

Chapel Built With Aid of Helicopter Dedicated To Men Who Died on Mountain

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Atop Mt. Grignon, Italy—A chapel dedicated to the daring men who climb mountains rises out of the snow of this 8,000-foot Alpine peak, thanks to the daring of a group of mountain-hopping American airmen.

The aluminum and glass chapel was assembled on the wind-swept peak by Italian mountaineers from prefabricated sections brought up from the valley below by U.S. Army helicopters.

This is not a difficult peak by Alpine standards. There is a mule trail on one side and a lodge at the top.

Sleep Sides
But the steep sides are popular among Alpinists from Milan, some 65 miles away, for close-to-home climbing exercise—and more than one mountaineer has lost his life on the rocks of Mt. Grignon.

When the Alpine Club of Milan decided to build a chapel as a memorial to those who had lost their lives on the peak, they realized it would take many months to haul materials to the top by mule-back.

Then someone thought of the helicopters of the 202nd Aviation Company, a U.S. Army unit attached to NATO forces under the Southern European Task Force which has its headquarters in Verona.

The helicopter company had extensive mountain-flying experience, dropping Italian Alpine troops on peaks during war games.

Asked If Could Fly
Milan alpinists asked Maj. Gen. John P. Daley if his men could fly prefabricated sections of the chapel to the top of the peak, where climbers would assemble the hut.

The U.S. helicopter pilots flew up to the peak for a look and the answer came back: Can do.

The first construction cargo flights, three in one day, were undertaken early in October. A helicopter churned through the crisp autumn air from the valley floor with materials for the foundation and frame of the chapel suspended by cables beneath the craft. Hovering over the peak, the helicopter lowered the materials gently to waiting workmen.

Then, in mid-November, came the difficult part of the operation.

Snow Covered Peak
Snow already covered the peak. Harsh winds whipped the summit. Clouds and snow fog blanketed the mountain much of the time.

An H-34 light cargo helicopter piloted by Chief Warrant Officer Jack W. McKeever of Ogden, Utah, and Desmon Burnette of Danville, Va., flew up to the valley where workmen and materials waited.

The helicopter had to suspend operations several times because of bad weather. Finally, it was able to reach the peak three times, once to airlift workmen to receive the materials, once with prefabricated sections.

This time the cargo included fragile crated glass sections for the chapel, which had to be lowered gently onto the rocks and snow near the site.

Wash from Blades
The wash from the helicopter blades sent snow flurries from the peak into the pilots' line of vision, making the final trips more hazardous. Crewmen Gerald D. Bickford of Nassau, N.Y., and Job M. Christopher of Paris, Texas, stood in the craft's rear sections shouting instructions to the pilots.

"It was pretty touchy for a while," McKeever said. "At one time we were so close to the edge of the peak all I could see was 8,000 feet of nothing when I looked down."

The airlift was completed without incident, however, and on Nov. 15 members of the Alpine Club, as well as the villagers of Pasturo far down the mountainside, hiked up to attend dedication of the chapel.

Some 6,000 climbers and hikers are expected to worship at the chapel each year.

Men's Heads Said Getting Larger

New York—UPI—The national Cap and Cloth Hat Institute reports that the heads of American men are getting bigger.

Twenty years ago the average man's head size was 67½, according to the institute. Nowadays, most of the headwear purchased is 7½ and larger.

Medical authorities attribute the trend toward bigger heads to the general physical growth of Americans as they take advantage of health and nutrition developments.



LOWERS SUPPLY—A U.S. Army helicopter hovers above the lodge at the summit of Italy's Mt. Grignon after lowering a supply of building material to workmen on the peak. The aluminum and glass chapel is being erected by members of the Alpine club of Milan as a memorial to climbers who have lost their lives on Mt. Grignon. (UPI Telephoto)

The Family Council

Editor's Note: The Family Council consists of a Judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor, a women's editor and two writers. Each article is a summary of an actual case history. The Council reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

Mrs. J. L. — Nancy should go out to work.

