

ELECTION CALL NEXT STEP IN AIRPORT PLAN

Action Speeded By News Mail Planes to Discontinue Use of Fairground Field—C of C. Committee to Meet Tuesday—Larger Field Imperatively Needed.

The next important step in the movement to provide an adequate airport for Medford will come Tuesday night when the Chamber of Commerce committee will present plans and specifications, detailed cost figures and other data as prepared in anticipation of requesting the city government body to call a special election to vote bonds for the project.

Action on the part of the committee was hastened somewhat by advice received today from the West Coast Air Transport company that their planes would discontinue further scheduled stops in Medford, supposedly due to the construction of the airfield.

Attitude of the council members toward the project is as yet a matter of conjecture. Mayor A. W. Pipes and the finance committee have been apprised of the work of the Chamber of Commerce but have expressed no official opinion, preferring to have the subject come before the council in concrete form and that body passing on the question to the citizens of the city for decision as to authorization of the bonds.

Withdrawal of the West Coast schedule for Medford is the climax of long-continued complaint from pilots of the larger machines who bring their planes down on the cramped and soft uneven runways of the present airport. The field measures 2,100 by 600 feet with no possible expansion as it is bordered on the east by Bear creek, on the west by the small race track, on the north by creek bottom and on the south by the Pacific highway.

With the trend toward big planes, capable of carrying many passengers, the fairground runways are now looked upon by aviation officials as hazardous landing places; will soon become utterly impossible, it is declared.

Another factor in hastening the action of the airport committee is the inauguration of night flying by small planes over this route. A two million candle-power revolving beacon will be in vicinity of the proposed field, erected with a 51-foot tower in the near future, site selection and other arrangements for installation having been completed Saturday by S. S. Borge, construction engineer of the government bureau of airways of the light-house department.

Night sky travel is said to be comparatively easy and safe with adequate beacons and landing fields, however, the use of small or uneven levels such as prevail at the fairgrounds render landing difficult and dangerous, it is claimed.

The ground plans for the new airport would call for a runway over a mile in length and half that in width. Due to the strategic situation of Medford between two large air centers—Portland and San Francisco—each capable of handling any size ship, it is pointed out by the committee that a stop in this vicinity for refueling and other purposes by coastal air traffic is necessary. Such being the case, a field meeting government Class "A" requirements as provided by the proposed Biddle road site, must be provided if this city is to keep step with progressive requirements in aviation.

