

Need of Landing Device at McNary Field Gets Stress

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Boycott of McNary field by the Airline Pilots' association during the winter is faced by Salem unless adequate temporary landing facilities are made operational before early winter and successful steps are taken to insure installation of an instrument landing system in the near future, James Matthews, Seattle, assistant flight manager for the United Air Lines in this area, declared Tuesday.

Matthews and James Rudolph, aeronautical agent for the Seattle CAA office (safety agent), came here to meet with W. M. (Jack) Bartlett, director of the state board of aeronautics and the aeronautics committee of the Chamber of Commerce, J. L. Frantzen, city manager and others interested in the local situation.

Pilots in Earnest

"Airline pilots are not kidding when they say they will refuse to land if conditions do not meet their personal requirements for both safety and service and their's is the final say in the matter," Matthews declared.

As a result of the meeting City Manager Franzen was requested to get in touch with the regional office in Seattle to learn if the ILS request for Salem has been placed in the 1950 budget now being made up in Washington, D. C., and to make strong representation for immediate action if it is. If it is not to be included in the budget it was said that "Salem is sunk." Request has been made for the inclusion.

Installation of the ILS requires from three to six months, and if available now it is probable it could not be in operation before spring. A compass locator, which is included in the complete installation, could be ready for use in a few weeks and would prove sufficient until the complete installation is made.

McNary field, it was pointed out, is the only immediate alternate landing place when the Portland facilities are fog-bound, and during the early spring was used by DC-6s which could not land at either Portland or Seattle. These will not use the field under present conditions, because of the safety factor.

It was pointed out that most of the fatal accidents have occurred in a three-mile area from an airport between a range station and the field itself, which is approximately one-minute flying time for the huge passenger liners. It was also pointed out that between the latter part of October and early spring Salem does not have a minimum ceiling of 3000 feet, deemed the necessary safety factor by pilots, and while the Portland fields are blanketed, the ceiling here is between 800 and 2500 feet for hours later. Compass location facilities with proper range finding will permit landings here, whether

these are installed by the ULA or the city, with the CCA designating the frequency upon which to operate.

Importance Stressed

The ILS is the only answer to the problem of getting the pilot safely on the field after the range station is located. Use of the present ULA neolizer until final installation is also probable.

Minor projects for improvement of the field were lightly discussed, with Hal Sweeney, Salem manager for ULA, willing to install a neon sign at the administration building designating the stop. It is surprising how many people land at the field are unaware that they are in Salem, the capital of Oregon, though the stop here is ninth in commerce on the system, Sweeney said.

Also attending the meeting were Roy Harlan, president of the Chamber of Commerce and Burr Miller, representing the aeronautics committee; Wayne Hadley, Junior Chamber of Commerce; Stan Dilatush, chief controller of the CAA tower at McNary field; Lt. Commander Wallace Hug, until recently manager of the airport and now officer in charge of the Salem

naval air facility and Charles Barclay, recently named airport manager to succeed Hug. Unable to attend from the Chamber of Commerce were Lee U. Eyerly and James Walton.



Bee Whiskered—E. D. Gilliam wears a beard of bees at the Dallas County Beekeepers association picnic at Dallas, Texas. He thought that the bee, being content was a little tame, so decided to try a stunt he had read about in a beekeepers' journal. Gilliam took a queen bee from a hive and placed it on his neck. Then waited. In a few minutes bees were swarming over his cheeks and neck to stay with their queen. (AP Wirephoto)

Ribbons Given Club Members

Stayton — Stayton 4-H club members who won awards at the annual spring show at Silverton have been announced by Mrs. Barbara Avey, Stayton supervisor.

In Cooking I, red ribbons were won by Sandra Skinner, Edith Tiesse, Carol Smith, Eugene Champ and Freeman Davis; white ribbons, Phyllis McCarter, Roberta Skinner and Nancy Shinkle. Mrs. Hoba Judd is leader.

In Cooking II, white ribbons, Jane Cox, Miriam Brown, Mrs. Thelma Kinman, leader, Camp Cookers, blue ribbon, Bob Weddle; white ribbon, Glen Beck; Mrs. Mary Reynolds and Mrs. Lucille Burns, leaders.

Mack Williams won championship in bacteriology. Other awards were, red ribbon, Ralph Shover; white, Darrel Gold and Harry Burmeister; Mrs. Ruth Landen was leader.

Knitting I, white ribbons, Eliza Hiza and Gay Lewis; Knitting II, red ribbons, Sandra Davis, Laura Rice, white, Kathleen Harold and Edger Jackson, Mrs. Kathryn Weddle, leader.

Marilyn Shelton won championship in forestry; blue ribbons were won by Tommy Crutcher, George Buckner, Terry Kinney, red ribbon, Dick Reynolds, Ray Burns and Robert Pender; white, Walter Otto, Noel Leber, Bill Weddle, John Davis and John Stevens. Mrs. Delilah Champ has been in charge of the forestry club.

Edward Small was awarded a white ribbon for his health poster. There were other exhibits from Stayton in Sewing I, and woodworking, with Mrs. Gladys Covert and John Rock, leaders, respectively.

Second prize winner in the 4-H parade was Stayton. The grade school students were taken to Silverton in the school buses and had a nice day despite the downpour during the parade.

Scholarship Given Mary Bekebrede

Woodburn—Miss Mary Bekebrede, a senior at Woodburn high school, has been awarded a four-year scholarship to Pacific university in Forest Grove. The award, presented by the university, was made on the basis of her journalistic activities in high school and provides \$80 a year. Miss Bekebrede has been active in journalism as a writer and feature editor of the Wireless and as a special writer for the local paper. She competed in a writing contest held recently at the university.

Don Scarborough, Woodburn senior, placed among the six seniors scoring highest in an American Federation of Labor scholarship contest recently conducted over a state-wide area. Of the six, three will receive awards of \$500 each toward college education after a final elimination interview in Portland next week. The contest covered labor unions, employer-employee tactics, and recent labor news.



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