

Bend Airports Leased By City

Bend's airports, new and old, came in for attention last night when the city commission held its regular meeting in the city hall. Both the present municipal airport, and the old one nine miles north of Bend on the old Bend-Redmond road were officially leased to private individuals.

A. J. Tluse, operator at the present municipal airport, was given a one-year lease on the field and equipment, with an option for two more years. Consideration was that he continue to operate the field and carry on maintenance. Revenues beyond the cost of maintenance and operation are to revert to the city treasury.

Airport Leased
C. F. Samples of Redmond, obtained a lease on the old airport for the purpose of farming adjacent to the emergency runways. This is the first time that the old landing field, once the hope of all aviation-minded of Central Oregon will actually be put to use. The field, once covered with junipers, was cleared years ago by government work agencies, and was subsequently found unsuitable for flying purposes. The commission granted the lease with the proviso that ample runways be left intact for emergency landing purposes.

The commission also officially accepted \$14,006.83 of state gas tax funds, for inclusion in the city's state street tax fund. The money, Bend's share of the state

receipts from gasoline taxes, is to be used in street building and maintenance or the purchase of equipment to do this work.

Attending last night's meeting were Mayor A. F. Niebergall, Commissioners Melvin Munkres and Loyde S. Blakley, City Manager C. G. Reiter and City Recorder George Simerville.

Bend Soldier Is Prisoner of War

Ellsworth C. Freilinger, 22, previously reported as "missing in action," is a prisoner of war in Germany. It was learned here yesterday when his wife received a postcard from him dated Jan. 15.

Mrs. Freilinger, who resides at 1353 Ithaca street with their three small children, was notified last month by the war department that her husband had been reported missing on Nov. 14. She has not, as yet, been officially informed that he is a prisoner.

The postcard, received yesterday, was written in pencil in Freilinger's hand-writing. It read, "This is a few more lines to let you know that I am well. I hope the children are all well. Tell everyone hello for me and be sure and write very often."

'SMALL-TOWN' GOVERNOR
Indianapolis (AP) — Ralph F. Gates, newly-inaugurated governor, stepped across a street against the traffic light. Stopped by a policeman, the flustered Hoosier chief executive explained he was "from a small town where the pedestrians were not required to obey traffic lights." The "alibi" worked.

Pacific Veteran Visits in Bend

Medics on the battle fronts do not live hercule lives, filled with the most breath-taking adventures, such as medics in the movies do. T/5 John S. Crawford observed today. Sgt. Crawford ought to know for he entered the army in December, 1941 and was promptly attached to the 168th medical detachment of the 41st division, then training at Fort Lewis, Wash.

He went overseas with the 41st in February, 1942 and, while he did not engage in actual combat, he did see most of the Hollandia and Biak affairs. Not from a grandstand, either, for he was awarded a purple heart for shrapnel wounds in his right arm.

He did not see many Bend men, except when he helped carry them in on stretchers or administered first aid, for he was in a different regiment.

Parents Live Here
His biggest thrill was getting back to Bend, for this is his first visit home since he left in 1941. He crossed the Pacific on the homeward journey with S/Sgt. Harold Smead and Pfc. Deibert D. Stowe, both of whom are now visiting relatives here.

The corporal, whose brother-in-law, Val Allen, is now somewhere on the Pacific with the navy, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Crawford, 46 Norton street.

THAT'S HIS STORY
Elkhart, Ind. (AP) — Arrested for shooting squirrels on the farm of Mrs. Rena East without permission, 72-year-old William Corner explained: It was all a misunderstanding. He was seeking strayed cattle in Mrs. East's woods. He needed the assistance of his dog to round up the strays, and the dog wouldn't go with him unless he carried a gun and appeared to be hunting.

RETURNS GI CONTRIBUTION
Columbus, O. (AP) — Governor-elect Frank J. Lausche of Ohio thought that a \$25 contribution to his recent gubernatorial campaign by Pvt. James McCoy, stationed in the CBI war theater, was "too much for a GI boy to give," so Lausche deposited the entire sum in a bank and opened an account in McCoy's name.

HOME ON FURLOUGH
Prineville, Feb. 22 — Pfc. Raymond Schuette, 19, a graduate of the local high school and a former employe of Lamb's mill, is spending furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schuette. Raymond entered the army on Dec. 8, 1943 and recently completed training at Malden, Mo.

Co. I Veteran Looks Forward To Peace Era and College

Veterans of the grim war against the Japs plan to do some "infiltration" of their own when they return to civilian life, and their objectives will be schools of higher education. Sgt. Delbert H. Cochrane, a veteran of Bend's company I, indicated here today. "After you have been in battle, a touchdown isn't everything," the young infantryman commented, then added: "It seems to me that even if we are older when we matriculate, we will get more out of college."

The sergeant who intends to go to college when peace comes, left Bend 53 months ago with Company I of the 41st division. He had just finished high school and was 18 years old. Since then he was almost "polished off" by shrapnel from a 99 MM mortar. That was on Biak. The shrapnel went through his personal articles kit, but the heavy, cast iron mess kit he had been issued in Australia and which was strapped on the

back of his neck, stopped it. The first time he ever fired a mortar was in combat. Worst of all he hated the enduring hell of Jap infiltration tactics. That went on and on. On Salamaua, most of the fighting took place on a long, narrow, jungle-clad ridge. At night Japs a long way off would start yelling. They were not the ones to be afraid of. They were just yelling to draw fire and locate the American positions. The thing to do was keep quiet and listen for the Japs a few feet away trying to encircle you and cut you off.

Sgt. Cochrane, who has the combat infantryman's badge and major engagement stars for Salamaua, Hollandia and Biak, also has a bronze star and citation for gallantry in action. It seems that, in 1943, a whole year before he was awarded the star, something happened to the supply sergeant and the mess sergeant got sick. Del was a corporal then and he was asked, quite casually, to see that the boys on the front lines two or three miles away, were kept in food and ammunition. This job lasted a couple of months.

He was much too modest to say so, but a copy of the citation received by The Bulletin last summer, said, "For repeatedly, and at the risk of his own life, carrying supplies under heavy enemy

fire ..."

Del was sorry he couldn't bring home much news of Bend men, but he left the company for a hospital in August and never got back. Pfc. Glenn Millard, Bend, came over on the same transport. The sergeant, who came to Bend Tuesday, plans to leave tonight for Portland to visit his mother, Mrs. Vura H. Cochrane, former Allen school teacher now teaching at the Peninsula school, Portland. He also hopes to see his brother, Pvt. James Cochrane, a graduate of Bend high school in 1943 who is now with a medical detachment at Fort Lewis, Wash.

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From where I sit ... by Joe Marsh



Trophies of a Happy Marriage

The Cuppers are about the happiest married couple in our town. Comfortable off, too, after Dee's fifty years of honest work. But their two most prized possessions are an old beer mug and an 1890 Floradora hat.

When they were first married, Dee allows he couldn't stand the hat; while Jane turned her nose up (privately) at Dee's fondness for a friendly glass of beer from time to time. But each figured it was the other's right ... so they lived and let live.

realized that the hat and mug had become important symbols in their marriage—symbols of respect for each other's rights and differences of opinion.

From where I sit, a lot of marriages would be happier if there were more funny-looking hats and old beer mugs in the background. Tolerance is a mighty good foundation for living happily together.

Joe Marsh

And as time went by, they

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