

California Plane Pilot Shatters Non-Stop Distance Record



LEAVES FOR SEASIDE-Miss Pat Rushton, on steps to plane, left yesterday morning for Seaside where she is participating in the Miss Oregon pageant. Accompanying her on the trip is Mrs. Frank Hopewell, right on plane steps, Eagle Point, who operates a charm school here. Seeing her off are Larry Allen, president of the Medford Junior Chamber of Commerce, and Don Carlon, chairman of the Jaycees Miss Jackson county committee. (Knackstedt Photo).

Jacksonville Asks Court for Bill to Regulate Dumps

The City of Jacksonville is asking the Jackson county court for an ordinance to control garbage dumps, City Attorney Ervin Hogan reported today.

A petition from the city government was filed with the court this morning, Hogan said. Other petitions are currently being circulated among county residents, he added.

The city's petition charges City Sanitary service with creating "an acute nuisance" and a fire hazard by burning garbage in its new dump southeast of the city limits.

Bands over Backward

Tony Boitano, City Sanitary co-owner, replied that the company is "bending over backward" to avoid creating a nuisance. "We have been lighting our fires early in the morning," he said, "when the smoke goes up the hill away from any residential area. There shouldn't be any danger of fire." He reported that fire breaks surround the area, and fire fighting apparatus is available at the dump site. "Everything seems to be going along fine," he added.

Jacksonville residents last year fought a losing battle to prevent City Sanitary, which serves Medford and other valley communities, from opening the dump.

The petition charges that City Sanitary declared at that time that it would use the sanitary land fill disposal method, but has since turned to burning.

It alleges that the burning is not only a nuisance to Jacksonville, the surrounding area and to some extent the entire valley, but creates a hazard, with respect to nearby timber.

It asks the county court to require that dumps within 10 miles of any incorporated city use the sanitary land fill method "exclusively" and cover garbage every 24 hours "at least."

Plan to Increase Parking Approved

A plan to increase off-street parking for shoppers in downtown Medford was approved this morning by the board of directors of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce.

Don McNeil, chamber manager, said the board agreed to set up a parking "validation" program as a regular extension of the Retail Merchants division of the chamber.

The plan calls for agreements between downtown merchants and privately operated parking lots to provide customer parking paid for by merchants who validate parking slips of customers using the lots.

Agrees to Establish Lots

McNeil said Fred Robinson, local businessman, has agreed to establish two downtown parking lots, provided other merchants agree to the plan. Robinson already owns a lot off Front st. for use by customers of a limited number of businesses.

The other two proposed lots would be located on Central ave. at Fifth st. and on Eighth st. near Bartlett st. The three would provide a total of 90 parking spaces and make parking available to approximately 360 customers in a day's time, according to McNeil.

The proposed arrangement would allow customers to park their cars in the lots, after which they would receive stamps from businesses where they shopped validating their parking slips and allowing an hour's free parking per stamp. Merchants would buy the stamps in advance from the lot operators.

Invited to Participate

Creation of the two new lots is contingent upon signed agreements by approximately 30 merchants, McNeil explained. Other lots now in existence in Medford will be invited to participate.

The chamber manager stressed that the plan permits "a private enterprise approach to parking and makes effective use not only of space to be created, but of space already available."

It also allows merchants and other business firms downtown to offer free parking to customers, he added. They would pay only for their own customers' parking.

The plan was recommended by William H. Barr, executive director of the National Parking association, Washington, D.C., when he visited Medford in February. Similar plans are in use in 127 United States communities at present. Roseburg began the arrangement June 1 and Klamath Falls is to open similar services soon, according to McNeil.

Consider Move

Salem and Eugene are said to be considering such a move. C. O. Lovejoy, president of the Medford Parking corp., said today that members of that group are "actively interested in the new plan and are going to put their efforts behind it."

The corporation was established about a month ago by a group of merchants seeking increased downtown parking.

1,000 Shriners Expected at Event

Nearly 1,000 Shriners will convene in Medford next week end for their 1959 Spring Ceremonial, according to General Chairman A. K. (Woody) Morse of Hillah temple.

Selection of Medford for the important event honors Hillah Temple Potentate Chester Hubbard, Morse said.

Other officers serving in the Masonic group, which takes in an area in Oregon from Eugene south, are H. S. Bullock, Grants Pass; Jorgen E. Jorgenson, Medford; Claude Esselstrom, Roseburg; and Lyndel Newbury, Ashland.

