

Memorial Services Held For E. Markham Baker

Memorial services were held for E. Markham Baker, 65, at the Ione United Church of Christ on Friday, November 22, at 1:30 p.m., with the Rev. F. W. Luedde officiating. Graveside services and interment followed at 4:00 p.m. at the Hermon cemetery.

Mr. Baker died unexpectedly on Monday evening, November 18, after suffering a heart attack while he and his wife were attending a square dance at their winter resort home in Mesa, Ariz. They had arrived there only a few days earlier to start their ninth season of winter residence at Holiday Village mobile court in Mesa.

Born September 5, 1903, at Dayton, Wash., he was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jehu Baker. He was graduated from Washington State University in 1928 with a degree in engineering. On September 3, 1932, he was married to Marjorie Henderson at Pullman, Wash.

They made their home on a farm at Kahlotus, Wash., prior to moving to Ione in 1937, where they have been active in the community, and owned a productive wheat and cattle operation. He was a member of the Ione United Church of Christ, of the Oregon Wheat League and a past master of Willows Grange. He was a member and past master of Ione Masonic Lodge No. 120, AF&M, a member of the Pendleton Commandery of Masons, a past patron of

Locust Chapter No. 119, OES, and member of Royal Arch Masons. He was also a member of the McNary Yacht Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Baker were among those from Morrow county who enjoyed the People-to-People tour to several European countries in September.

Contributions are being accepted in his memory to the memorial fund at the Ione United Church of Christ, in lieu of flowers or other remembrances.

Survivors include his widow, Marjorie; two sons, Ronald Baker, Hermon, and Duane Baker, Sunnyvale, Calif.; one daughter, Mrs. Don (Mardine) Larson of Wenatchee, Wash., and seven granddaughters. He is also survived by two brothers, Kedrick Baker, Deer Park, Wash., and Everett Baker, Seattle; and three sisters, Gertrude Jacklin, Aberdeen, Wn.; Juanita Jensen, Vancouver, Wn.; and Aileen Van Buren, Walla Walla, Wn.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Slater of Portland have recently purchased the former home of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Brown. Slater is a retired construction worker. The couple, who have visited in Eastern Oregon many times over the past years, find the climate and the community to their liking and have decided to make their home in Heppner. The couple is Johnnie Hill's uncle and aunt.

Officers Tell Need for Range

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more than 1000 maintenance personnel at Whidbey.

Also a South China Sea veteran, he declared, "The Boardman bombing complex is absolutely vital."

In training pilots, conditions in Vietnam are simulated as they make practice runs to Boardman. On a typical flight, they may go down the coast and veer out to sea at high altitude—just as Lt. Pate did at Vietnam. Then they cut back inland on a devious route, changing course frequently. They avoid overflying major cities and typically fly 1000 to 1500 feet above the terrain.

Come in Low, Fast
Final run-in on the bombing range target is at about 500 feet, coming in very fast. After making the run with the practice bombs, which contain only a small explosive cartridge to eject smoke for the purpose of spotting strikes, the pilot executes a steep angle bank, climbs to altitude and proceeds back to Whidbey.

Commander Warwick pointed out that it is only 190 nautical miles to Boardman but 340 to Wagontire. Thus, a round trip to the Morrow county range is 380 miles as compared to 680 for the Wagontire trip. The difference is a considerable factor not only because of the added expense for gasoline but also because the A6A is capable of only about 2½ hours flying time per mission, and other complications.

If Wagontire were used, it would require double the num-

ber of sorties in training, Commander Warwick said. At least five more A6A intruders would be needed at \$3 million each to provide the same training, five more flight instructors would be required, 110 more maintenance men would be needed. All things considered, the change would require approximately an additional \$32 million in first year cost from the taxpayers, he declared.

The commander said that Sea Lion rock, five miles off the Washington coast and 85 miles from Whidbey is also used for practice runs, but it has many disadvantages. It does not simulate conditions in Vietnam. Small fishing boats are sometimes observed near the island on the runs, making it necessary to abort the mission in consideration of the safety of the fishermen. There also is no way of providing for spotting strikes because towers cannot be installed.

As soon as pilots have completed training at Whidbey, using the Boardman range, they are sent to duty in Vietnam. Thus, this training is vital for them, it was pointed out.

Commander Patterson, who, like the others, used a project or to illustrate his points, showed how many different routes are used in approaching Boardman, all but one on visual conditions.

He told how stress is laid to maximum avoidance of populated areas and to minimum annoyance to the civilian population.

In a question period, Admiral Trum pointed out that the Boardman facility now has one officer and 35 men stationed there with a payroll of about \$190,000 per year.

Orville Cutsforth, recognizing the possible conflict of interests on use of the land for the facility as against the possibility of converting it to agriculture, asked if there would be a possibility that range lands now leased for grazing might be converted for crop production on a rental basis if no permanent improvements were installed.

Admiral Trum said that this possibility had never been considered but that it could be investigated.

Commander Patterson, asked if the Hanford area did not present an alternative possibility for a bombing range, pointed out that this is an ideal site and closer to Whidbey but cannot be used because of the requirements of the Atomic Energy Commission. Principal objection is that of the planes flying over the commission's atomic installations.

County Judge Paul Jones expressed appreciation to the navy officers for coming and clearing up misunderstandings that may have existed, and it seemed to be the consensus that members had a better appreciation for the necessity of the range after hearing the presentation.

President West Sherman said that the Chamber could consider the matter at a later meeting in the hope of more clearly defining the organization's position on the range. The Chamber has been misquoted as favoring the range be moved, but it has taken no such stand. Arrangements for the program were made through Hermon Winter who introduced Admiral Trum at the meeting.

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