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## Two New Aircraft Acquired By Mercy Flights This Week

Mercy Flights, Inc., of Medford, the only non-profit air ambulance corporation in the United States, today announced the acquisition of two new aircraft.

One of them went into service this week. The other will be ready soon.

They will replace two planes which have been used by the firm for the past four years. Both the new and old planes were obtained through the Rogue Valley hospital, from Air Force surplus stocks.

The old planes will be retired from service, and the ambulance firm will continue to operate three planes, the new ones, both twin-engine Beechcraft, and the twin-engine Cessna it has owned for two years. The lighter Cessna is used mostly at smaller, more inaccessible landing strips in the mountains. The larger, faster Beechcraft are used for longer flights.

**Leased by Hospital**

Under U.S. surplus property laws, the hospital is eligible for surplus materials, and is the owner of the planes. It leases them to Mercy Flights on a nominal fee basis, and

two obtained through Rogue Valley hospital from Air Force surplus. Majority of flights by the ambulances are from Medford to Portland or San Francisco, although flights to valley from other areas are increasing.

the ambulance takes full responsibility for their operation and maintenance.

The corporation, formed in the fall of 1949, began operations in January, 1950, 9½ years ago. It carried its 996th passenger Monday, and expects the 1,000th patient probably some time next week. For the past several years, patients have averaged 150 each year.

The service has received international recognition, and has been the subject of articles carried by Coronet, many other smaller magazines, and by Associated Press and United Press International.

It derives its operating funds from pre-paid "subscriptions," entitling subscribers to free emergency medical transportation in a 400-mile radius. A majority of its flights are from Medford to either Portland or San Francisco, but an increasing number are from areas in southern Oregon and northern California to Medford, as this city has grown in importance as a medical center. Non-subscribers in Jackson county and other nearby counties pay

rates figured at the cost of operation. Others pay commercial rates, although Mercy Flights has a policy of non-competition with commercial services when such are available.

Started through public donations, the service began with one plane, later obtaining three for the past six years. A number of them have been replaced as they wore out. With the two new planes, the service will have used a total of nine planes in its 9½ years of operation.

Founder and chairman of Mercy Flights is George Milligan, a Federal Aviation agency employee. Policy is set by a board of trustees which meets quarterly, and operations are directed by an executive committee of the board. Trustees include Milligan, George Flanagan, vice chairman; Mrs. Jeanette Thatcher Marshall, secretary; Eric W. Allen Jr., treasurer; and Mrs. Stephen Nye, Seth Bullis Dr. Paul Walker William Brooks, Vern Smith Harold Frye, Frank Perli, and Dr. C. I. Drummond.

## Besty Beck is Queen of Gold Rush Jubilee This Week End

Jacksonville—Betsy Beck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred M. Beck, Jacksonville-Central Point highway, was selected queen of the Jacksonville Gold Rush Jubilee Wednesday night at the queen's dance.

Princesses who will help rule over the Jubilee this week end are Sharon Huffman, Shearon Poole, Barbara Gysin and Jackie Rummel. Other candidates in the month-long ticket selling contest will serve as official hostesses.

The queen and her court will be honored tonight at a banquet at the Jacksonville community hall at 7:30 o'clock. They will ride on the queen's float in the Jubilee parade Sunday.

Coronation of the queen and special ceremonies at 10 a.m. Saturday will open Jubilee festivities. Local, county and state officials and representatives of the various Centennial groups in southern Oregon will attend the opening events.

**Three Parades**

The first of three parades will begin at 10:30 a.m. with "Kids' Centennial" participants in walking groups and on decorated bicycles and floats.

A "western shoot-out" at the U. S. Hotel will be held at 11 a.m., a watermelon eating contest at 12 noon, and a pie eating contest at 12:30 p.m.

Saturday afternoon activities begin at 1 p.m. with a girls gold panning sponsored by the Northwest Mining Council; 2 p.m., Bliss Heine drum and bugle corps; 3:30 p.m., kids' Gold Rush and the Mountaineers; 3 p.m., archery exhibition; 3:30 p.m., boys' gold panning; 4 p.m., Jackson Creek 59ers, F. J. Clifford ballads and beard judging contest; 4:30 p.m., greased pig scramble.

Beginning at 5 p.m., Coleen Hope will present a Western Revue; 5:30 p.m., box lunch at the Assembly of God church; 6 p.m., Eve Prentice Accordion band; 7 p.m., Alexander's Hawaiian band at the hotel and youth rally, Assembly of God church.