Discoverer III Sends Space Mice To Fiery Death

Shot Reentered Earth's Atmosphere

Vandenberg Air Force Base Calif.—The Discoverer III satellite vehicle, fired aloft with four "moon mice" aboard Wednesday, reentered the earth's atmosphere and burned up, it was announced today.

Roy W. Johnson, director of the advanced research projects agency, said that "all available data" indicated the mouse-carrying rocket plunged its tiny passengers to a fiery death several thousand miles south of here within minutes after launching.

But Air Force bioastronautics authorities indicated that valuable information was received on the mice during the period of rocket lift-off, the period of "weightlessness" in space and the period when the satellite stage fired to inject itself into orbit.

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MEDFORD TRIBUNE

West Said Prepared To Reduce West Berlin Military Garrison

Guarantee of Free Access To City Stipulation

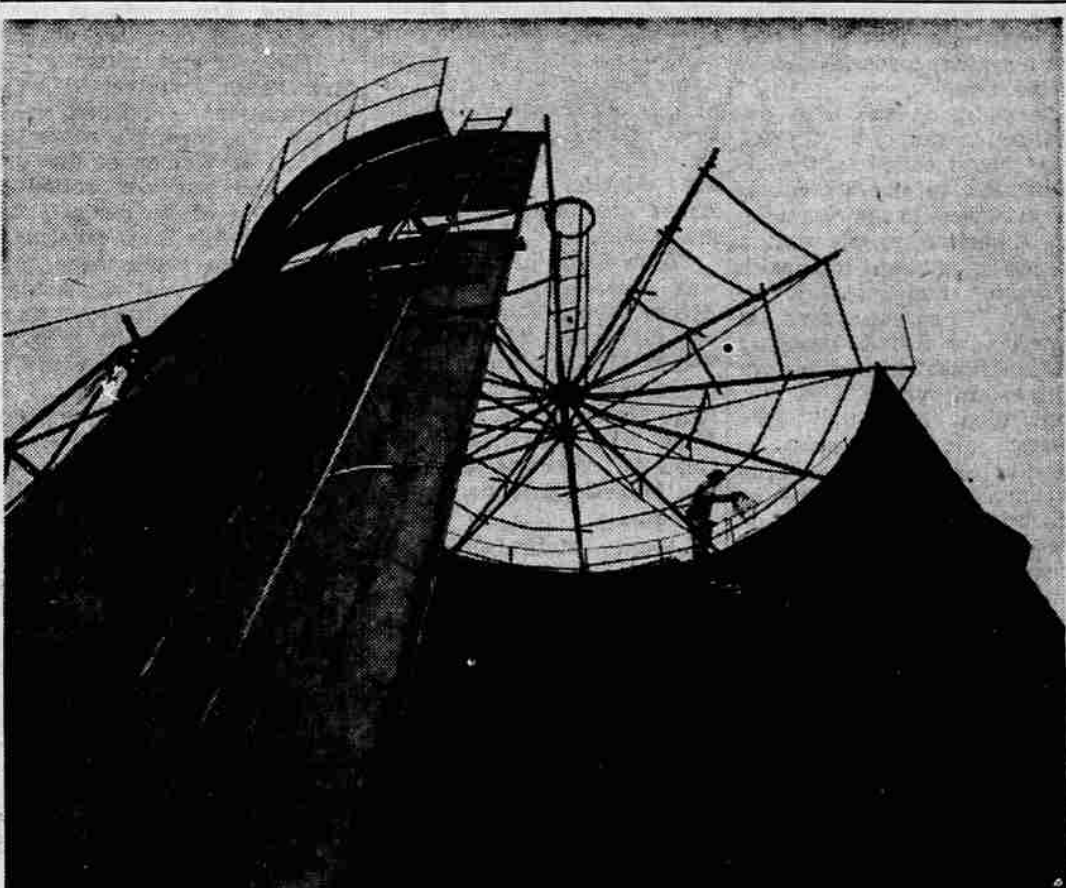
Russia Seen Ready To Guarantee Rights

Geneva—A high western delegation source said today the West is prepared to reduce its military garrisons in West Berlin by as much as one-third if the Russians guarantee freedom of military and civilian access to the city.

This disclosure came shortly after another high western official had said Russia has shown signs it may be willing to give the western powers a firm guarantee of their continued rights in West Berlin.

