

Opinion Bars Women From Flying Commercial Planes

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New York — (UPI) — The first woman pilot says it is high time commercial aviation opened the cockpits to women.

But Mrs. Blanche Stuart Scott, who has spent 50 of her 67 years in aviation, added that "It might take another war" to get women accepted as pilots of the big commercial liners.

She said that World Wars I and II had helped open to women jobs once considered strictly masculine—from riveters to mechanics. But she said because of public opinion, the barriers to commercial aviation remain sturdy, no matter how capable women pilots may be.

"I just don't think the public is ready to accept them," she said. "Maybe in another 50 years. . . and all the men are flying into outer space, and someone has to fly things on this planet."

"But you'll notice," she continued, "that people mention women flyers in the same derogatory way they talk about women drivers."

She added, however, that there are some 4,900 trained female flyers in the United States today, that women have set many altitude, distance and endurance records, and have proved themselves in piloting both for private firms and the government.

Mrs. Scott, who lives in 202 Chestnut St., Rochester, N.Y., came to New York for a division meeting of the Antique Airplane Association at the Hotel Edison. The association, representing collectors and pilots of craft 20 years old or older, presented her with a plaque commemorating her first flight half a century ago.

Mrs. Scott, a wisp of a woman with gray hair and merry blue eyes, told in an interview how she got into flying in the first place. It started with a car. She was the only, and perhaps, child of a Rochester manufacturer of patent medicines for animals, and had her first car by the time she was 18. "There was no problem of licenses then," she said.

She had enthusiastically the accounts of the men who made the first cross-country

trips by automobile, and decided that there should be a first woman to make such a journey — namely her.

In May, 1910, she and Gertrude Phillips, a newspaper-woman who was to keep a diary of their adventures, set forth with fanfare from New York. Two months later, they arrived in San Francisco.

The resulting fame was enough to convince Glenn Curtiss, an aviation pioneer, that if he taught her how to fly, she would be of promotional value to his company. Her first flight after three lessons, was Oct. 23, 1910, at Fort Wayne, Ind.

Mrs. Scott, billed as "The Tomboy of the Air," became one of the star attractions of exhibition flying.

She quit flying at the beginning of the first war, selling her plane to the government, and joined with her husband in a firm supplying props, scenery and crews to movie makers in New York.

When he died, she moved to Hollywood where for years she wrote comedy dialogue for pictures and ran her own radio show.

More recently, she served as consultant and public relations adviser for the U.S. Air Force Museum in Dayton, O. But a funds cutback left her "retired."

"Now," she said, "I'm doing nothing and going mad doing it."

FOE Auxiliary National Officer Oregon Visitor

Members of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the auxiliary from the western part of Oregon attended a meeting at Grants Pass Sunday which was held in honor of Mrs. Lois Nelson, Fargo, N.D., grand madam president of the auxiliary.

Twenty-five Medford members attended. Included in the delegation were Mrs. Lyle Pickell, a past state president; Mrs. Clarence Englund, madam president of Crater Lake auxiliary; Jack Weber, chairman of the FOE for Oregon; and Jack Satterlee, aerie president.

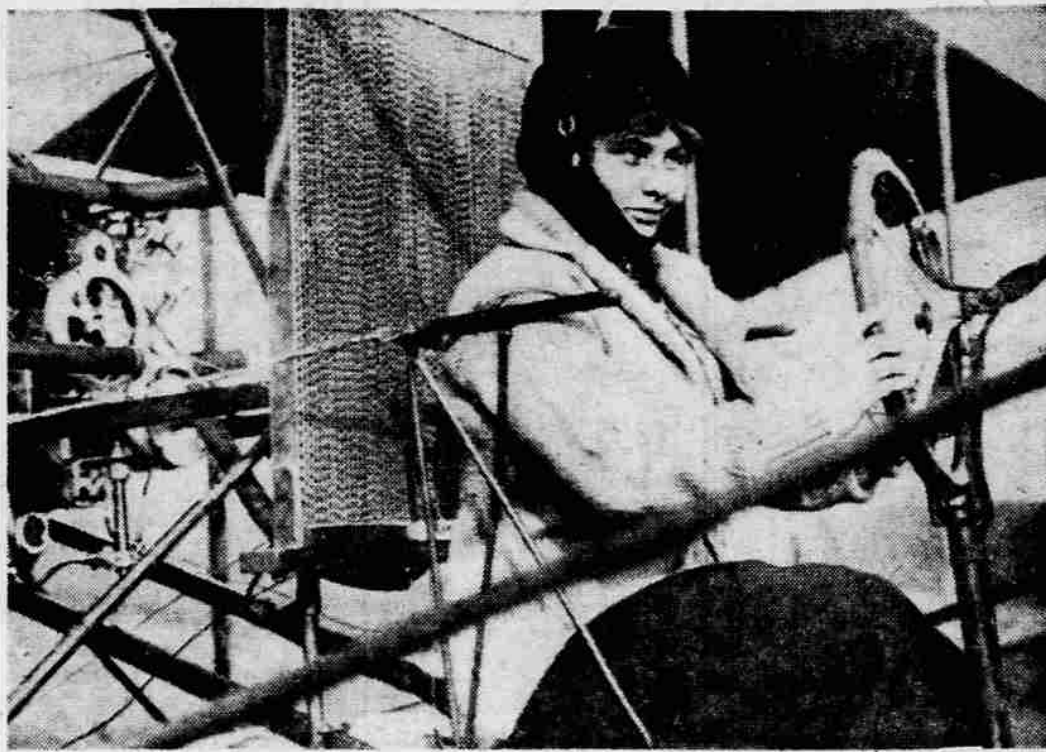
Other FOE and auxiliary dignitaries present were William Bigoni, Portland, past state president; Fred L. Grace, Eugene, state trustee; and Mrs. Ruth Holland, Grants Pass, an auxiliary state trustee.