Nancy K. — The children need me.

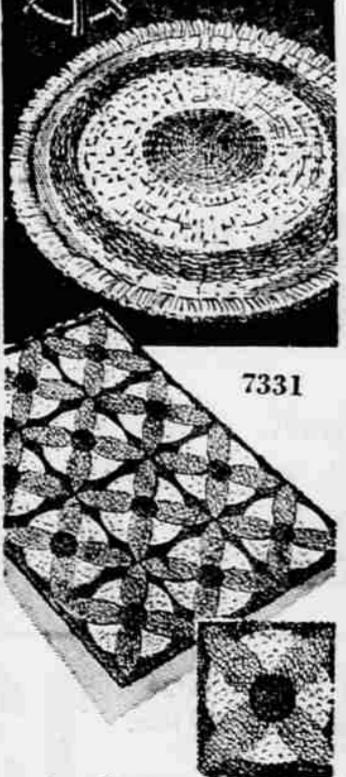
Mrs. J. L. — I am trying to help Nancy, who lost her husband in an accident several months ago.

Nancy is 29 and has three children, the youngest 4. Finances are not a serious problem because her husband was heavily insured and there will be compensation from the accident. In spite of this, I feel that Nancy should go out to work. She disagrees.

My reason is that her nerves have been shattered by this tragedy and she needs to go among people. When she is alone in the house with her little girl she broods and cries. When the older ones come from school, she constantly yells at them. I would help by taking care of the children if Nancy would go to work.

Nancy K. — Mother means well, but it just gets my goat when she keeps telling me to look for a job. I look like a mess and feel worse. Even if I tried hard, I doubt that I could get a job. I don't think I would even be able to type any more.

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Capitol Memo From Salem

By DOUGLAS GRIPP
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Salem — (UPI) — Secretary of State Howell Appling Jr., will announce the middle of next month whether he will seek election to the state's second highest office.

He said this week he hasn't decided for sure whether he wants to be a candidate. The post is for four years.

Several weeks ago Appling indicated there is a pretty good chance that he will run. Top-echelon Republicans, including the man who appointed him a year ago — Gov. Mark Hatfield — have high hopes that he will.

Right now the field is wide open. Will Oregon voters pass the referendum this year to raise legislators' salaries from \$600 a year to \$2,100? If past records are any indication, the answer is: No. The \$600 figure was set in 1950 by the people. The State Supreme Court has ruled that only the people can change it. Since 1950, a raise request has gone to the polls three times and three times it has been defeated — the last being the referendum of 1954 failed by 79,463 votes. The closest margin was two years later when only 17,463 votes killed it. But in 1958 the electorate sank the chances by 80,437 — or 316,437 to 236,000.

Everything is in place for the Democratic state platform convention here this week end. Delegates begin registering at 8 o'clock Friday morning.

Senior Sen. Wayne Morse kicks the thing off at noon that day. Although an announced candidate for president, Morse vows that his keynote will be a "party program presentation, not a campaign speech." Climax will be a Saturday evening banquet for National Chairman Paul Butler, at \$10 a plate.

Blind Man Uses Sense of Feeling

Peterborough, N.H. — (UPI) — "A blind man doesn't develop extra senses after losing his sight; he just makes 'better use of the ones he still has.' This is why Bob Sterling, blinded by shrapnel during World War II, is relied upon for super critical inspection of miniature ball bearings made by New Hampshire Ball Bearings, Inc.

By using one of his remaining senses, touch, Sterling checks bearings so small that nine of them would fit, side by side, on one aspirin tablet. It is a heavy responsibility because these tiny bearings are used in gyroscopes that keep ballistic missiles on course or in the control system of an electronic brain.

Sterling is competing with an elaborate and expensive electronic device designed to perform the same test he does. In some tests, Sterling is more reliable because his sensitive fingers are more accurate and the company depends upon him to locate flaws too fine for even the electronic equipment to detect.

