's meeting Seeger said. The following week State Senator Austin Felgel (D-Portland) will speak for a Columbia Valley Authority. The next week, Nov. 4, anti-CVA groups will be invited to send their most powerful speaker to comment on Felgel's views.

Refugee Ship to Dock

SAN FRANCISCO — The American President Lines announced that the SS General Gordon will dock here on Thursday with more than 800 refugees from Shanghai aboard.

Weyerhaeuser Speeds Work At Coos Bay

Work will start immediately on a half-mile long bulkhead at the Weyerhaeuser Timber Company's North Bend, Oregon, plant-site, according to Chas. H. Ingram, Weyerhaeuser vice-president and general manager.

Installation of the bulkhead is the first step in a speed-up of construction on the Coos Bay site.

Construction of the 2780-foot bulkhead will be under the direction of John W. Gischel, Weyerhaeuser engineer who supervised construction of the Weyerhaeuser lumber division's mill at Springfield. He will be assisted by O. D. McCarty, general foreman.

The bulkhead will be a relieving platform type which allows the terracing of fill materials on a gradual slope from channel bottom to ground level. Considerable saving is anticipated in using this type rather than a conventional

MINTON TAKES OATH

WASHINGTON — Sherman Minton took the oath as a justice of the U. S. Supreme Court Wednesday in a White House ceremony.

Minton, a former Democratic senator and "New Dealer" from Indiana, was sworn in by Chief Justice Vinson. President and Mrs. Truman and scores of other notables were present.

Woman Joins Staff Of Police Gazette

NEW YORK — (AP) — Jeanne Hoffman, 29-year-old sports writer, will become executive editor of the Police Gazette — the first woman ever to hold a key executive post with the century-old publication.

Harold H. Roswell, editor and publisher of the monthly magazine, said in announcing Miss Hoffman's appointment that the job was a newly-created one made necessary by expansion of the size of the publication and a return to major emphasis on sports.

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