Officers of the Grants Pass auxiliary, headed by Mrs. Alice Patterson and assisted by the drill team, conducted the meeting.

The national officer spoke at some length, stressing the meaning, aims and the humanitarian program of the Eagles lodge. She reported on the progress of "Home on the Range," reminding auxiliary members that they have pledged themselves to furnish bedding for the project. She also thanked auxiliary members for their contributions to the Muscular Dystrophy Research foundation.

Mrs. Holland presented Mrs. Nelson a contribution from the auxiliaries of Bend, Klamath Falls, Medford, Grants Pass, Roseburg, Coos Bay, Eugene, Coquille and North Bend. The national officer also received gifts from the auxiliaries.

A cocktail hour followed the meeting, with the Medford City Slickers and Hill-Billies entertaining. A chicken dinner ended the day.



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Women's News Social Events

OEA Delegation to Leave For Annual Convention

A large Jackson county delegation, headed by Mrs. Randolph of West Virginia; Martin Essex, superintendent of the Akron, Ohio, public schools and national president of the American Association of School Administrators and Philip B. Gilliam, noted Denver, Colorado, juvenile judge.

Outstanding social event of the three days will be the general convention banquet Thursday evening, March 17, at which time the Oregon Education Citizen of the Year citation will be presented on behalf of the association by State Superintendent Rex Putnam. Principal speaker at the banquet will be Goodwin Knight, California governor from 1953 to 1959.

Addressing the opening general session Thursday morning in the civic auditorium will be Martin Essex speaking on "The Task Is Ours" and Senator Jennings Randolph with the topic "Education to Match Our Times."

Judge Philip G. Gilliam will address the second general session Friday afternoon on the subject, "What's Wrong with People?" Also on the Friday afternoon program will be Oregon's all state high school band, with Warren Bellic of the University of Idaho serving as special guest conductor.

Two special communications citations will be awarded by the educators at a public relations dinner in the Washington hotel Friday evening. One daily and one weekly Oregon newspaper will be honored for "outstanding continuous reporting of public education," according to the special citations. This will be a part of a Friday evening and Saturday invitational conference on school communications featuring Dr. Gordon McCloskey of Washington State University and Al Hill, Community relations representative of Boeing Airplane company, Seattle.

Other convention speakers will include Richard Batchelder, president of the National Department of Classroom Teachers of the National Education Association; and Loren Stone, Manager, KCTS-TV, Seattle, for the audi-visual department.

The next meeting will be the treasury dinner, Thursday, March 24, at the home of Mrs. Gertrude Blind, 127 Valley View drive.

Mrs. Jean Hart, chairman of the service committee, announced that a rummage sale will be held Saturday, March 19, at the Fehi building from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Give Party
Days Creek—Members of the Days Creek band and chorus gave a pre-wedding party for their instructor, Willard Benner, Friday afternoon. The wedding of Miss Marilyn Martin of Myrtle Creek to Mr. Benner is set for Saturday, April 12.

Meeting Postponed For Phoenix Unit
Phoenix — A meeting of Phoenix Home Extension unit scheduled for Friday, March 18, has been postponed due to spring vacation of Phoenix schools. The meeting will be held Friday, March 25.

Meeting Scheduled For Phoenix HEC
Phoenix — Mrs. Charles Johnson will be hostess for a meeting of Phoenix Grange Home Economics club at her home, 2297 Camp Baker road, Wednesday, March 16. Desert at 1 p.m. will be followed by a business meeting.

Meeting Saturday
Idella Rogue santha, Nomads of Avrudaka, will meet Saturday, March 19, at 6:30 p.m. at the Pythian building for a covered dish dinner. A business meeting at 8 p.m. will be conducted by the newly installed officers.