Boon to Nighttime Navigators Found

San Francisco — (UPI) — Luminous radar plotters used on commercial freighters and tankers are proving a boon to nighttime navigators.

The "glow-in-the-lark" plotters eliminate the need for bright lights which greatly hamper night vision, according to officials of the California Shopping company tanker division.

Mariners report the luminous instruments allow the eye to shift quickly from radar scopes to plotting tables and then out the sea ahead with maximum effective vision and maximum safety in ship operation.

DEODORANT SPRAYS
Fort Worth, Tex. — (UPI) — J.L. Robinson, superintendent of Fort Worth's new sewage disposal plant, Tuesday announced the city will try dulling odors from the plant with deodorants from nine giant sprayers.

H.S. Conference On SOC Campus Friday, Saturday

Ashland — About 129 high school students and ten coaches will visit Southern Oregon college, Friday and Saturday, Jan. 29 and 30, for the twelfth annual invitational high school speech conference.

The public is invited to attend all the speaking events, it was reported by Leon C. Mulling, coordinator of the conference.

Specific room assignments for the speeches will be found on bulletin boards in all campus buildings. The program for the two-day event is as follows: Friday, 2 p.m., Debating I; 3 p.m., Oratory I; 4 p.m., Impromptu I and Extemporaneous I; Saturday, 9 a.m., Debating II; 10 a.m., Oratory II; 11 a.m., Radio I, Poetry Reading I, Impromptu II, Extemporaneous II; 1 p.m., Debating III; 2 p.m., Oratory III; 3 p.m., Radio II, Poetry Reading II, Impromptu III, Extemporaneous III.

Students from Ashland who will attend the conference include Gerry Burns, Joan Dagher, Betty Duffy, Judy Eberhart, Pete Kreisman, Bill Lawrence, Jim Lewis, Linda Lewis, Linda Neal, Steve Peterson, Karen Schopf and Glen Tabor.

Crater High will be represented by Julie Ashton, John Caster, Patsy Charles, Randy Clark, Alice Craxton, Don Denning, John Doherty, Ruth Ellis, David Foote, Alvin Kroon, Perry Le Clerc, Richard Lichte, Shirley McAllister, Gary More, Doyle Nesheim, Nathan Parrish, Nancy Schwebel, and Darlene Tomlinson.

Students from Eagle Point will be Paul Evers, Rolf Gustland, Jackie Hume, Joey Hume, Aedene Jensen, Lana McGraw, Madison Patrick, Bill Pfeifer, and Gary Williams.

The Medford forensic team includes John Alansky, Marcia Belknap, Bonnie Cheney, Bill Dames, Nancy Duncan, Vicky Enders, Jim Frake, Joel Gregory, Sunny Gastineau, Mike Higgs, Susan Hall, Joann Johnson, Diane Lewis, Bonnie Lawry, Ruth Mulligan, Mike Phillips, Delores Smith, Martha Simpson, Suzy Thompson and Carl Wasburn. Phoenix will enter Barbara Beer, Ernie Bolz, Kay Demers, Rod Fowler, Barbara Gysin, Jack Hoffbur, Jackie Howard, Dan Lumley, Becky McAlaster, Eldon Mitchell, Bill Oldham and Joyce Stockstill.

Local Student Receives Honors

Central Point — Nathan C. Douthit, 3116 Sunnyvale rd., Central Point, is one of 27 Harvard college senior students from the west who have been honored for their high scholastic achievements by being awarded Harvard college honorary scholarships, according to a release from the university.

To receive the award Douthit was required to maintain a Group II standing with five As and three Bs for the entire academic year, 1958-59.

The student is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Douthit and his father is employed at Hupert Tractor company.

Young Douthit was valedictorian of his class in 1956 when he was graduated from Crater High school and is attending Harvard under a Navy plan scholarship. He has been majoring in history and has taken an active part in drama at the university.