**Pageant**

A pageant, "An Oregon Trail," written and produced by Mrs. Scott Hamilton, Central Point, will be presented on the high school grounds at 8 p.m. Doc Tweedy and Ernie Hood are directors.

Events Saturday night will include awarding of a prize beef at 8:30 p.m. and the Jubilee ball at the Community hall at 9 p.m. Dick Spain's band will provide music for dancing which will continue until 1 a.m.

Three church services will begin Sunday Jubilee observances. They will be held at

## Passenger Train Mishap Hurts 85

Menomonee, Wis.—UPI—The North Western Railway's speeding Twin Cities "400" passenger train went off the tracks at the edge of a cliff today and the sheriff's office reported at least 85 persons injured.

There were no immediate reports of any fatalities.

Every available ambulance in this rugged northwest Wisconsin area was rushed to the derailment scene 12 miles west of Menomonee, near Wilson, Wis.

The injured, many of them reported to be children, were brought back in loads of four to five to an ambulance to Menomonee Memorial hospital and Baldwin Community hospital.

The sheriff's office said seven cars of the train went off the tracks as it sped out of St. Paul, Minn., en route to Chicago. The cars tipped over perilously close to a cliff overhanging Highway 12. About 250 passengers were aboard the train.

## Council to Consider Demolition Contract

The Medford city council tonight is slated to consider awarding a contract for demolishing the Western Auto building on the Eighth st. extension right of way east of South Riverside ave.

A previous call for bids brought but one response, which the council rejected.

The apparent low bidder when new bids were opened at city hall Wednesday was Robert Gray, Eugene, in the amount of \$2,490. Other bidders included R and M Construction company, Central Point, at \$2,500 and Miller and Kanehl, Portland, \$2,900.

The project includes demolishing the building and salvaging its materials, to make way for Eighth st. extension work between South Riverside and Bear creek. An alternate in the bidding involves breaking and removing a concrete floor, but this may be undertaken later at less expense in connection with the road work.

Ashland Kiltie band performance, 2:30 p.m.

A youth rally is scheduled at the Assembly of God church and the Mountaineers will perform at the hotel at 3 p.m.

**Gold Panning**

Championship gold panning will take place at 3:30 p.m. and Grants Pass Barnstormers will present "East Lynne" at 4 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

The old-time fiddlers contest will be held at 4:30 p.m.; Coleen Hope revue and Haystack Scramble, 5 p.m.; Eve Prentice band, 6 p.m.; and the Shadows, 7 p.m.

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St. Joseph's Catholic church and the First Presbyterian and Assembly of God churches.

An old-fashioned dress parade down California st. will begin at 1 p.m., followed by a grand gold rush parade beginning at the high school at 1 p.m. and the men and women's gold panning contest and

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**BARN BURNS**

A large barn at the Frank J. Cullen place, 1098 Ross lane, was destroyed by fire which broke out late this morning. Firemen said that the roof of a chicken house and a tractor also were damaged. The blaze started on the west side of the barn under the tractor but cause was not known, according to firemen. Call was received about 11:40 a.m. by firemen. Water was provided by Central Point rural fire district and Elk Lumber company tankers.

**West Coast to Fly To Additional Cities**

Seattle—UPI—West Coast Airlines said today several cities would receive its scheduled service for the first time soon.

On Friday service will be started to Salem, Bend-Redmond and Newport-Toledo in Oregon. Service to Lakeview and Burns will start Sept. 15, the company said.

Washington—UPI—The U. S. Court of Appeals ruled today that the Communist party must register with the government under the 1950 subversive activities law. The justice department has been trying to win the case for about nine years.

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## Nixon Hints Toward Meeting

## Sears Roebuck Building to Open Aug. 20

The big new Sears Roebuck & Co. store on East Jackson st. will open for business in about three weeks, it was reported today.

Ralph E. Jacobson, store manager, said the "target date" for the grand opening is Thursday, Aug. 20, although it may miss that by one or two days.

Preparations for the opening are going ahead rapidly, he reported, with basic construction of the building complete, the last finishing touches being put on the interior, and the stocking of some of the departments already under way.

The Safeway store in the same shopping center location is planning to open at the same time, it was reported.

Jacobson reported that some 50 employees have already been hired, in addition to construction crews. He said store employees will total about 140 on a permanent basis, and that 85 to 90 per cent of them will be local people.

Certain key personnel, such as some department heads, will be brought here from Sears Roebuck stores in other areas.

The store manager recently moved here from Olympia, Wash., where he managed the Sears store. A number of Sears executives and specialists are in town helping to prepare the store for opening.