The source who made the disclosure about possible western troop reductions made it clear that any such proposal is conditioned on just such a reciprocal Soviet move.

This source said any cuts in the 11,800-man U.S., British and French garrisons in West Berlin would depend on an unequivocal guarantee from the Soviets. This guarantee would include non-interference with western rights in the city and assurance of free entry and exit for both military and civilian traffic.



COMING DOWN - The structural framework of a big lumber refuse burner being torn down at Kogap Lumber company this week, resembled a giant spider web as a workman with a cutting torch stands on a catwalk nearly 100 feet from the ground. Use of the burner was discontinued in the spring of 1958, after the company installed a chipping machine that utilized waste lumber products that would otherwise have had to be burned. The burner has been purchased by a California lumber firm, according to S. V. McQueen, vice president of Kogap. Medford Blow Pipe company is disassembling the unit.

Strother Named Jackson County Parks Chairman

Ed Strother, Shady Cove, was unanimously elected chairman of the newly formed Jackson county parks and recreation commission yesterday afternoon.

Robert J. Keeney, Phoenix, was named vice chairman, and Mrs. Ben Day, Sams Valley, was unanimously named secretary. Each will serve one year.

It was decided to hold regular meetings at 1 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month in the county courthouse. Special meetings will be held to examine proposed recreation areas, it was decided. The first special meeting will be held at 9 a.m. Wednesday when commission members will meet at the Jacksonville museum to tour at least two proposed recreation areas, the Peter Britt house and grounds near Jacksonville and 40 acres above McKee bridge on the Applegate.

Much of the pioneer photographer's home, including the photography studio, has been burned. It has been suggested the grounds could be converted into a historic park.

The 40 acres on the Applegate have a listed price of \$3,500, it was reported. This area could be used for swimming, picnics and other outdoor recreation.

BASEBALL

St. Louis 3 13 1
Pittsburgh 9 12 1
Broglie, Brosnan (3), Cheney (6), Grissom (8) and H. Smith; Kline and Burgess.

Public Hearings On City's Agenda

Public hearings on a proposed Medford subdivision ordinance and two zone change requests head the city council agenda for tonight's meeting at 7:30 o'clock at city hall.

Other items on the agenda include awarding a contract for the eighth st. bridge across Bear creek and adopting preliminary plans for extending Willamette ave. south to Barnett rd. are also slated.

With respect to the proposed West Jackson st. swimming pool, adoption of preliminary plans and establishment of a sinking fund to accommodate the grant from the Jackson County Housing authority are to be considered.

The two zone change requests include one by the Knights of Columbus for rezoning property on Black Oak dr. south of Barnett rd. to limited commercial to allow a lodge hall, and another for a change to multiple family zoning for property at Highland dr. and Crestbrook rd. to allow a Scottish Rite consistory.

Glendale, Calif.—UPI—James W. "Jimmy" Grier, composer and orchestra leader who wrote "The Object of My Affections" died here today. He was 57.

Nicaraguan President Orders Attack on Ships

Managua, Nicaragua—UPI—President Luis Somoza Debayle, fearing the arrival of invader-laden schooners from Cuba, has ordered the air force to attack any unidentified ship approaching the coast.

There was no fresh word of the three schooners said to be heading here from Batabano, Cuba, carrying men and arms to reinforce the invaders who flew in from Costa Rica during the week end.

Patrols Maintained

But warplanes were maintaining dusk-to-dawn patrols along both of Nicaragua's coasts. By night, the air force flies protective cover over the nation's principal cities.

No new fighting has been reported from the central Nicaraguan invasion zone. The government said 70-odd rebels were fleeing through snake-infested jungles, pursued by loyal troops.

An official spokesman, making the government's first mention of casualties, said 12 invaders and three loyal soldiers were killed Monday noon after an invasion landed on the plains of Olama.

DATES FOR BLOOD LAG

Only six appointments have been made thus far for the visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile at the Jackson county chapter house, 60 Hawthorne ave., Medford, Wednesday, June 10.

Distance Flier Heads for L. A.; Has No Trouble

Max Conrad Left Africa on Tuesday

Los Angeles —UPI—Max Conrad, 56, landed at International airport here today at 2:47 p.m. (PDT) completing a record non-stop single-engine flight from Casablanca, Morocco.

