Used Airplane Lots Expected To Boom in Next Few Months

By ELMER C. WALZER
UPI Financial Editor

New York —(UPI)— Come next spring or early summer, there will be a new phrase in the business world: "How are things down at the used airplane lots."

Elmer Walzer

For many years there has been something of a used airplane lot, but big. Now that the commercial lines are going to jets the used plane inventory will take a big jump.

And this growth will come at a time when business should be humming. The connection with business prosperity and used planes is that the corporations are a good market for them.

With corporations spreading their plants all over the nation, the need for flying offices grows daily. Corporations will take over some of the used planes without change. Others will convert them into flying offices.

This conversion is big business. Garrett Corporation's Air Research Aviation Service Division at Los Angeles, Calif., is a pioneer in this line.

Idea Clicked

J. C. (Cliff) Garrett, founder and president and chairman of Garrett Corp., started this division back in 1947 when he was unable to find anyone to customize and service the company's DC3.

The Garrett idea clicked immediately and the firm now is a leading producer of aircraft components and systems for military and commercial aircraft.

Today there are approximately 75,000 non-airline, non-military aircraft flying the skyways, registering three times as much mileage as the commercial lines.

Business executive and corporate aircraft now account for a substantial majority of non-commercial miles flown.

Aircraft range from converted B24s of World War II to fleets of old reliable DC3s. Also many fast, pressurized Convairs, carrying 18 to 28 passengers, combining flying office and home are being converted for an impressive list of American industries.

Since 1947, the Garrett Division has converted more than 150 DR3s, 60 Convairs, and a variety of others, ranging from B25s of the Doolittle era to B26s and Lockheed Lodestars.

$1,000,000 Apiece

Customized interiors, reconversions and other services for corporations range in price from $75,000 to $250,000. New executive aircraft run to $1 million for the prop jets and turbo props.

Garrett is converting 24 Convairs purchased for $6 million from American Airlines. These will sell at $385,000 for fullly converted jobs and at $250,000 for unconverted planes.

Garrett conversions range from the very plain to the very luxurious in flying offices. The firm has just turned out a Convair 340B for International Business Machines with a newly-designed interior, including installation of a high fidelity, stereophonc tape reproduction sound kit, an IBM transcriber, and recorder, and electric typewrites.

A combination corporate conference room and flying hotel designed by Garrett for a U.S. Industries, Inc., Convair 440 won for the West Coast manufacturer the 1958 Reading Aviation Service Award for the best executive aircraft in its class.

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HANGED IN EFFIGY—Two juniors at the University of Michigan who helped police uncover a football gambling operation there have been hanged in effigy. This picture shows effigies of Bart Huthwaite and Philip Munck, hanging from bare trees on the campus at Ann Arbor, Mich. Huthwaite has also received telephone threats. The scandal involved sport stars Tony Rio and Jack Lewis, who will be tried next month on charges of operating an illegal business.

PHOENIX
Family Returns to Idaho

By LILLIAN KNIGHT

Phoenix—Mr. and Mrs. George Wehmann and family returned to their home in Idaho Falls, Idaho, Friday of last week. They were called here by the illness and death of Mrs. Wehmann's father, Guy Cobleigh. Funeral services were held for him last Thursday.

Mrs. U. O. Vaughn of Roseburg and Mrs. Ora Yerkes of Portland, sisters of Mrs. Guy Cobleigh, have also returned to their homes after being here for the funeral of Mr. Cobleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carland returned Monday from a three week's vacation in San Fernando, Calif., where they visited Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Le Masters, sister of Mrs. Carland. They also visited another sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Jones in Burbank.

They returned by way of Lake Tahoe, Carson City and Virginia City, Nev., and through Squaw valley, where the Olympics will be held in 1960.

Mary Ann is the name chosen for the baby girl of Dr. and Mrs. Leland Pierson. Both mother and baby are home now and doing nicely.

Mrs. "Boots" Pierce of Corvallis is visiting this week end at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Leland Pierson. Mrs. Pierce's husband and Dr. Pierson were graduates at the same time from the Portland dental school. Dr. Pierce is now practicing in Corvallis.

Is That So?

By OLGA BURNS

The following story about an encounter with a skunk is by Mrs. Melvin Handeland, of Lansford, N.D.

"One early summer evening as my husband and I were returning to camp from a day's fishing, we heard a tinkling noise coming toward us from a bend in the trail. We stepped behind a clump of bushes and watched amazed as a mother skunk came into sight followed in single file by four young ones. The tinkling noises was coming from a small glass jar, wedged securely on the mother's head. She had apparently thrust her head into the jar in search of food and been unable to extract it. The noise was made by several small pebbles striking the inside of the jar with her movements.

