

Warplane Builder Turns To Helicopters

By The Out—A firm that turned out thousands of military training planes for Canada during World War II has turned to helicopter production.

The first and only helicopter plant in the Dominion so far is wholly owned by Doman Helicopters Inc. of Danbury, Conn., and Fleet Manufacturing Ltd. of St. Elizabeth.

Fleet-Doman Helicopters Ltd. already has sent an eight-place demonstrator model on a European tour in hopes of procuring government and commercial orders. The four-winged craft was adapted for commercial uses from a military version built by Doman in Connecticut.

The local plant was established in 1954 by a former Buffalo, N.Y., man, Maj. Reuben Fleet, who later sold out his interests and became head of Consolidated Aircraft Corp. During the Canadian war effort, Fleet employed more than 2,000 persons.

Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS

Camp Kilmer, N.J.—Colian S. Ujhelyi on the difficulty Communist agents faced in trying to hide with his refugee group fleeing Hungary:

"If we found the Communist coming through, we would kill him before he reached a refugee camp."

United Nations, N.Y.—Sen. William F. Knowland (R-Calif.) agreeing that the United Nations should apply sanctions against Russia if it defies the organization's resolutions on Hungary:

"If the Soviet Union refuses to comply, it places the future of the U.N. in question. If the Soviet Union can get by in Hungary, what security have other countries? . . ."

London—Mrs. Helen Dieczok of Detroit, learning that her daughter, Tanya, was to be taken from the father and returned to the United States:

"I am very happy."

Washington—President Eisenhower landing in a chilly drizzle from a vacation in the sunny southland:

"I think I'll turn around and go back."

Hollywood—Actress Ginger Rogers denying reports she and her actor-husband, Jacques Bergerac, have separated and were thinking about a divorce:

"We had a disagreement but neither of us has moved out. There's nothing more to say."

Washington—Sen. Ralph E. Flanders (D-Vt.) complaining that progressive education in public schools is equipping American youngsters for life in an ant hill:

"Our educational system is a shambles. It's in the hands of professors of a pseudo-science of education who believe that it's not important that the student understand mathematics, just so long as he is working hard at it."

New York—Jackie Robinson on being traded to the New York Giants by the Brooklyn Dodgers:

"I'll give the Giants everything I've got just as I gave the Dodgers all I had for 10 years."

The Medical Roundup

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The Treatment of Anemia

Every so often I get a letter from some one who says, "I felt so poorly and weak and dizzy that I went to my doctor. He said I was anemic and started giving me 'shots' of vitamin B-12. That was two months ago and I am no better. What's the matter? I do not know."

I cannot guess without having much more information. Is the person a man or woman and how old is he or she? Many women menstruate so heavily that they become anemic. Each month they lose more blood than they can build back in the three-week interval. Then, there are some women who are always anemic, apparently because they have some difficulty in building blood.

I would like very much to know what type of anemia my correspondent has because that can make a big difference in the mode of treatment. If the patient has an inherited, so-called "primary" or "pernicious" anemia then he needs B-12, and he must keep taking it regularly all his (or her) days; but if he has a "secondary" anemia due to the loss of blood from the body he needs iron.

But far more important than that, he needs to know whence blood is oozing every day. He may easily lose his life if he delays in finding out whence he is oozing blood. It will not be so bad if the blood is coming from bleeding piles, but if it should happen to be coming from a cancer of the stomach or the bowel, he should know this quickly, while there still is a chance that a surgeon could cure him.

Canadians Making Sight-Seeing Easy

Massena, N. Y. — (U.P.) — The Canadian government is making it easy for visitors to the St. Lawrence seaway and power project to reach various points of interest along the Canadian side.

Two huge billboard-size maps have been erected—one at the east end of the project about two miles from Cornwall, and one on the west end near Prescott.

The maps are situated on turn-offs from the main highways so a visitor may halt his car, study them and decide where to go and what to see.

During the first 10 months of this year, some 200,000 persons visited the project and 107,500 had been taken on conducted tours to the main power site and around the development.

of the recipient's age or occupation."

Which is the way sugar should be passed around?

Bees have off seasons, too.

Off-Season

That generally comes during the off-season when nectar from the flowers is scarce and the frost is on the pumpkin. That, according to the Smithsonian adds up to some mixed up bees. Not enough flowers to go around. Bees become thieves. One bee will hie off to a strange hive hell bent on getting himself a little honey.

There the odor comes in and he finds himself clobbered.

Odor of the clan did it, no doubt, because to a bee the next one looks about the same.

I have been stung by 'em, but I've never been in a well-ordered beehive.

But the scientists tell me that it is an interesting experience. These experts say that if you are smart you eat what the owners of the hive do. Then you will smell alike, and even a stranger won't get bitten.

Hence it is that no one can get a wise doctor to treat him for anemia until a good examination has been made, and everything possible has been learned about the anemia, its type, and its cause.

A Carrier of Epilepsy

A young unmarried man of 24 was just brought to me by his mother because she is at the end of her rope trying to take care of him. Since infancy he has been a problem—always bad-tempered and inclined to fly into a rage in which he might attack someone. Even in his childhood, if any of his possessions did not work to suit him, he smashed it up. Once, after he was 20, when his motorcycle would not start, he kicked it to pieces.