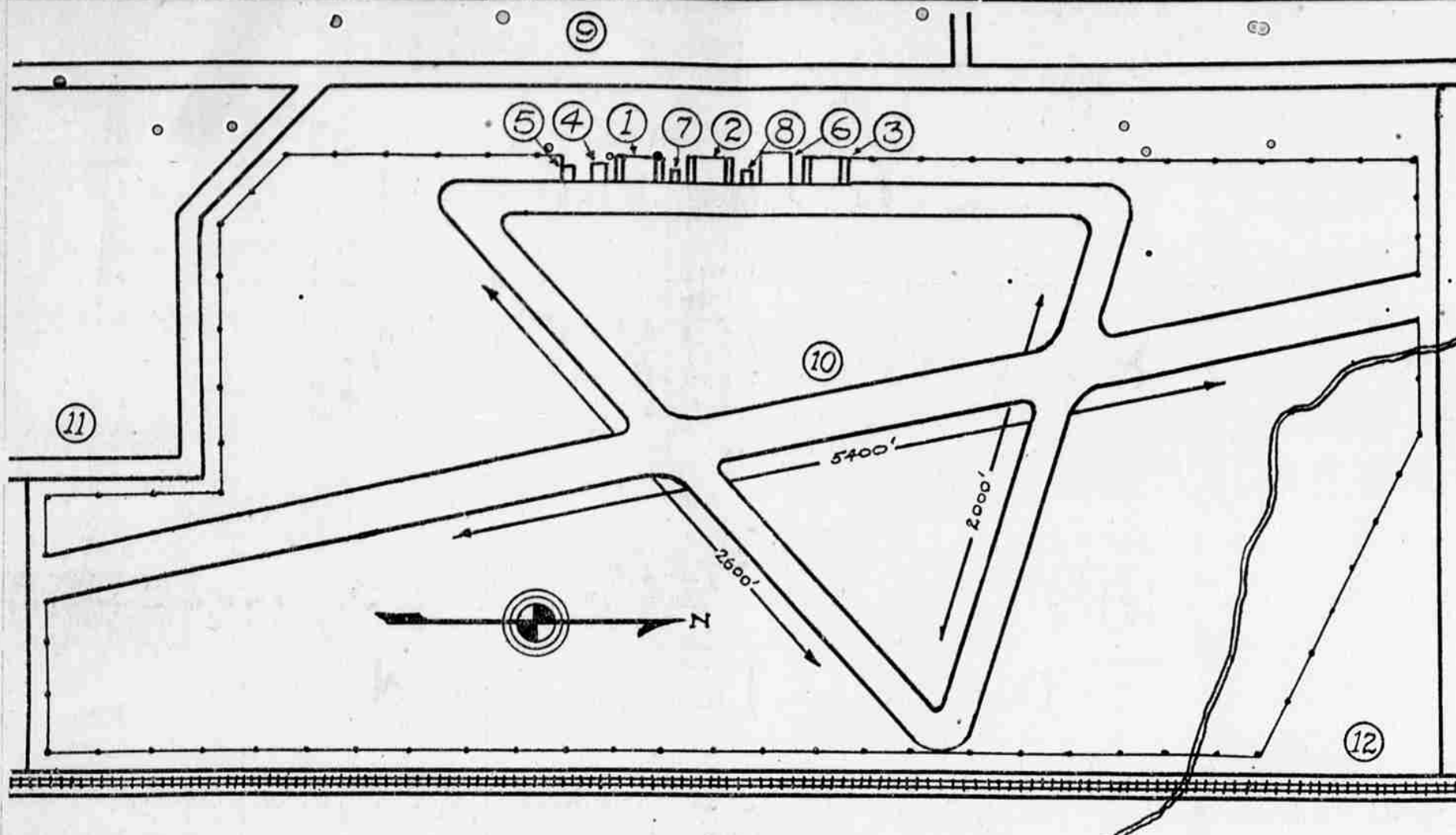
Installation of the new radio station authorized by the government for construction on a site within half a mile of the proposed airport will necessitate a crew of four men, the apparatus being kept constantly in operation, and the weather bureau personnel will also be increased to four if the new field is placed in use.

According to the Chamber of Commerce committee which includes Seely C. Hall as chairman, J. C. Thompson, Bert Thieriot, Clyde Eakin, Larry Mann, M. N. Hosan and F. C. Dillard, the purchase of land, erection of buildings, preparation of runways, drainage and other major items will entail an expenditure of approximately \$120,000. This sum has been arrived at after careful and close figuring and is said to be the minimum amount for which an airport meeting government requirements and capable of handling any plane in present or contemplated service can be provided.

"Mad Magician" Dies. BIRMINGHAM, Eng., Jan. 12.—(AP)—Frank Van Hoven, an American vaudeville actor, died here today. He was always billed as "The Mad Magician," his work being a burlesque which he worked up after he had found that straight conjuring and sleight of hand feats brought small returns.

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Maps Showing Plans and Location of Proposed \$120,000 Airport to Be Erected Near Medford



WOODRUFF, FRUIT EXPERT, SELECTED VALLEY MANAGER

Dwight L. Woodruff, nationally prominent in both the production and sales ends of the fruit industry, has been secured by the Simon, Shuttleworth and French corporation of New York, as their local sales manager. Mr. Woodruff arrived here from the east yesterday to take up his new duties, and remained in conference throughout the afternoon with direct and indirect representatives of the New York company, some of whom came here for the meeting from distant points along the coast.

Indicative of the faith of the large New York concern in the future deals of Rogue River valley, is the installation of a sales manager of Mr. Woodruff's reputation and experience at Medford. Local representatives of this firm as well as fruit growers and shippers in general are enthusiastic over the move, and a number have already pledged their hearty cooperation to the newcomer.

Mr. Woodruff is said to be prominent alike throughout the east and west, and shares with equal sympathy the viewpoint of the producer and the retailer. He was for several years sales manager of the Wenatchee District Cooperative association, and before that was president of the Apple Growers' association of Hood River, Oregon. Recently he has been associated prominently with a number of eastern concerns.

Mr. Woodruff conferred throughout yesterday afternoon with A. J. Wellner, sales manager of the Simon, Shuttleworth and French company of New York, James Lowman, New York representative of the same company, C. R. Padlock, manager of the Seattle office, Guy W. Conner, local packer and shipper, W. E. Riddle, president and J. E. Edmiston, secretary-treasurer of the C. and E. Fruit company and a number of executives in the local industry.

