

Women Are Biggest Bother On Passenger Helicopters

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 New York — (U.P.)—The nation's first helicopter steward says women are just as sensitive about their weight as their age. They will go to all lengths to keep their poundage secret, although when flying by commercial helicopter, their exact weight is required for their ticket and the aircraft's manifest.

"We don't make them get on scales before they get aboard," said Nils Johnson, the first steward with New York Airways, a helicopter service carrying passengers between New York airports.

"But when it's obvious they're fibbing, we guess, I can hit within five pounds pounds on most women."

Must Be Accurate
 Johnson explained that helicopters must be accurate to the pound in counting weight of passengers and cargo because their load maximum is much less than that of ordinary aircraft.

A 'copter at most can carry seven passengers. Total load must not exceed 1,100 to 1,400 pounds, depending on flying conditions.

Johnson finally has figured how to deal diplomatically with the women.

"Each passenger's weight goes on a three-carbon form," he explained. "For women passengers I press the pencil just hard enough to mark two copies, but not the third. The passenger gets the bottom copy . . . the rest are for our records."

Johnson pioneered the steward service for helicopter passengers. It's certainly not as elaborate as that on the big transports. No meals served, no cocktail hour.

"Well," said Johnson, "passengers can bring a box lunch if they want. And we always land near a bar."

Actually, he explained, the helicopter flights are too brief for such extras. It's only 19 minutes, for example, from LaGuardia to Newark's airport.

When Johnson started with New York Airways, he made the flights with the passengers. That was two years ago. Now, he said, the stewards just check passenger's luggage and cargo into the 'copters, and see that the travelers are properly seated. Other stewards meet the aircraft at its destination.

Seating is a problem. The whole idea, Johnson said, is to see that passengers, luggage and pilot are balanced properly in relation to the center of the ship.

Pistol Shot Kills Vancouver Youngster

Vancouver, Wash. — (U.P.) — Kathy Ellsworth, three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Teel, Vancouver, was fatally wounded in the bedroom of her home this morning when a .22 caliber target pistol discharged in the hands of her 11-year-old half sister, Mary Ann Dunn.

Clark county sheriff's deputies said the older girl accidentally fired the gun, wounding Kathy in the head. The child was rushed to a Vancouver hospital where she was pronounced dead on arrival at 11 a.m.

Sheriff Clarence McKay said the shooting appeared accidental but that he was continuing the investigation.

Salem-Portland Expressway Reopened

Salem — (U.P.) — The completed section of the new Salem-Portland Expressway, closed for several days, was reopened to traffic yesterday, the State Highway department announced.

The stretch from Wilsonville to Barbour boulevard in Portland was closed a week ago to permit the laying of a sealing coat of heavy asphalt on the concrete pavement.

Traffic is increasing on the new route, by way of Hubbard, Wilsonville and the new highway. Eventually the expressway will continue in to Hayesville at the northern outskirts of Salem, affording a four lane route all the way from Portland to Salem.

Dead line for Sunday Classified is at noon-Saturday.

First Dynamo Used In US For Outdoor Lighting Featured

He remembered having a little trouble with actress Terry Moore on one flight. He told her where to sit. She wanted a seat elsewhere. Johnson said it ended with the curvaceous Miss Moore plucking herself down so angrily in the assigned seat that the back collapsed, leaving her in a far from graceful position.

The line used to equip its helicopters with headsets so that the pilot and passengers could talk —copters being noisier than the big airliners.

"We had to eliminate the headsets," he said. "Women complained they messed their hair. All our problems seem to be with women," said the steward, wearily.

Klamath Air Base To Buy Local Supplies

Klamath Falls, Ore. — (U.P.) — Air Force supply officer told Klamath Falls residents yesterday that, as much as possible, supplies and services for the new Klamath Falls Air Force Base would be provided at a local level.

Maj. Connalley W. Minner, accounting and supply officer for the new base, and his assistant, E. G. Clark, told the chamber of commerce here that purchases for the base would provide a large income for the area.

Maj. Minner also said that the first increment of airmen, about 25 or 30, will arrive Oct. 1 from Hamilton Air Force Base near San Francisco. He said he would be in Klamath Falls in mid-September to hire civilian personnel.

The interceptor base is scheduled to be operating Jan. 1.

Ithaca, N. Y. — (U.P.)—A dynamo that provided current for the first permanent outdoor electric lighting system in the United States was used again recently.

