

Mercy Flier Keeps Hermit In Needed Winter Supplies

Missoula, Mont. (U.P.)—Life in the remote regions of the northern Rockies revolves to a great extent around the work of two men who hunt big game, per flier, the other a lonely hermit by choice.

Jack Hughes, a former Army Air Force instructor who operates out of Missoula for the Johnson flying service, derives his title from his job—that of parachuting doctors, food and medical supplies to those in distress throughout the primitive area.

People who live in the northern Rocky mountains, sportsmen who hunt big game, persons who must travel the wild area in all seasons, all have good reason to be thankful for Hughes' mercy flights. For it makes a little safer their ventures into that primitive region.

Before airborne aid was inaugurated, it took days for lost and injured people to find their way to civilization and they often died of exposure.

Sole Link for Hermit
In addition to his mercy flights, Hughes has the job of keeping the "Hermit of Dead Wood Reservoir" supplied with food, mail and other supplies during the seven months of the year that Hermit Overlie is snowbound.

Sixty-two-year-old Overlie, who has spent the past 11 years in virtual seclusion, is the sole keeper of Dead Wood Reservoir, which is the only source of water for the farms in Emmett Valley more than 5,000 feet below him.

When Hughes flies in the supplies, he is required to land his plane on a small air strip on the edge of the Bureau of Reclamation's man-made lake, or, with skis on the lake itself when it is frozen over.

Temperature 45 Below
Landing on the lake is particularly dangerous when slush and water cover the ice. At times in the past, storms have made it impossible to set the plane down and on these occasions it has been the practice to drop the supplies by parachute.

The plane generally lands at the far end of the reservoir, making it necessary for Overlie to pack his supplies about two and one-half miles to his cabin with the temperature often reading 45 degrees below zero.

Among his many services, it is Overlie's winter job to keep the 165-foot-high concrete dam from freezing and in the summer to regulate and flow of water from the reservoir to meet downstream irrigation needs.

It is through his work that the people of Emmett Valley are able to produce their crops. But they know that he could not live there and keep their indispensable irrigation project going if it were not for Hughes, a daring flier who makes hazardous flights bucking storms of high winds, sleet and ice to bring Overlie his supplies.

Corn Prices Will Determine Cut In Prices For Hogs

Lincoln, Neb. (U.P.)—Corn prices will determine finally the effect of the \$1 per 100 pounds reduction in hog prices, slated to become effective Oct. 1, 1946, according to W. J. Loeffel, professor of animal husbandry at the University of Nebraska.

If the price of corn drops proportionately, the hog population might not be seriously threatened, he conceded. The professor predicted high production would drop sharply, however, if corn prices remained at approximately present levels.

Feed costs now account for 75 to 80 per cent of production expenses, Loeffel said, leaving hog feeding "not particularly profitable."

LUMBER HIJACKED
Inglewood, Cal., Dec. 18—(U.P.) Police were searching today for the lumber hijacker who hauled away a stack of rough stock valued at \$175 in a truck stolen from the same lumber yard and crashed down the yard gate with the truck to make his exit.

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Ready for Civilian Role



Marine Lt. Tyrone Power, former motion picture star (left), receives Maj. Gen. Julian C. Smith, commanding General of Department of USMC Marine headquarters, San Francisco, Calif. Power, who enlisted as private in 1942, served as pilot in a transport squadron and has flown ammunition equipment to all Pacific fronts, tallying 1100 flying hours.

Prospect

Prospect, Dec. 18 — Prospect Home Extension Unit will meet earlier Friday, Dec. 21, at 10 a. m. The meeting will be over in time to give the ladies a chance to attend the grade school program and Christmas tree in the school gym. The unit meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Ruth Ward at Copeo, and Mrs. Marion Felle will be present to give the lesson making the kitchen more livable. Members are to bring fable service and a shadow pal exchange gift and a gift for the Christmas grab bag. Small children will be cared for at the home of Mrs. Archie Gibson and mothers are to bring the children's lunches.

Mrs. Paul Dalton was hostess for the 20-30 club Dec. 13. Refreshments were served to Mrs. R. Ceford Garoutte, and children, Glenda and Duane, Mrs. Charles B. Broomfield, Mrs. Ben Haynes and daughter, Joyce, Mrs. Archie McKillop and daughters, Sue and Sally Jo, Mrs. Wallace Neece, Mrs. Everett Shafer and daughter, Roma, and the hostess, Mrs. Dalton and sons, Henry and Earl.

Prospect Bridge club's Christmas party was given by Mrs. Elmer Clemens, at her home, Dec. 13. The candle-lighted luncheon table was decorated with a centerpiece of Christmas greenery, and covers were placed for Mrs. Elmo Parks, of Riverside, Calif., Mrs. James H. Grieve, Mrs. Mary E. Grieve, Mrs. Wallace W. Dinkens, Mrs. Floyd Kelley, Mrs. Marion Carter, Mrs. Earl Ulrich, Mrs. Tracy Boothby and Mrs. Clemens. Christmas gifts were exchanged by the members. High score prize for bridge was won by Mrs. Carter.

