

Joseph E. Davies' Marriage Breaks Up

Washington — (U.P.) — The breakup of the 20-year marriage of Joseph E. Davies, 78, former ambassador to Russia, and Mrs. Davies, 67, one of the nation's richest women, stunned Washington society today.

The couple long had been leading figures in the capital city's social life, noted for their fabulous parties at both Tregardon, the 29-acre, garden-filled Davies family estate, and aboard the Sea Cloud, Mrs. Davies' 316-foot yacht.

Their marital split had been kept a closely guarded secret until Mrs. Davies was granted a final divorce decree yesterday in Gooding, Ida., on grounds of mental cruelty and incompatibility.

Ashland—John Stuckey, Ashland, president-elect of the Southern Oregon College chapter of the Future Teachers of America has been nominated for the position of vice-president of the Future Teachers of Oregon. The election of FTO officers will be held at the FTO convention April 16 in Corvallis.

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



Helicopter May Be Available To Public In Future At Cost of Medium-Sized Car

San Francisco—(U.P.)—You too will be able to have your own private helicopter for about the price it would cost to buy an automobile.

That's the optimistic prediction of Stanley Hiller Jr., dynamic young president of the Hiller Helicopter Co., of Palo Alto, Calif.

Hiller, at 30 a veteran of 14 years in the comparatively infant industry, tackled a lot of "ifs" on his speculation for the future. But, he said, within the next 15 years his company "conceivably" could mass produce helicopters which would retail for the cost of a medium priced car.

Hiller came to town to address the San Francisco Advertising club and made an enticing reference to "a helicopter in every garage," but failed to elaborate on the point.

In an interview after the luncheon he talked enthusiastically of one, two, three and four place "copters" within the reach of the average citizen by 1970.

"But it all depends on the military," he said. "If they contract us to develop such aircraft further, thus enabling us to tool our plant for the smaller helicopters, the changeover to assembly line production would be relatively simple."

Hiller said his company already has designed and made "flying jeeps" and "airborne staff cars" for the Army. Without too much modification, he said, these could be converted for civilian use.

"In limited production, this type of aircraft retails for about \$30,000 to \$40,000," he said. "But when we get them on the assembly line I think they could be marketed for the same price it would cost to buy a Studebaker, for example."

Hiller said the present cost per pound for production of a helicopter is \$23 whereas it takes only 90 cents a pound to build most autos on an assembly line basis.

"Because the helicopter is a vastly simpler machine, I'm con-

vinced that in mass production we could build one for less than 90 cents a pound," he said.

Hiller, a slight, intense man, also spoke glowingly of 60-passenger "helicopter busses" in the American future, and he alluded to a top-secret military project now underway at Palo Alto which will result in "the most unconventional lifting device imaginable."

He declined to give any details, but asked if the device had anything to do with getting the human body airborne without a conventional helicopter cabin, Hiller replied:

"It's something like that. You can just about strap it on your back."

Hiller had great confidence in the potential of the helicopter industry, and he said the "least" of his worries was public reluctance to leave the ground.

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Other herds in the top five, together with the owners, were Minear Brothers, 70 animals

with an average of 677 pounds of milk and 35.5 pounds of butterfat; P. K. Nelson, 20 animals with an average of 613 pounds of milk and 34.7 pounds of butterfat; B. C. and Leola Whiteaker, 45 animals with an average of 787 pounds of milk and 34.5 pounds of butterfat, and R. L. Wyant and Son, 33 animals with an average of 570 pounds of milk and 34.0 pounds of butterfat.

Top individual animal was Polly, owned by R. L. Wyant and Son. The cow produced 1,249 pounds of milk and 87.4 pounds of butterfat.

Other top individual animals were 78, owned by Gilman's Dairy Farms; Stills, owned by Minear Brothers; Bluey, owned by M. B. Caster; Tess, owned by Burren Brothers; Killer,

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