



DC-4, Gallant Workhorse of Sky, About Ready To Retire

Washington—UPI—Get ready to bid goodbye to a gallant old aerial workhorse—the DC-4. The four-engine Douglas-built airliner never achieved the reputation nor the affection bestowed on its smaller predecessor, the DC-3. But a lot of pilots are sorry to see the husky veteran disappearing from schedule airline service.

There are still 198 DC-4s being used in scheduled service throughout the world, according to the International Air Transport Association. Most of them are operated by foreign airlines; only a handful are still carrying passengers in the United States.

The DC-4 was America's first four-engine transport plane, built in 1938 as the successor to the DC-3. The prototype had a triple-tail similar to Lockheed's Constellations, but Douglas shifted to a single tail and sold the odd-looking prototype to the Japanese government.

(The Japanese, who had little experience in handling of planes this big, promptly dunked their DC-4 in Tokyo Bay.)

Performed Nobly
Douglas went on to build about 1,200 DC-4s but World War II kept the fat-fueled transport from what would have been a leading role in commercial aviation. As the military C-54, the big plane performed wartime transportation duties nobly. But, by the time the war ended, Douglas was ready with its pressurized DC-6 and Lockheed colored the rest of the four-engine market with its Constellations.

The military turned hundreds of DC-4s back to the airlines, however, and up until the early 1950s it still formed a large chunk of the airlines' four-engine fleet. Even as the airlines shifted to faster, more comfortable pressurized airliners, they used the DC-4 for coach flights and cargo work.

Pilots regard the DC-4 with a special, reserved kind of affection—like that given a loyal wife who has developed idiosyncrasies over the years.

Feminine Characteristics
Recalls Capt. Byron (Dinty) Moore, a five-million-mile veteran with American Airlines: "No DC-4 ever flew exactly like another DC-4. Some of them seem to carry their years lightly, like a grandmother who still goes dancing; others have taken on weight in the wrong places. It is an airplane that has an awful lot of feminine characteristics."

Although most pilots will concede the DC-4 handles with all the grace and effortless ease of a trailer-truck, they do praise its dependability. During the Korean war, a cargo DC-4 accidentally was loaded twice before it left California for the Far East. When the cargo manifests were straightened out in Tokyo, officials discovered the plane was overloaded by five tons.

The most famous DC-4 was the "Sacred Cow"—the first airliner to be used by a President of the United States. Franklin Roosevelt flew the "Cow" to overseas conferences; it was the first plane to be equipped with an elevator for boarding—because of FDR's paralysis.

Cargo Planes
There are still approximately 300 DC-4s in existence, in addition to the 198 being used by scheduled airlines. The Air Force flies most of them as cargo planes. And it was Air Force duty that brought the lumbering old veteran its greatest measure of fame—the DC-4 was the plane that provided the bulk of the Berlin airlift, a major victory for the free world in the early days of the Cold War.

Those were the days when the DC-4 earned its reputation as the best freight carrier World War II ever designed. It apparently "Cram in as much freight as possible to overload as you can, check the tires the plane, and the DC-4 leg-and-struts—and if she can taxi end can be summed up in the without collapsing, go ahead load limit instructions handed and take off."

Inflation Ideas as Stock Market Mover Could Be Wrong

By ELMER C. WALZER
UPI Financial Editor
New York—UPI—Wall Street has been talking about inflation as the prime mover of the stock market and markets for so long every body seems to take that for granted.

The inflation assumption could be wrong. Perhaps it isn't inflation but a desire to put money to work for income.

That's an interesting angle and it is brought out in relief by Stephen Packer of Standard Poor's.

He notes the fact that high-grade corporate bonds now yield 4.10 per cent against an average yield of 3.50 per cent for industrial common stocks.

A spread like this—bonds yielding higher than stocks—has occurred from time to time for relatively brief periods. It isn't the usual relationship between bonds and stocks.

The problem is to find what caused bonds to lose out in demand and stocks to gain in demand.

Seek Higher Yields
Packer holds that American individuals and institutions over the past have been motivated primarily by a quest for higher yields rather than a desire to protect themselves against inflation.

"This search for higher yields," he says, "has been accomplished largely within the framework of fixed-income securities. Principal growth in holdings for most institutions has been in mort-

ent 30 minutes, so that there will be more of a feeling of flow. What it also needs in each group is a balloon-buster who'll keep the talk from getting pompous and provide some leaven.

NBC-TV bunched "Swiss Family Robinson" into a one-hour special Sunday and it was pretty soggy going, enlivened only by a rather wispish relationship between Mama (Laraine Day) and Papa (Walter Pidgeon). Dennis Hooper in the role of the older son, checked in with his usual skillful performance.

I caught ABC-TV's "Maverick" over the week-end and it was quite good. Its script, "The Belcastle Brand," was written by Marion Hargrove and it had bite and wit. Jim Garner, Reginald Owen and Joan Egan turned in dandy jobs.

Actress To Display Paintings at Show
Beverly Hills, Calif.—UPI—Nearly 40 oil paintings by actress Vanessa Brown go on display today at the Edgardo Acosta Gallery here.

The attractive Viennese-born actress and former Quiz Kid said she expected her one-woman show to last about two weeks.

BUTTE FALLS Fire Destroys Home

By MARY JO HARRIS
Butte Falls — The home rented by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dillard was destroyed by fire early Friday morning, Oct. 3. They now are renting a house owned by Henry Francis.

The Dillards awoke early in the morning when their house was filled with smoke and flames were shooting from the roof. The family reached and managed to save a few things, neighbors said.