Mrs. Elmo Parks, who has been the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Clemens for the past 16 days, left Dec. 14 for Sutherlin, where she will visit relatives for a few days before returning to her home at River-

side, Calif. Ensign Robert Dickey visited friends here for three days over the week-end. Ensign Dickey is stationed at the naval hospital at Corvallis.

Frank Frame, who has been ill, spent three days of last week at Grants Pass receiving medical attention.

Lewis Jantzer has purchased a small tract of land from his father at the west end of Ross-DeArmond Lbr. Co. camp, and is planning on building four cottages for his employees. One cottage is nearly completed, and will be occupied by J. M. McWhorter, recently from California, who has been hired as "cat" driver for the Lewis L. Jantzer Logging Co.

Prospect School Superintendent and Mrs. Kenneth Toner were hosts at a Christmas party at their home with the faculty of both schools and their families as guests. Games were played, and at the close of the evening, a late supper was served. Place cards were in the form of a Christmas gift for each guest.

Otto Pitchford, employee of the Lewis L. Jantzer Logging Co., is seriously ill at his home with pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Lewis returned to their home at Turlock, Calif., after spending a couple of weeks visiting Mrs. Lewis's brother and sister-in-law, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Broomfield.

Robert Starke, who has been stationed in the Philippines for the past 16 months, is enjoying a 33-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry T. Starke.

Bud Fraedrick arrived here from Eugene, Dec. 12, and is staying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Dinkens, and visiting friends here. Bud enlisted in the marine corps during his senior year in Prospect high school, late in 1943, and was sent overseas the following summer, returning to the states last October. Fraedrick plans on enrolling in college next fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Shafer and children, Ray and Roma Jean, and Mrs. Charles B. Broomfield and son, Robert, were guests at a dinner at Eagle Point, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Thurston, Dec. 14. The dinner was given in honor of Mrs. Shafer and Mrs. Broomfield's cousin, Sidney Thurston, yeoman first class, who is home on leave from Washington, D. C.

Eugene Dolenshek, who is home on leave from the navy, and visiting his parents at McLeod, was a visitor at Prospect high school last week. Eugene was a member of the local high school's 1244 graduating class.

Harry Hart is having a large building erected on his Cascade Gorge resort property, that will be used as a store room and wood shed. Also an addition has been added to the Cascade Gorge Garage.

Bill Sisk has received his honorable discharge from the Seabees, and is at his home here. Sisk spent 18 months at Ft. Barrow, Alaska.

Among the recent wells drilled in this locality are the 80-foot well on the William Gaines place, that brings in 500 gallons of water per hour; a 78-foot well on the Frisbee place that they recently bought from L. L. Glines, which brings in 430 gallons per hour. Eldon and Bob fore they got water of any volume the ygot water of any volume.

Guest of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross at their home, "Rogue

Vista," is the former's mother from West Point, N. Y.

Miss Alice Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith, left last week for Bakersfield, Calif., where she will stay with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Bruton, and attend high school.

Eddie Pease, 8-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Pease, played accordion solos over KMED Saturday.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Jantzer Dec. 14, were Harry Hiederich, recently given his honorable discharge from the army, after spending two years in the Hawaiian Islands. Accompanying the former T. sergeant were Miss June, and Mr. and Mrs. George L. Jantzer of Medford.

A capacity crowd attended the third annual Prospect high school night club last Friday night. Patrons enjoyed an excellent floor show, and dancing orchestra. Refreshments were served by a group of freshmen students throughout the evening.

Miss Dorothy Fairchild took her nephew, John Ray Kelly, to his home at Grass Valley, Oregon, last week. Miss Fairchild was accompanied home by her grandmother, Mrs. Myrtle Fairchild of Portland, who will make an extended visit at the Fairchild home.

Closing time for Classified Ads 8:30 a.m.—Too Late to Classify 12:15 p.m.

Czechs Get First Pinch of Salt In Past Six Months

Prague (U.P.)—The proverbial pinch of salt for six months, almost totally lacking in Czech kitchens, is returning to Prague recipes as the first trainload of supplies from ceded Carpatho-Ukraine is distributed.

Pre-war Czechoslovakia filled all its domestic salt requirements and even exported to neighboring countries from the extensive salt deposits in the tiny, mountainous eastern tip of the country known then as Subcarpathian Russia. But when the province, under its new name of Carpatho-Ukraine, was ceded to the USSR this spring, war-destroyed communications and political difficulties cut off all connections between it and Bohemia, and a serious salt shortage resulted.

An attempt to swap Austrian salt for Bohemian coal some weeks ago did not come off, and Czech households still struggled to make meager rations palatable without the vital pinch of salt.

The first freight train from Carpatho-Ukraine recently arrived according to the ministry of information, bringing 1,260 tons of salt and various other food and raw materials.

NEW RECLAMATION HEAD

Washington, Dec. 18—(U.P.)—Michael W. Straus took over today as commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation succeeding Harry W. Bashore, who resigned after 39 years of service. Straus, a native of Chicago, resigned as assistant secretary of interior to

accept the new position. He took the oath of office yesterday from Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes.

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