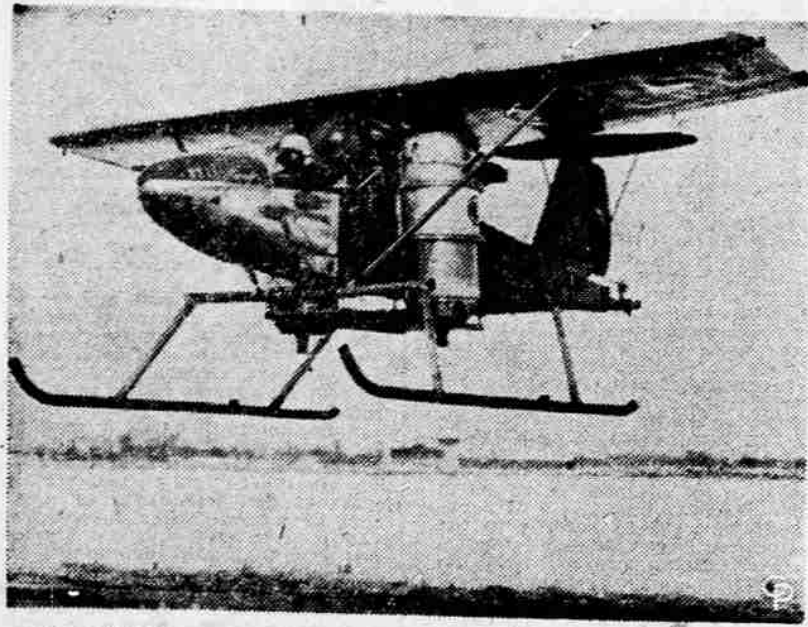




MARKING NEW PHASE of man's conquest of air, this Bell vertical take-off and landing plane is first jet capable of rising straight up. Two engines can be rotated permitting conventional horizontal flight after leaving ground. (International)

Pickin' Pears

News and Notes
From Camp White

By SID HOLLINGSWORTH
Wedding bells were predominant here last week with the marriage of Annabelle Houchin, agent cashier, to Ted Zahnow, driver of the Medford-Camp White bus, whose mother, Minnie Zahnow, is one of the Red Cross Gray ladies.

SUN OF CANADA REDUCES COST OF INSURANCE

\$26 million in dividends to policyholders in 1955

New dividend scales which, for the sixth consecutive year, will considerably reduce the cost of life insurance for the policyholders of the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada, are announced by George W. Bourke, President, in his Annual Review of the Company's business for 1954. Approximately \$26 million will be paid out in dividends in the coming year, an increase of more than \$2 million over 1954. New life insurance sold in 1954 amounted to nearly \$700 million, an increase of \$120 million over the previous year. This new business figure is the largest reported for the year by any Canadian company, much of it having been sold in the United States where Sun Life has 36% of its business in force, and branches in major cities from coast to coast. Included in the new business figure was \$239 million of group insurance, representing an increase of \$68 million over the 1953 figure. Total Sun Life insurance in force now exceeds \$6 billion.

Other important figures of the Report include \$41,365,000 paid to beneficiaries of deceased policyholders and \$92,985,000 paid to living policyholders and annuitants. This \$134 million paid in 1954 brings the total paid by the Company since its organization in 1865 to \$2,866 million.

MORTGAGE LOANS UP
Mr. Bourke declared that the contribution by life insurance to new housing in the United States and Canada looms larger every year. During 1954, Sun Life mortgage loans increased by more than any other type of investment, and by the end of the year the Company had \$323,000,000 invested in mortgages, mostly in individual homes.

The Sun Life of Canada, with 93% of its total business in force in the United States, Canada and Great Britain, holds 46% of its invested assets in the United States.

Mr. Bourke, in his Report, expressed optimism for Canada's continued prosperity. "A year ago I told you that I looked forward to 1954 with every confidence," he declared. "That confidence proved to be justified and is in no way lessened for 1955."

A copy of Sun Life's complete 1954 Annual Report to Policyholders, including the President's review of the year, is being sent to each policyholder, or may be obtained from Charles E. Jones, Box 1123, Medford, Ore. —Adv.

Another wedding, which was a complete surprise, was that of Sgt. Elmer Schermerhorn to Ann Bingham, of Medford, at the Salvation Army church last Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Helen L. Pearson, chief dietitian at the VA hospital at Sioux Falls, S.D., has arrived to take over similar duties at this station. The position was made vacant by the retirement of Mrs. Edna Girard on Christmas day.

The position of assistant engineer held by Joe Smith this past year will be filled Feb. 13 by Jack E. Duane, who is leaving a similar post at the Denver VA hospital.

Camp White was rated second among the VA installations in the western area for its 1954 record in safety and accident prevention. Vancouver VA hospital gained the top honor, it is reported.

Mrs. Myrtle E. Brown, infirmarian nurse, who flew to Hawaii for a month's visit with her son, W. A. Brown, stationed with the Navy at Pearl Harbor, came back by boat and recommends this as the ideal vacation. Wonderful climate the year round and lots of beautiful flowers, were her most vivid recollections.