The occasion was the opening of Phillips Hall, a new classroom-laboratory center at the Cornell School of Electrical Engineering.

Ellis L. Phillips, Plandome, N.Y., a member of the class of 1895 and founder of the Long Island Lighting Co., presented the \$1,650,000 building as a feature of graduation week-end.

The Cornell-built dynamo of 1876 gave the campus outdoor lights in 1878, well before their introduction in the great cities of the world.

Build, Similar Dynamo
 Z. T. Gramme had brought out his famous dynamo in Paris in 1875. As soon as a description reached this country, Prof. William A. Anthony of Cornell and George S. Moler, a senior, undertook to build a similar dynamo.

When completed, the Cornell dynamo was exhibited at the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia in 1876.

The dynamo stood in Fall Creek Gorge when it was used on the campus. A water wheel furnished the driving power. Wires, strung on poles, carried the electricity to the center of the campus.

Cornellians objected to the poles and Moler devised an underground cable system — believed to be the first transmission of electric power by underground cable.

Mexico's Oil Exports Will Be Reduced, Director Says

Mexico City—(U.P.)—The Mexican government's oil company, one of the nation's principal dollar-earning export industries, is working to reduce — and eventually eliminate — its dollar-earning exports.

Antonio J. Bermudez, director general of Petroleum Mexicanos, said the goal is based on confidence in expansion of the Mexican company. As the nation becomes wealthier, demand for petroleum products will rise and wipe out the exportable surplus.

Pemex plans to boost its crude oil production to 500,000 barrels per day by 1958 and refine that crude for domestic consumption.

The company is modernizing its refineries at Atzacapotzalco, on the outskirts of Mexico City, and at Minatitlan, Veracruz, to aid in attaining the goal of refining all its production.

Bermudez said that Pemex itself will create more jobs and boost Mexican living standards by increasing its refining operations. Other industries, assured of more abundant supplies of refined petroleum products will, in turn, be able to grow and provide additional employment.

Coordination
 Pemex plans are being coordinated with those of other industries and are based on expectations of a steady improvement in the nation's agriculture, industry and business.

The government company looks on each new automobile, truck or internal combustion engine sold in Mexico as another customer. In all but a few border areas, Pemex supplies all motor fuel and lubricants used in Mexico.

Petroleum Mexicanos's slogan long has been "produce what the country needs." In actual practice, however, as Pemex needed dollars for expansion purposes — to keep crude production greater than domestic demand — much of the oil industry's output was destined for export.

Now, with the nation's economic prospects improving, Pemex feels it can almost double production and depend to an even-increasing extent on the domestic market.

In effect, it means that eventually Mexico can practically withdraw from world oil markets and profit.

Trade With U. S.
 Most of Mexico's sales abroad of crude and fuel oil are made to the United States. Some

smaller amounts of Mexican petroleum also are sold in western Europe and in Latin America.

Exports amount to about 2,000,000 barrels a month, approximately a third of total production. Export sales are made at market prices, between \$2 and \$2.50 (U.S.) per barrel, depending on grade and product.

Pemex is now producing at the rate of more than 100,000,000 barrels a year. Domestic consumption last year amounted to 60,625,000 barrels, with the market value of refined products estimated at about \$12 (U.S.). The difference between the value of a barrel of crude oil in the export market and the barrel of refined product, in Mexico, is counted on to keep Pemex' operations profitable.

Bermudez believes the net result of Pemex' plan will be increase in trade with the United States. Mexico is now the third ranking U. S. customer.

"If we can continue to develop our nation in the future as we have in the past—raising the standard of living of the rank and file, hiking the buying power of the public—there is no reason why Mexico cannot be permanently the United States' number one customer in the entire world," he said.

Rattlesnake Hunting Liked in Wisconsin

Milwaukee — (U.P.) — Wisconsin has many sports, but the most unusual one is rattlesnake hunting, which begins late in the spring each year.

Enthusiasts are members of Grotalus Horridus Hunters, and one of their biggest activities is an annual rattlesnake roundup. Thomas P. Wilson, president of the group, said that of the 146 members who take trips to the various state parks and hunting areas, 31 are women.

After the roundup, prizes are awarded to the person capturing the largest rattlesnake and the group turning in the most snakes.

Wilson said "only live and uninjured snakes count." Some of the snakes go to the zoo here and others to a Baraboo, Wis., reptile farm.

No firearms are allowed on the snake-hunters' week end trips. Equipment consists of a forked stick or hook and sack, and, of course, a first aid kit.

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