Tucson, Ariz.—UPI—Pilot Max Conrad, who broke the non-stop distance record when he passed over El Paso, Tex., en route from Casablanca, Morocco, passed over here today at 10:33 a.m. (pst).

The professional ferry pilot talked briefly over his weakening radio as he passed over Huginn Airport and said he was "not sleepy."

Heads for Los Angeles

Conrad said he would head for Los Angeles. When he broke the old record by passing over El Paso he said he would fly to San Diego, but later believed he could reach Los Angeles International Airport.

"I'm going to make it with no trouble but I'd trade a gallon of my gasoline for a drink of water," Conrad said over Tucson.

Conrad, 56, left Africa Tuesday in a Piper Comanche 250 and has been going ever since.

Conrad, known as the "flying grandfather," dipped to within 100 feet of the ground as he passed over the El Paso airport. He was escorted by a squadron of El Paso planes.

Conrad told the control tower at El Paso that where he stops depends on how his gasoline supply looks. He reported over Van Horn, Tex., 80 miles out of El Paso, that he had 70 gallons left.

It is 6,958 miles from Casablanca to El Paso.

The old record was set by M. L. Boling on a flight from Manila to Pendleton, Ore., last year. Boling flew 6,856 miles.

Commencement In Schools Today

Commencement exercises for graduating seniors of Medford, Ashland and Crater high schools will be held tonight.

A total of 339 Medford high seniors will be addressed by Dr. Elmo Stevenson, president of Southern Oregon college, at the graduation program in Hedrick Junior High school at 8 o'clock.

Exercises for Ashland seniors are slated for 8 o'clock in the school gymnasium with Dr. Howard Runkel of Willamette university's department of speech and dramatics as speaker.

Three seniors at Crater High school will deliver commencement addresses there. Speaking will be Miss Arvela From, Miss Margaret Taylor and Richard Hammsley.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Cloudy with a few scattered showers tonight. Clearing and cooler Friday with scattered rain showers over mountains. Low tonight 50. High Tuesday 72.

	Temp.
Highest Yesterday	53
Lowest this Morning	52

Our Skies Tonight

	Time
Sunset today	7:43 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow	4:36 a.m.
Moonrise tomorrow	4:24 a.m.
New Moon	June 6
PROMINENT STARS	
Arcturus, high in south	9:30 p.m.
Venus, sets	10:30 p.m.
Mars, sets	10:32 p.m.
Saturn, low in south	10:28 p.m.
Jupiter, low in south	1:53 a.m.

'Winnemucca-To-The-Sea' Highway Route Said Combination of Both Dream and Solid Reality

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What is "Winnemucca-To-The-Sea"? Is it only a dream of ambitious road-builders? Or is it a solid project on its way to completion?

A realistic appraisal would indicate it is a bit of each.

Two days spent with the highway commission and highway department staff members inspecting a considerable portion of the proposed east-west route has convinced me that the project eventually will be completed—but not for some years, and not without a considerable amount of politicking, some recriminations, and the expenditure of a large amount of public money.

Via Lake of Woods

Most important segment of the route, from the standpoint of Jackson county, is a new road connecting Jackson and Klamath counties, via Lake of the Woods.

This is solid. W. C. (Dutch) Williams, state highway engineer, reports that a total of \$600,000 in construction funds has been allocated for use this year. A go-ahead has been given on acquisition of needed rights-of-way. And the first road-building contracts are expected to be let by the commission in August or September, with initial construction to follow immediately.

Forthcoming in Future

There also appears little doubt that later allocations of funds by the three agencies involved—the state, the bureau of public roads, and the forest service—will be forthcoming in future years, to keep the project on schedule.

When completed it will replace Highway 66 (Green Springs) as the principal thoroughfare across the mountains in southern Oregon. Highway 66 has long been noted for its steep grades and winding curves, which visibly impressed members of the highway commission as their bus traversed them Monday afternoon.

The new route will go from Medford along the Crater

Lake highway (No. 62) to Eagle Point, then up the present state road through Brownsboro and Lake creek, where it now ends about seven miles into the hills. It will then follow generally the route of an existing forest-type road past Fish Lake to Lake of the Woods, where it will join the paved highway leading into Klamath Falls along the west shore of Klamath Lake.

High-Standard Road

It will cost some \$2½ million to complete, but will provide a high-standard paved road, with no grade steeper than about 6 or 7 per cent and no curve greater than 10 degrees. It will be an all-weather route, and in addition will open up great expanses of commercial forest lands.