RANCH AND FARM PROPERTY SOLD

C. W. Habb, realty broker, announces that since the first of January his office has sold over \$24,000 worth of real property. The property sold consisted of both ranch property and city property. The largest ranch deal was the sale of the George Galvosen ranch in Sams Valley to Peter Barrason of this city for a consideration of \$12,500. Fred McFarlane, a new comer to Medford, purchased the new home built on North Bartlett street by L. N. Foy, local builder and contractor for a consideration of \$4,400. Mr. McFarlane is very enthusiastic about Medford and her future. He is quite laudatory of city water and says that it is one of the main reasons that he is going to make Medford his home. Other deals announced by Mr. Habb averaged around \$4,000. Mr. Habb predicts that business will be very good for this year as he is receiving many inquiries from all sections of the west and especially from California.

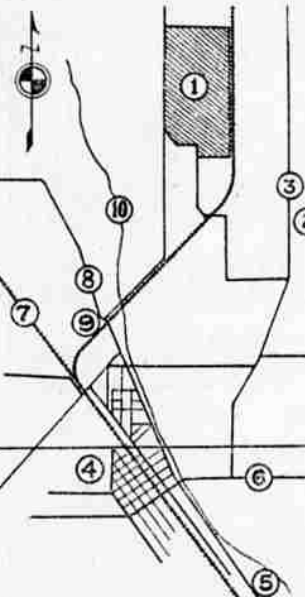
MR. PIPES NAMED FREAK GROWTH OF POULTRY CLASS AS DIRECTOR OF BARTLETT PEARS FINANCE CONCERN VOORHIES PLACE

At the annual stockholders meeting of the Commercial Finance Corporation held Friday, January 11, Mayor A. W. Pipes was elected director to fill the vacancy caused by the death of W. J. Hartzell, former county judge. The annual report of the corporation was read and approved, and showed that 1928 was a highly successful year in the business. A four percent semi-annual dividend was declared on preferred stock, and an eight percent semi-annual dividend of common stock declared. All of the old officers of the corporation were re-elected as follows: J. B. Palmer, president; E. C. Corn, vice-president; T. W. Miles, treasurer; W. W. Walker, secretary, and Porter Neff. The institution now has a capital, surplus and reserve of \$142,000 and is one of the largest financial concerns in southern Oregon.

POULTRY CLASS AT HIGH SCHOOL

An adult night class in "The Scientific Raising of Poultry" will be started at the local high school on Wednesday, January 17, under the direction of C. D. Thompson, graduate of O. S. C., according to Ralph Bailey, publicity director for the high school. The class, which will be held twice a week, will be open to all poultry raisers and farmers in this district, who wish to take advantage of the opportunity for receiving scientific and practical instructions in this line. Details of the course are to be announced later, and prospective students are asked to get in touch with Mr. Thompson, by calling either at his home phone number 1172-Y, or notifying the high school. The course will extend over a period of from five to 10 weeks.

Map of Medford's proposed \$120,000 airport—(1) City Hangar No. 1, (2) City Hangar No. 2, (3) Administration building, (4) Restaurant building, (5) Parking lot, (6) Fire fighting apparatus, (7) Gas pumping station, (8) Biddle road leading to Medford 1.5 miles to the Pacific highway and 3 miles to Main and Riverside, Medford, (9) Roadway for planes, (10) Runway to Crater Lake highway, (11) Owen-Oregon Lumber Company railroad. The landing strips and boundaries of the field will be designated at night by white, red and green lights. Bottom: Map showing location of proposed airport, north of Medford. (1) Site of U. S. Department of Commerce radio station, (2) Crater Lake highway, (3) City of Medford, (4) Medford's present airport, Barber field, (5) East Main street in Medford, (6) Southern Pacific railroad, (7) Pacific highway, (8) Owen-Oregon lumber mill, (9) Bear Creek.



YULE TREES HELD AS FIRE MENACE

Because many discarded Christmas trees are lying in back yards or alleys of Medford homes, waiting to be burned later, Fire Chief Ivey Elliott issues a warning to the people not to burn such trees as, it is well known, it is dangerous to even burn green fir branches, much less the dried out ones. They blaze up and crackle quickly. "Do not risk burning such trees around your premises," says Fire Chief Elliott, "haul them away or have the garbage man do it."

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