UF Chief Due Honor At Meeting

Henry Kerr, general chairman of the 1965 Klamath County United Fund Drive, will be cited for his campaign work Wednesday at the 22nd annual meeting of the Oregon United Appeal in Portland.

Kerr and other general chairmen from throughout the state will be presented with awards by Carol Pederson, 1965 Miss Oregon.

Gov. Mark O. Hatfield will be the principal speaker for the meeting.

United Appeal officers will report on campaign efforts and election of new officers and members of the board of governors will be featured.

Local men now serving on the state board of governors are Jack Douglass, Joe Hicks and Ron Phair.

Trunk Looted

Thieves entered the trunk of a car parked near the residence of the owner, Robert Weaver, Rte. 1, Box 662, sometime this past week and stole three two-barrel carburetors, Oregon State Police reported Friday. Weaver did not cite a value on his stolen property. Officers are continuing to investigate the case.

FLOOD DAMAGED DIKE UNDER REPAIR— The Klamath Irrigation District Canal, weakened and damaged as the result of the rampaging floods that caused untold millions of dollars in property damage during the Christmas holidays, was being restored this week at an estimated cost of $15,000. In the photo, employes of the George Stacy Company resume their efforts in repairing a breach in the dike at Hope Street and Homedale Road. Other critical damage occurred to the levee north of South Sixth Street along the freeway. Surging floodwaters overflowed the dikes at various points or saturated the banks until they became weakened and were washed away, according to Ray Roberts, manager of KID. The restoration work began Feb. 8 and is expected to continue for an indefinite period.

Highway Office Plans Road Repair

SALEM — Bids will be received by the Oregon State Highway Commission on March 3 in Salem for a major flood-damage repair project on the Wilamette Highway in Lane and Klamath counties. This project is estimated to cost between $1.5 and $2 million.

The project involves 17.89 miles of grading and asphaltic concrete surfacing on the Oakridge - Salt Creek Section of the Willamette Highway (ORE 58).

Plans call for grading work where the highway was damaged by high water and the placing of riprap for protection of embankments. These damaged areas will also be paved. The grading portion of this project will be done on an equipment rental basis. Completion date is set for Sept. 30, 1965.

FIFTH BIRTHDAY

LONDON (UPI) — Prince Andrew, third-born son of Queen Elizabeth, celebrated his fifth birthday Friday at Buckingham Palace.

Federal Aviation Agency Collects Air Safety Suggestions

WASHINGTON (UPI) — On the seventh floor of the big Federal Aviation Agency (FAA) building here are about 20 folders bulging with letters.

Each folder carried the label "Ideas on air safety from the public." They include correspondence from learned aeronautical engineers, complete with blueprints. There also are laboriously-scrawled, crude drawings from kids.

There is one letter several pages long from an inventor outlining his ideas on a new type of airliner seat. There is another one paragraph note from an 11-year-old boy, originally addressed to the late President John F. Kennedy, which starts out:

"I'm sorry to bother you if you are busy, but I have an idea on how to make airplanes safer."

Huge Parachute

This was accompanied by a pencil drawing of a crippled airliner, with a huge parachute attacked to the fuselage.

The lad's idea is the most frequent proposal made to FAA. The agency answers each one with this patient explanation:

Even if it were possible to design a parachute capable of supporting the weight of a 120-ton jet, such a chute would be so heavy by itself that passenger and baggage capacity would have to be limited.

The FAA answers every letter — no matter how far-fetched the idea. In some cases, it merely acknowledges the correspondence with a polite thanks for the writer's interest in air safety. Suggestions which may have some merit are turned over to FAA's engineering and safety division.

Seek Financial Aid

The majority of letters seek financial help for further experimentation. A great proportion suggest ideas which already are the subject of official testing or which have been discarded on the basis of previous experiments. Quite a few bring wry smiles to FAA's engineers, like the one which began:

"I think this idea is good. It's better than the one you have which is nothing."

Or the writer who simply announced:

"I have a device which will prevent all crashes. Please reply soon."

Many air safety proposals are ingenious, if impractical. Samples: — build a conveyor belt which moves at the speed of a landing aircraft so a plane making a wheels - up landing would merely have to set down on the belt. (Wheels-up landings are not a serious problem, seldom result in anything but minor damage, and the belt idea would be too expensive).

—Put a big cradle on a flat car which would move down a runway and catch a crippled plane as it settled down (Same objections).

—Equip each airliner with a telescopic tube, through which passengers could be transferred from a crippled plane to another aircraft while still in flight. (Such a tube would have to be at least 75 feet long to keep the planes safely separated and strong enough to allow the passage of persons at 150 miles an hour — all of which adds up to a device so heavy that no airliner could carry one).

NAME GAME

DENVER (UPI) — Edward Jay Leven was fined $250 last September for using the name of William Murphy Horton to obtain a drivers license.

Leven's name was back on the court records again this week. He asked to have his name legally changed to William Murphy Horton.

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