He likes to lie around the house all day, and he will work only if his mother will get him a job and each day take him to the plant. He is solitary, and has no friends. On two occasions, when his mother induced him to go to a youngsters' dance in the neighborhood, he promptly got drunk.

This boy's father and mother seemed normal enough but the mother has a violent temper. She had two sisters who, in early childhood, died in convulsions. She had an alcoholic and vile-tempered brother who liked to smash things. Her father, who drank too much, had a bad temper. His queer brother, who had been in a mental hospital, after having been discharged, had never worked.

An electroencephalogram made of my patient showed that the tiny electric currents being formed in his brain were typically epileptic in form. He was having little electric "storms" in his brain but, for some unknown reason, they did not produce a convulsion or a spell of unconsciousness. The man was one of those innumerable epileptics who never had a fit.

Fears of Killing

Unfortunately, I could not tell the mother what to do with her son. As she said, "He is too sane to be put in the State Hospital, and yet he is not sane enough to live in this world by himself and earn a living. I am even much afraid that some day, in one of his blind rages, he'll kill someone. I have taken him to psychiatrists but he would not listen to them."

I had to admit to this unhappy mother that society does not seem yet to have grappled with the terrible problem of caring for these thousands of persons who are not sane and yet not insane enough to be cared for in the only type of state institution we have. Every month poor distracted people ask me what they can do with their son or daughter who is a terrible problem, and I do not know.

When are our people going to come to grips with this problem? I have an idea that some day we will have colonies for these people where they can work to earn their keep, and where they can be watched over and kept out of harm's way.

Curious Treatment for Asthma

Good, kindly people—many of them—send me the descriptions of treatments for disease—treatments that have cured them. A woman now writes that several people have assured her asthmatic husband that if he will only sleep with a hairless little Chihuahua dog he will get well. I never heard of that as a cure for asthma, but I know that in Mexico, some people sleep with a Chihuahua dog in an attempt to get rid of arthritis.

Personally, I would rather have arthritis than have to sleep with one of these hairless and usually unfriendly little dogs. Dogs usually take to me quickly and I to them, but I never could make friends with a Chihuahua dog. "Faults on both sides," doubtless!

Dr. Alvarez hopes his readers will understand that it would be impossible for him to answer requests for information or to attempt to diagnose by mail.

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Toxic Sprays Force Tougher Restrictions

Milwaukee — (U.P.) — A government official reminded Wisconsin canners at their convention here that the increasing use of toxic sprays on foods has forced tougher restrictions.

George T. Daughters, head of the U. S. Food and Drug Administration's Chicago office, said canners and other food processors must be more wary than ever of harmful chemicals on food they process.

He said that highly toxic chemicals are being used increasingly to kill harmful insects and plant diseases. He said the government has had to tighten up its restrictions in order to protect the public.

These new standards place strict tolerances on even traces of such chemicals on commercial foods for sale fresh, frozen or canned, Daughters said.

As a result, he added, canners should know exactly what chemicals and in what amounts they have been used on the foods they process, in order to avoid costly confiscation by the government.

"Uncle Sam is getting tougher all the time as to what he will allow in a can of vegetables," Daughters concluded. "That is the way it should be for consumer confidence."

Salem — (U.P.) — Alene (Peg) Philips, executive assistant to former Interior Secretary Douglas McKay, will become assistant in the woman's department of the Salem Capital Journal Jan. 1.

HEADS AERO CLUB

Portland — (U.P.) — The Aero Club of Oregon this week elected Dean Bryson, Portland attorney, as its president for 1957. Bryson, a former state senator, succeeds L. F. Booth as president.

39th FATALITY

Portland — (U.P.) — Elizabeth Maguire, 69, Portland, was killed last night when she was struck by a car on N.E. 82nd ave. The 39th fatality of the year in Portland.

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A Nichol's Worth of . . . Comment On This and That

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Washington — (U.P.) — You've gotta face the facts, folks. The honey bee is a smart eye.

Bonafide authority for this statement is the august Smithsonian Institution, which knows about everything from the gowns of all our first ladies to dinosaur tracks in the good earth.



It says right here in a Smithsonian report that honey bees practice the business of share and share alike.

"A single sample of sugar or nectar brought into the hive by a forager is participated in by all members of the family. All progeny of a single queen—which may number more than 50,000 individuals."

All king bees wear the same odor, according to the same report, prepared for the Smithsonian by the learned Dr. Ronald Ribbands of Cambridge University.

This common smell enables bees from the same hive to recognize one another. You get better honey that way.

Scent Language

According to the doctor, "This odor constitutes a 'scent language' which is a basic of the extremely complex bee social life."

The observations were based on tests of radioactive sugar, which no bee ever submitted to before.

Dr. Ribbands says that in one of his tests, "A marked bee is trained to collect sugar solution from a small glass tube, and when radioactive sugar is substituted the bee continues to collect the radioactive syrup. It goes back to the hive."

And that's where the share-alike business comes in.

If you follow, "The bees, having radioactivated itself, buzzes back to the hive and the first thing you know the sugar is spread all over the hive. The scientists would like us to know that 'the sugar is passed on, irrespective

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