"We stepped out on the trail, but the little family didn't try to get away, and it became obvious to us that the mother was quite weak from hunger and thirst. I felt so sorry for the cunning 'kitties' that I prevailed on my husband to help her. Obligingly, he picked up several goodsized rocks and we started aiming them at the jar. We were so interested in what we were doing that we forgot to be careful and approached to within a few yards of the hapless animal. Just as the last rock shattered the jar, Mrs. Skunk, deciding matters had gone far enough, turned quickly and sprayed us with her evil smelling ammunition.

Ring Around Neck

"As she waddled indignantly out of sight, we could see the ring of the jar had stayed around her neck like a tiny glass collar, and much to our surprise we discovered a second glass jar ring around her neck behind the first. We could only conclude that the same thing must have happened to her before. But whether that jar was broken by another kindly fisherman and whether he received the same thanks my husband and I did, we can only guess."

Well, Mrs. Handeland's story clearly shows that paying the price of freedom is a painful business–both for the giver and the receiver. The latter always feels he should have been free all along, and when he is such a normally independent creature as a skunk, indignation is likely to become paramount – particularly when aided by rocks in his head.

Nonetheless, what else could the Handelands have done? It wouldn't do to leave the skunk alone. On the other hand . . .

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HILTS
Party Honors Birthday

By MRS. M. F. CAVIN

Hilts – A party honoring the second birthday of Lynn Davenport was held Friday, Oct. 24, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Davenport. Balloons were given to each cihld attending and cake, ice cream, chocolate milk and punch were served to Naomi Shaw, Davy and Susan Fry, Cindy Friemeyer, Kathy Burns, Ann and Stevie Ceccato, Steven Shaw sent a gift but was unable to attend.

Another birthday party honoring the 10th birthday of Phyllis Jordan was given on Monday, Oct. 27, by Mrs. Wililam Jordan, assisted by her mother, Mrs. Lou Kusel of Medford.

Various games were played and refreshments of cake, ice cream and punch was served to Laura and Linda Zanotta, Alfred Rife, Linda and Donna Goodwin, Helen Sheppard, Ikey and Becky Hamilton, Pamela Mendes, Janet Cavin, Carleen De Clerck, Rebecca Rabjohn, Kenny and Carolyn Preston, Jackie Sandford, Cathy Whittaker, Louise Brannon, David Simmen, Robert and Gloria Jordan, and Mrs. Henry De Clerck. Life savers were given as favors.

In the evening Mrs. Jordan's sister, Mrs. Gene Davis of Phoenix, her father Lou Kusel, brothers, Larry and Sharon Kusel, all of Medford were dinner guests at the Jordan home and had cake and ice cream in honor of Phyllis' birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul McNeel of Lookout, Calif., were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Thompson and daughter, Marilyn. On Saturday the Thompson's, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. McNeel drove to Medford and called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hoyt.

Week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Caston were Mr. and Mrs. Orvis Rider of Red Bluff.

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"Repeal of the TEMPORARY 45% surtax"	Substituted what was intended to be a PERMANENT surtax of 51% Your taxes went UP instead of DOWN	The State Tax Commission says income taxes may go up 20% MORE if Holmes enacts all of his program.
"Real tax relief" in the special legislative session called to deal with an anticipated surplus of 74 million (produced by the surtax of 51%)	Holmes first recommended a tax cut of only 6% and bitterly fought the Republican proposal of 30%. Republicans finally FORCED A COMPROMISE of 20%. (25% in lower brackets)	Instead of using the remaining surplus ($30 million) to keep taxes down—Holmes wants to spend it. Taxes will continue to go UP under Holmes.
"To talk tax facts and sense to the legislature"	In his inaugural message Holmes said his taxation plan would be forthcoming but he did not again speak out on revenue, only on spending.	Holmes advocated spending $42 million more than the 1957 legislature would approve. He is already talking about a budget for 1959-61 bigger by $60 million.
"Sound administration of state funds"	Lack of leadership in anticipating needs of the Unemployment Compensation Fund plus reckless administration forced radical increases in rates. Some rates are now 9 times higher than they were.	Next in danger is the State Industrial Accident Commission Fund. Only heavy rate increases can now protect this important state fund.
"Economy in state government"	Requested 70 additional employees in one commission, permitted another agency to go unchecked with lavish spending and entertaining, completely bogged down in efforts to reorganize departments.	In the face of proven fiscal irresponsibility and indifference to hardships caused by high taxes, Holmes can say nothing. THE RECORD TELLS THE TRUTH!

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