Vitamin A Diet For Chicks Studied

Manhattan, Kans. — (Science Service) — Alfalfa meal may be used as the only source of vitamin A for poultry, studies at Kansas State university here indicate. In one test, chicks whose body stores of vitamin A had been depleted gained three pounds or more between the second and ninth weeks using carotene in alfalfa meal as the sole source of vitamin A. Other chicks, also depleted of body vitamin A stores, received carotene in alfalfa meal as the only source of vitamin A throughout periods of growth plus a full year of egg production. Those receiving only 1,500 units to a pound of feed had an egg production rate of 49 per cent for the year. Those receiving 2,000 units starting at 18 weeks had a 7-month egg production rate of 65 per cent.



CHECK SNOW — Members of the U.S. Navy snow compaction team check the snow surrounding their area in preparation for the VIII Olympic Winter games at Squaw Valley, Calif. The specially prepared parking area will handle about 12,000 cars and consists of compacted snow mixed with sawdust. At left can be seen Squaw Peak. (UPI Telephoto)

Stock Market Regarded by Wall Street As Business Barometer

By ELMER C. WALZER
UPI Financial Editor
New York—Wall Street regards the stock market as a business barometer and hence is keeping a close tab on it to determine a change in trend that might precede a business dip.

The financial district recalls how the market fell in advance of the recession of 1957-1958 and how it rallied long before the business dip had touched bottom in April of 1958 to anticipate a recovery movement.

According to Miron Nacmame, analyst for Green, Ellis & Anderson, the year 1960 will be a good year, "but its rate of growth may not be as good as last. We are, after all, in a later stage of cyclical expansion. Recent profit-taking could be a direct consequence of this realization."

Sound Economy to Prevail
He believes a basically sound economy will probably work against any deep-seated market correction in the months ahead.

"But," he adds, "there's nothing that says it has to propel stocks higher than they are now. Don't forget that earnings of each share on the big board rose 60 per cent between the market peaks of 1949 and 1959 while prices went up 292 per cent."

Nacmame sees a record high in steel production in 1960 with most of the companies having no trouble doubling their estimated 1959 earnings.

He sees good business ahead for the truck producers with trucks taking big chunks of the nation's transportation business. Passenger care output of close to seven million units would turn 1960 into the second best year for that industry, he notes.

Chemicals appear to be heading higher, aided by plastic which had a wide growth in 1959, he says. He finds drugs looking like chemicals.

Oil Future Bright
And he has some good things to say about the oil industry and feels that this year will see generally higher earnings and even a number of dividend increases for the industry.

"In the two years after the 1949 recession," he says, "energy demand rose an average of 11 per cent. During the same period following the 1954 recession it rose 10 per cent. But so far the comeback in demand from the latest recession, has been at a rate only about half as good."

"The steel strike was a depressing factor, leaving lots of pent-up demand. That's why as much as a 6 per cent

increase in petroleum demand is being predicted by industry sources for 1960."

He looks for a good performance from companies making electric appliances, electronic equipment, radio

and TV sets, household furnishings, and from copper miners.

Residential housing starts will be off about 10 per cent, he estimates, "but this should be offset by other types of

Federal Funds Said Needed for Growers

Washington — (UPI) — Rep. Charles O. Porter (D-Ore.) said Wednesday Kenneth W. Sawyer, Farmers Home Administration director for Oregon, believed federal emergency loans were needed by Oregon cranberry growers.

Such loans already have been authorized for some other cranberry-producing states.

Porter said Sawyer would confer week after next with growers in Coos county where most of Oregon's cranberries are raised. A final decision on making emergency loans for Oregon will be deferred until then.

Porter said the Oregon situation was misunderstood in the Washington, D.C. FHA office. Apparently, he said, some growers thought the loan program would interfere with possible indemnity legislation. Porter said in his opinion this was "negligible."

The cranberry growers suffered losses after a government report before Thanksgiving that a weed-killer used on some berries had produced cancer in laboratory rats.

construction, particularly industrial outlays for new plant and equipment."

He estimates corporation profits around \$27 billion, some 13 per cent ahead of last year.

He indicates that the market's recent selloff seems excessive beside the near-term business picture now taking form.

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