Living with them was Tom Dillard, Jim's brother, who is a student at Butte Falls High school.

Butte Falls Volunteer firemen saved nearby homes and prevented property damage close by.

Red and yellow hats are mixing well with the autumn leaves as once again hunters are seen coming and going through the area. Fewer deer have been seen and killed so far this year, the reason being that the weather is too hot and dry, and the deer have not moved down as yet.

The majority of Medco men the week off for hunting and are hoping the weatherman will forecast a storm before having to return to work. The Butte Falls schools were closed Monday and Tuesday, allowing the whole family time to hunt.

The Home Extension met Thursday, Oct. 2, at the home of Mrs. Keith Scott. Home made toys were demonstrated by Mrs. Curt Thompson and decorative tin-can craft were demonstrated by Mrs. Tom Stanton.

Officers for the year are Mrs. Duane Burton, president; Mrs. Henry Tygart, vice president; Mrs. Keith Scott, secretary; and Mrs. Dean Boggan, treasurer.

Committee chairmen are Mrs. William (Doo) Bowen, program planning; Mrs. George Bray, publicity; Mrs. Virgil Conley, luncheon; Mrs. Bob Wells, membership; Mrs. Harry Dalton, ACWW; Mrs. Ted Fredenburg, health; and Mrs. Leonard Stratton, safety.

Next meeting of the Home Extension will meet Thursday, Nov. 6 at the home of Mrs. Ted Fredenburg at 10:30 a.m. Mrs. Duane Burton and Mrs. Dean Boggan will demonstrate "improving ourselves as hostesses." Baby sitting will be done at the home of Mrs. Joe Dyer.

A workshop for Christmas craft will be held Tuesday, Oct. 14, at the social room of the Butte Falls Community Bible church at 10:30 a.m. Anyone wishing to attend will be welcome and are asked to bring necessary items and a sack lunch. Instructors for the day will be Mrs. Curt Thompson and Mrs. Tom Stanton. As to needed items for the workshop, anyone in-

terested is asked to inquire of any member of the Home Extension. Baby sitting will be left up to each mother.

Members may pick up pamphlets on decorative tin-can craft, home made toys and Christmas decorations at the home of Mrs. George Bray.

The October meeting of the Butte Falls PTA will meet Thursday, Oct. 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the high school for this month only. Hereafter meetings will be held at their regularly scheduled time, the second Monday of each month.

A special meeting of the Butte Falls Lion auxiliary was held Tuesday Oct. 7 at the home of Mrs. Duane Smeltzer to discuss the visit of Mrs. Verne Conwell, Oregon Lion auxiliary president. Mrs. Conwell will arrive in Butte Falls Tuesday 14 and will meet at the high school. Part of the program for the evening will include a tour of the community hall and a report on its program. Accompanying Mrs. Conwell will be Mrs. Frank Christian of Talent, district director for 36-E.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sheppard are parents of a baby girl born Sept. 22 at Sacred Heart hospital. Birth weight was 6 pounds, 14 ounces, and the child has been named Marina Marie. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. James Moore of Eagle Point and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lee Sheppard of Butte Falls. The baby remained in the hospital for 10 days and was brought home last week. Both baby & mother are reported well and the Jim Sheppard family is now at the home of the James Moores.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Brookshire were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Cathy. The Brookshires are cousins of Glen and formerly of Candler, N. C. While here they visited woods operations, Crater lake, Willow Creek dam and Savage Rapids. The Brookshires returned to their new residence at Lone Pine, Calif., via the coast route and Redwood highway.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Harris went to Eureka over the week end where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Clint Dale and son, Steve. Mrs. Dale is a daughter of the Harris'.

Spending a week at the Keith Scott's recently were Mr. and Mrs. J. Ackerman of Salem. Mrs. Scott is a daughter of the Ackermans. Week end visitors from Medford were Mr. and Mrs. Les Scott and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Eddy Trefron and family. This was a family gettogether of all the Keith Scott's children. Mrs. Trefron, Les and Rusty Scott are the daughters and sons of the Scotts.

GOLD HILL Groups Set Meetings

By MRS. CLYDE KELL
Gold Hill — The Gold Hill Parent-Teacher association's coffee to be held at the home of Mrs. Paul Molloy, hospitality chairman, Tuesday, Oct. 14, between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. will be the first of many activities planned for the third week of the month by different groups in this area.

Mrs. Leonard McMahan, ways and means chairman of the unit, is in charge of the affair. Those who wish to contribute food items suitable for the coffee and luncheon may phone Mrs. McMahan, ULrick 5-1418 or Mrs. Molloy ULrick 5-1222. The public is invited.

Several local women are serving on the executive committee of the Crater High school Parent-Teacher association this year. An executive meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 14 at 7:30 p.m. at Crater High school in Central Point to make plans for the coming meeting of the unit.

Crater High PTA will hold its first regular meeting of the year Monday Oct. 27, at 7:30 p.m. in the school's cafeteria. Roy Henry is president of the group.

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Airmen-Arrested On Holdup Charge

Eugene—UPI—Two airmen from Larson Air Force Base, Spokane, Wash., were in the Lane county jail today charged with armed robbery of a Springfield gas station here Saturday night. The pair was captured near Bend by state police about an hour after the holdup.

They were identified as William Link, 24, and Ralph Joseph Matthews, 22.

Police said \$100 was taken from the G. and S. Sales Co., a Springfield service station about 7:40 p.m. Saturday. Matthews and Link were arrested by officers after they attempted to break through a roadblock. Police said they fired several shots to halt the car.

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