The trip to Klamath Falls from here will be decreased, both in time and in wear-and-tear, permitting faster and easier transportation between the two major southern Oregon cities.

East from Klamath Falls, the Winnemucca-To-The-Sea route follows Highway 66 to Lakeview. From there, a short distance up Highway 385, the route goes east on a paved state highway as far as Adel, in the Warner valley, just south of Hart mountain.

The big "gap" in the route exists east of this point, on the 37 miles to the Nevada border. And it is this gap which Lake county is determined to plug, at no matter what cost in money and determination.

Work Actually Started

The Lake county court, in fact, has actually started work with what some officials believe is a mixture of courage, brassiness and foolhardiness.

It has poured several hundred thousand dollars of its own road money, and more borrowed from Klamath county, into the project.

The result, up to this point, is a fantastic roadway stretching across the nothingness of

the High Desert, beginning at one arbitrary point which can be reached only by a long, dusty, bumpy detour into northern Nevada, and ending at the shabby barbed-wire fence at the Oregon-Nevada line, just east of the Lake-Harney county line.

Much of this roadway is complete except for final top finishing and paving. But more of it is unusable, or still under construction, or nothing but a survey line across the sage and rimmocks. It is a road across the top of the world, from nowhere to nowhere. At its highest point, it runs at an elevation of more than 6,000 feet.

Project Complicated

Human and political considerations complicate the project.

For instance, Washoe county, the westernmost in Nevada, would have nothing to do with it, because that county court wanted all traffic to flow through its own county

seat, Reno, and strongly objects to an east-west route which would bypass it. As a result the route runs for some 30 miles over rugged and desolate high desert, when a shorter, more convenient, more easily-engineered and already-laid-out road into Nevada already exists. (But don't drive it unless you are prepared for mile after mile of ruts, rocks, grades, curves and high centers.)

Another complication is the courage (or, as some say, foolhardiness) of the Lake county court in putting its entire road fund for this year and several years to come, totaling more than a quarter-million dollars, into this one "Winnemucca cutoff" pot. As a result, other county roads in Lake county (which is nearly three times the size of Jackson county) have suffered. And some citizens are tired of seeing hundreds of thousands going into a road to nowhere in the desert, while they still struggle through hub-deep mud in winter, and deep dust in summer.

Lake county very honestly and very badly wants this cutoff, which residents believe will generate a high traffic flow of tourists and commercial vehicles through their isolated area.

But it also very honestly and very badly wants help in doing it. It was evident throughout the highway commission's visit in Lake county that the county court would be vastly relieved if the state would simply take over and let the county off the hook.

The commission, while remaining non-committal, evidently isn't going to buy this \$2 million-plus package—not now, anyhow. It is faced with mounting demands for highway work in every corner of the state; demands which in total come to perhaps 10 times the amounts of money available. And the pressures from each road-wanting area are tremendous and promise to get greater.

One commissioner remarked, wryly and off-the-record, "Another \$30 million a year for three years would solve our problem for three years."

So what is "Winnemucca-To-The-Sea"?

It is, first of all, just a slogan, which is losing out even in Lake county for the more realistic "Winnemucca-Lakeview Cutoff." While the route is clear and direct as far as Medford and Grants Pass, there the motorist has his choice of several routes to the sea, none of them, as yet, very direct.

Secondly, I am convinced that the route will be completed, some day—but not this year, nor next, nor probably for several more to come.

Avoiding Washoe County

Who will do it cannot yet be predicted. Nevada is working on its end, building a good road northward toward the border (though very carefully avoiding a bad route to Washoe county). This, too, is a "road to nowhere," and much more

work is needed to connect it with paved highway south of Denio on the way to Winnemucca.

Lake county still, despite inner disputes, seems determined to go ahead on the project, although where the money is coming from remains to be seen.

The state highway commission is interested, but shows no evidence of planning to do anything until other, more urgent and far more heavily traveled roads are taken care of.

Jackrabbits Watch

So, for the time being, the Winnemucca-Lakeview cutoff remains both a dream, and an astounding construction project, perhaps far-sighted and perhaps foolish, stretching from nowhere to nowhere across the High Desert.

Only the antelope, the jackrabbits, an occasional bobcat, the rattlesnakes, and a few white-faced cattle disinterestedly watch as the tractors and earth-movers dig into the rocks and dust and sagebrush.