The domiciliary center is six years old this month. There are few of the first inhabitants remaining as members. The one best known is Capriel A. "Casey" Jones. He was with the vanguard which reached Camp White in January, 1949, and holds registration number eight.

"Casey" has another record of the early bird variety. He is the first man to greet the arrival of The Mail Tribune delivery car every afternoon and Sunday morning. He wants his news first, always.

It so happens now there is an item of news about "Casey" in the fact that he had a visitor the other day. His sister, Mrs. Burton Wortendyke, came here from Portland to see him and to visit with friends nearby.

"Auditions" were held Friday afternoon at the theater for 25 member performers who were rounded up by Jim Rea, the new recreation assistant, in the try-outs for the acts being arranged for the annual Turnabout party to be held Friday evening, Feb. 25. Jerry Girard, producing the show, offered no comment on the results but promised a complete statement after the first rehearsal.

Acting Manager R. H. Denning has announced a total collection of \$573.22 in the March of Dimes campaign. The two largest contributions were made by the members, with \$166.85, and the box lunch social which drew \$114.26. Henry Huls, who handled the member collection, received a "thank you" letter from Denning for the special effort he made in the campaign.

Fiancee Accidentally Kills Man With Gun

Grande Ronde, Ore. — (U.P.) James Donald Wilson, 20, of Richley, Md., was accidentally shot and killed by his fiancée while target shooting near this western Oregon town Tuesday. Deputy Coroner Otto Heiter said Wilson was seated in an outdoor shed when a .22 caliber rifle held by Mrs. Jean Akers, Wilson's 20-year-old fiancée, accidentally discharged.

State Parks Receive Heaviest Use in '54

Salem — The Oregon State Highway commission has announced the heaviest annual usage on record in Oregon's State Parks during the past year.

Over 5,800,000 persons took advantage of new facilities and redeveloped and newly developed state park areas to smash all existing park records for attendance in a single year. Previous record attendance in Oregon's parks was in 1952, when over 5,390,000 persons used the areas for various types of recreation.

\$50 Paid To Marilyn Monroe for Nude Calendar Pose Proves Good Investment

Chicago — (U.P.) — John Baumgarth's best investment was the \$50 he once paid to Marilyn Monroe.

Baumgarth, a calendar manufacturer, owns sole rights to the famous nude photographer of the shapely star.

But he never realized what a gold mine he had until Marilyn was on her way to stardom.

Baumgarth is head of a firm which makes 25,000,000 calendars a year, most of them with pictures of small boys at play, or landscapes.

He ordered the Monroe picture taken after watching Marilyn pose in a bathing suit and sailor cap several years ago. She was a struggling unknown at the time.

"It was on one of my trips to Hollywood," Baumgarth said. "I go out there twice a year."

He asked the photographer, Tom Kelly, if he could pose Miss Monroe in the nude.

Wife Present

"He told me she'd probably refuse," Baumgarth said. "So I suggested that he have his wife present during the shooting."

The calendar manufacturer said he paid Kelly \$500 for taking the picture. Marilyn got only \$50.

Baumgarth got a release granting him full rights to use the model's name and the photograph for any purpose he saw fit.

But he didn't know what a good thing he had until Miss Monroe was starred in the film, "The Asphalt Jungle."

Baumgarth had printed a few of the calendars, but he had even forgotten the model's name when his secretary shoved a calendar in his face and said:

"Know who this is? It's Marilyn Monroe."

"You're crazy," he said. When he came out of shock, he locked the original in a vault and promptly stepped up production.

The picture, perhaps prophetically, was entitled, "Golden Dream." It proved just that for Baumgarth. He has sold about 5,000,000 copies and has realized about \$500,000 on his modest investment.

"Some people think I'm a genius for picking Marilyn Monroe as a model," he said. "Believe me, I'm not. I was just standing on a corner when somebody showered me with money."

He said Miss Monroe never has shared in production of the calendars, and he hasn't met

her since their first casual meeting in Kelly's studio.

Baumgarth now has burlesque queen Evelyn West, whose bust is insured for \$50,000, under contract for a calendar pose.

But it won't be any \$50 bargain. He is paying Evelyn \$12,500 for a single picture.

"This is a strange business," he said.

4-H 'Follies' Slated Here Monday Night

The "4-H Friendship Follies," sponsored by the 4-H clubs of Jackson county, will be presented Monday, Feb. 14, starting at 7:30 p.m., at the Medford Junior High school auditorium, it was announced today.

Some 50 county 4-H club members and leaders will be in the cast. The program will include musical groups, acrobats, skits, vocal numbers, bagpipes, and magic acts. Mildred Gail, junior leader from Gold Hill, will act as master of ceremonies.

Proceeds from the show will be used for the International Farm Youth Exchange program. Tickets will be available at the door.

BOY SCOUTS

Troop 8 held its regular meeting Feb. 8. We discussed the snow trip that will be the 27th. We had patrol corners where a count of how people would be coming was made. All the Scouts that are going must bring a note from their parents. There will be a district court

of honor at the Medford Junior High at 7:20 p.m. Feb. 9 in the girls gym. Next Tuesday night all the fathers are supposed to be at the Troop 8 meeting place. We had about five visitors last night that might join troop 8.

Gene Harvey, Scribe.

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