**Budgets Accepted Without Change After Opinion**

The Medford and Central Point school district budgets for 1959-60 are acceptable without change, County Assessor Ray Schumacher has reported.

Earlier, Schumacher rejected the budgets as invalid, because of an apparent conflict with an attorney general's opinion. A second opinion from the state tax commission was sought, he said, and an examination of it revealed that the two budgets in question will be accepted as being within the 6 per cent limitation.

The opinion he received yesterday was from Ira Jones, attorney for the state commission, and after conferring with Deputy District Attorney Gerald Scannell, Schumacher said that he now felt he could accept the school budgets and still comply with the intent of the law.

The budget difficulties, he explained, were purely technical in nature and the possibility of the school districts being left without adequate funds had not been present.

The problem arose over a consideration of whether the school districts had undergone "annexation" or "consolidation."

They are considered now to be annexed and their tax base is in accord with the budgets as proposed. The delay in receiving the state's opinion apparently was caused by technical complications of the matter, since the opinion sent to Schumacher was eight pages in length.

When ready to open, the building and its contents will represent a multi-million-dollar investment for the company, Jacobson said. The store will have a total of 52 departments and will be "the most complete and most modern store we know how to create," store officials said. It will offer merchandise and services ranging from baby clothes to TV sets, and garden tools to insurance policies.

One department will be a complete 12-car service station, offering all automotive services and supplies except gasoline.

The building proper covers 85,000 square feet, of which nearly half, 40,000 feet, is in display space, with the rest for storage, offices and service areas. Parking for 600 cars will be provided immediately adjacent to the building, and some 1,200 more in the shopping center as a whole, during the first phase of construction.

Paving of the parking area is finished, and decorative shrubs along the front of the building were recently planted.

Other stores and shops in the area will be opened as completed, but probably not by the Aug. 20 date, it was reported.

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## Miss Helen Webster To Ventura Position

Miss Helen E. Webster, librarian for the Medford and Jackson county library for the past four years, left Medford this week for Ventura, Calif., where she will be supervising librarian in charge of the Ventura city library headquarters of the county library system.

Miss Webster, who resigned here recently, will assume her new duties Aug. 1. She will participate in dedication ceremonies there Aug. 16 of the new library headquarters. The county library serves a population of about 135,000 through its Ventura library headquarters, 17 branch libraries, and two bookmobiles. It has a collection of 166,304 volumes with an operating budget of \$288,317, Miss Webster said.

During her four years in Medford, the use and attractiveness of the library reading rooms have been increased. The library's book collection was built up, and collections at branch libraries throughout the county were revamped in the same way.

For the first time a complete catalog and inventory of all book resources of county libraries were achieved.

The local library staff has been departmentalized and trained in specialized responsibilities, under the supervision of Miss Webster, and professional librarians have been employed to provide better reference and advisory service to readers.

Miss Webster also instigated a regular program for informing county residents by newspaper and radio releases of the books and services available to them.

During the past four years the overall library use increased 20 per cent each year. Adult use of the library doubled during the first three years of Miss Webster's administration.

As a library public service, Miss Webster resumed this year the "Neighbor Lady" broadcast begun in 1952. She has published one book, "Shower Parties for All Occasions," which serves as a source for answering questions of library patrons. She has also published a number of general and professional articles in professional journals.

Miss Webster came to Medford in 1948 from Ft. Harrison, Mont., to establish the libraries of the Camp White Domiciliary. From 1951 until 1953 she held the position of women's director at radio station KMED. She left Medford for two years of foreign travel and for county library work at Grays Harbor, Wash. Upon the retirement of Miss Faye Woolsey in 1955 Miss Webster was appointed Jackson county librarian to succeed her.

Miss Webster was a resident of southern California from 1921 to 1942. She received her education in librarianship at the University of California at Los Angeles and Berkeley. She worked from 1930 until 1942 in the Long Beach, Calif., public library, and entered the service of the Veterans Administration in 1942, remaining with the VA until 1950.

**Salk Polio Vaccine Shortage in County**

There is a definite Salk polio vaccine shortage here as there is throughout the United States, Dr. A. Erin Merkel, county health officer, said today.

He said that the Jackson county health department is completely out of the vaccine and has no assurance of receiving a new supply until the first week in September.

He stressed that this shortage shouldn't worry those individuals whose second or third shots are due during the shortage. He said that a variance of one or two months may be had without loss of effectiveness of Salk shots previously received.

