

**Three Scientists Earn Doctorates**

Three forest research scientists at the Pacific Northwest Forest and Range Experiment Station, Portland, have completed their work for doctorate degrees this spring. William I. Stein, Carroll B. Williams Jr., and Kenneth W. Krueger are all in the station's division of Forest Management research.

**Valley Air Travel Reviewed By Head of Chamber Group**

The chairman of the Medford Chamber of Commerce Aviation committee and the district sales manager of West Coast Airlines discussed various aspects of the current air travel situation at the Monday noon luncheon meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Roundtable.

Myers D. Jones reviewed the results of a survey which his committee had conducted some time ago to determine why air travel was "falling off" locally. Jones said that a questionnaire was compiled and mailed to about 500 businessmen in the valley who might have occasion to travel by air during the year. Some 228 replies were received. The results showed that the

average firm used a commercial airline 8.24 times a year. Portland was listed as the most frequent destination to the north, and San Francisco drew most of the travelers to the south. Most respondents expressed a desire for scheduling of early morning flights—both incoming and outgoing—to the north and south.

He noted in particular that the United States airlines have the lowest rates in any country in the world. He pointed out, too, that the ten per cent federal transportation tax, instituted during World War II to discourage civilian air travel, was reduced to five per cent in 1962.

Rostad said that the 13 local service airlines in the country made a profit last year, proving the point that "local air service is needed." The federal subsidy on local carriers has been reduced from one-half ten years ago to one-third today.

Rostad said that surveys have revealed that 65 per cent of the American people don't fly. Current thinking is that if more economical rates were introduced, additional people might be induced to travel by air, he said. He pointed out that West Coast has reduced its fare to San Francisco by \$12 and has cut the fare to Portland from \$38 to \$29.

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**Deceased G.I.'s Dependents to Get Payment Increase**

About 450 children and 300 dependent parents of deceased Oregon veterans will receive an increase of approximately 10 per cent in monthly dependency and indemnity compensation payments as the result of a recently enacted federal law. R. J. Novotny, manager of the Portland Veterans administration regional office, has announced.

The law applies only to payments based on service connected death. The increases will be automatic and will be included in the July checks mailed to reach beneficiaries about Aug. 1, Novotny explained. There is no need to write the VA.

A child now receiving \$70 per month will receive \$77 per month under the new law. Two children, currently receiving dependency and indemnity compensation checks amounting to \$100 per month, will receive \$110 equally divided between them under the new law.

Three children, receiving \$130 per month, will receive \$143 per month equally divided between them.

If there are more than three children, each additional child, now receiving \$25 a month, will receive \$28 a month under the new law.

In the case of dependent parents living together, with an annual income of less than \$1,000, their present payment of \$50 each will be increased to \$55 each.

**Lily Glen Ranch to Open at Lake June 15**  
The Lily Glen ranch, located on the upper end of Howard Prairie lake, will open Saturday, June 15, according to Clyde Wilhelm, owner. An open house will be held Friday, June 14, from 1 to 5 p.m. with refreshments served. Horses will be available for those who wish to check the trail, Wilhelm said.

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**Frequency Noted**

Seventy-three businessmen indicated they were using commercial air travel more than they did two years ago, but 101 said they were not flying any more often. Thirty-four said they were flying less now than they did two years ago, while 63 indicated they were not flying less frequently.

In the space provided on the questionnaires for comments, Jones reported, there was "some feeling expressed of being provided with second class service while being charged a first class price."

Subsequently, the committee held meetings with representatives of the three commercial airlines serving Medford, Jones said, and the results of the survey were discussed.

The committee chairman said on the basis of the talks, West Coast, United and Pacific airlines have "improved their schedules," agreed to

give the committee notice prior to any future schedule adjustments and have instituted family plan fares seven days a week.

Jones said his committee "feels it has a lot still to do." He said the group wants to take steps to "dress up" the airport, to improve the tie-down facilities, and to put up signs welcoming in-coming travelers. Further, he said, the committee intends to investigate city-tenant relations at the airport, fire protection facilities and future needs for runway length and clear area.

District Sales Manager L. W. Rostad noted that this is the fifth year that turbo-jets have operated in the United States and that the craft now carry three-fourths of the entire movement of air travelers. He recalled that West Coast had brought the first jet to Medford in September, 1958.

Rostad said that 1962 was the third lowest year in history in terms of fatality rates in air travel, with only one death for every 100 million air miles flown.

Air travel fares, Rostad said, are the consumer's "best buy." "As other prices rise," he said, "air travel fares go down."

**Economical Rates**

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He said his firm is now "sales minded," and will operate on the premise that volume sales will offset income lost through the reduced

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