Dr. Merkel said that he had checked with a number of physicians in the area who are in the same situation. He recommended that those needing the shots to keep in touch with their family doctor to see when he will have a new supply on hand.

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## Talk Construed To Mean Possible 'Big Two' Session

Vice President Goes Into Mine in Urals

Legyarsk, U.S.S.R.—UPI—Vice President Richard M. Nixon told a Russian miner in the depths of a copper mine in the Urals today that "our leaders must have a chance to talk seriously in a climate where something can be done without resort to force."

Nixon's remarks were construed as a broad hint of a possible meeting between President Eisenhower and Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev. Some people around Nixon feel strongly that a Khrushchev visit to the United States would be helpful.

Nixon's copper mine appeal for a top leadership talk followed by one hour a similar suggestion made in front of a Russian audience in a nearby area.

Shortly before going 700 feet down into the mine, Nixon said in drinking a toast at a lunch given by officials:

"This certainly is an occasion to point out that what we need for the future is to reduce the suspicion and reduce the area of conflict which exists."

**Wants Personal Contacts**

"Certainly one of the most effective ways is not by letters and not by statements made halfway around the world, but by personal contacts such as this today. I do not mean that personal contact will solve our difficulties, but it will serve to reassure each of us and reduce the area and it does create a climate in which difficulties can be solved without resort to force."

"This occasion is for this reason a most happy one for all of us. I hope that it may be one of the first steps toward understanding and will be followed by other increasing contacts among leaders and people."

From the lunch, Nixon went to the mine head, donned a miner's outfit, and with a group of mine officials and members of his entourage, went by elevator 700 feet down into the innards of the Russian Urals.

**Officials to Speak At Water Meeting**

Henry Stewart of the U.S. corps of engineers, and Travis Roberts of the U.S. fish and wildlife service will speak at a meeting of the Rogue Basin Flood Control and Water Resources association in Shady Cove school gymnasium at 8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 3.

They will discuss the corps of engineers suggested program for Lost creek, Elk creek, Meadows on Evans creek and Copper on the Applegate.

The effect of the reservoirs on the fishery will be considered and questions which were unanswered at the association's last meeting will be answered, according to William Jess, president.

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## Premier Makes No Comment on End To Geneva Talks

Tass Reports Speech At Dnepropetrovsk

Moscow—UPI—Premier Nikita Khrushchev said Wednesday night that "the time has come" for the Big Four to hold a summit meeting, it was reported today.

The official Tass agency, reporting a speech made by Khrushchev in Dnepropetrovsk, quoted him as saying that the foreign ministers in Geneva "are coming up against big difficulties because they have to deal with complex unsettled international issues."

He did not comment directly on the impending breakup of the deadlocked Geneva talks.

"These unsettled international questions are more amenable to discussion, and especially to solution, by the heads of government, because the heads of government have vast experience of settling international problems," Khrushchev said. "They also have wider powers."

"It seems to us that the time has come for the heads of government to tackle this difficult job. Let the ministers exert fresh efforts to find mutually acceptable solutions and reach agreement on what they can agree upon."

"The other, most difficult matters, matters of principle, will be considered by the heads of government."

Khrushchev also revealed some details of his private talks six days ago with Vice President Richard M. Nixon, who spent today in Sverdlovsk, 1,200 miles from the Ukrainian city where the premier spoke.

He said Russia wants a Berlin settlement to avert the danger of a war which he said West Germany might start.

**Seeds Laid for Cold War Wrangle**

Geneva—UPI—Russia today laid the seeds of another major cold war wrangle by denying any part in the decision to break off the Geneva foreign ministers conference next Wednesday.

Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko was clearly understood to have agreed to ending the Big Four meeting in his talks Wednesday with Secretary of State Christian A. Herter. But only a few hours after leaving Herter's villa, the Soviet diplomat began backing off from the agreement.

"There was no agreement to end the Geneva talks," declared Soviet delegation spokesman Mikhail Kharlamov. "Our position is that we should continue working here for positive results."

U. S. delegation spokesman Andrew H. Berding's reply to this was, "I repeat what I said—there was an arrangement between Herter and Gromyko to end the conference next Wednesday."

**Cave Junction Fire Is in 'Good Shape'**

Grants Pass—A forest and brush fire which spread over 631 acres about five miles south of Cave Junction on Tuesday was reported in "good shape" today by the state department of forestry.

The blaze has been under control for 36 hours except for a brief flare up resulting in a spot fire about noon yesterday. About 80 men were still at the scene this morning. A garage and shop burned down Tuesday afternoon, causing the larger blaze.

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