Observance Held For Prayer Day

Dr. George Roseberry, Mrs. D. K. West and Mrs. George Brennen were principal speakers for a noon-time opening session of the recent observance of World Prayer day by Medford Council of United Churchwomen. They expressed their personal thoughts on prayer from the standpoint of a minister, a minister's wife and a lay woman of the church.

Dr. Roseberry said spiritual depth makes a serene, composed life. Mrs. West read from the scriptures passages which expressed the need of prayer and Mrs. Brennen said "as we pray we grow in Grace."

Mrs. Everett Faber, Central Point, president, conducted the session, held at Zion Lutheran church. The Rev. H. C. Covert, pastor of the host church, and Mrs. Faber closed the meditation period.

Mrs. William Ricken expressed the council greetings at the afternoon session and introduced the chairman, Mrs. H. C. Covert. Violin and organ selections were played by Mrs. Paul Evenson and Mrs. Herbert Wing.

Mrs. Charles Adamson led afternoon singing and she and Mrs. Wing played background music for the noon period. Mrs. Lyle Schoppert was the afternoon soloist.

The several portions of the formal program were led by Mrs. Ada Boyington, Mrs. W. E. Olson and Mrs. John Youngen.

A dramatic presentation depicting the purposes of the offering was given with Mrs. George Roseberry the reader. Those assisting were dressed in costumes of other countries and incidental meditations were given during the dramatization by Mrs. Walter Higgins and Mrs. C. Gordon Morse.

Representing other countries were Mrs. C. E. Naffziger, Mrs. Russell Fair, Mrs. W. J. Williams, Mrs. Fred Moore, Mrs. Robert Hostetter, Mrs. Kenneth Denman, Mrs. Milton Snow and Richard Snow.

The Rev. Covert received the offering and gave the dedicatory prayer and benediction. Proceeds from the day's offering will be used for both foreign and home mission activities.

The Rev. C. A. Young, of the Eastwood Baptist church held a special service during the afternoon for inmates of the Jackson County Farm Home and stated that the twenty or more in attendance were pleased to be remembered by the Medford sponsoring group. Also Captain William Ricken held a service at Camp White with music a special feature.

Visitor Leaves
Central Point—Mrs. L. A. Brown has left for her home in Idaho, Okla., after a month's visit at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bill McHargue, 543 Hopkins road. This was Mrs. Brown's first trip to Oregon. She particularly enjoyed visiting Jacksonville and the Jacksonville museum, and a trip to the coast during which she saw the redwoods.

Hornbrook Group Announces Party

Hornbrook—The annual St. Patrick's day card party given by the Altar Society of the local Catholic church will be held Thursday, March 17, at 8 p.m. at the Grange hall. A prize to be awarded is on display in the window of the T. Jones store.

Tickets may be purchased at the door, or in advance from any members of the altar society.

This is the only money-raising event of the year held by the women of the local group.

The public is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

Hostess Named For Club Session

Welcome Wagon club will meet Thursday, March 17, at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Al Navarrette, 1340 Fortune drive. Members and guests are invited to attend and play cards.

Guests present at a coffee given March 8 at the home of Mrs. Lewis McLaren were Mrs. William Dunigan, Mrs. Lloyd Brooks, Mrs. John Hogenheide, Mrs. Ernest Black, Mrs. Blake Maddox, Mrs. John McHugh, Mrs. Ted Barbee and Mrs. Lloyd Bishop.

Calendar Tea Sponsored Musical By Council; Prizes Given

More than 120 persons attended the first Girl Scout calendar tea held March 11 at the Red Cross building under the sponsorship of Rogue Valley Girl Scout council. Mrs. Raymond Reter took charge of arrangements and decorations for the event. Assisting here were Mrs. A. Carrara, Mrs. O. E. Eden and Mrs. Scott V. Davis.

Several women's groups cooperated in the event by decorating tea tables, and members of these poured during the afternoon. Pouring were Miss Myrta Otterdale and Mrs. Virgil H. Mohr, Altrusa club; Mrs. Calvin McKibben and Mrs. Charles Jones, Medford Jayettes; Mrs. E. M. Wallin and Mrs. L. P. Rentschler, Medford Garden club; Mrs. Ray L. Casterline and Mrs. Jonathan Middleton, Junior Service league; Mrs. A. N. Potter and Mrs. Charles Lemery, Contemporary Book club; Mrs. Cecil and Mrs. Edgar Moir, Xi Mu chapter, Beta Sigma Phi; Mrs. Murray Dumas and Mrs. Dan Dwyer, Crater Lions auxiliary; Mrs. Everett Young and Mrs. Wallace West, Central Point Garden club; Mrs. Jerry Lausmann and Mrs. Glen Brannlund, Kiwanian Dames; Mrs. Clay M. Lee and Mrs. J. D. Brummond, Medford Travel Study club; Mrs. Joseph Sayre and Mrs. Richard LaMont, Beta Upsilon, Beta Sigma Phi; Mrs. Floyd Eastwood and Mrs. Floyd Robertson, Alpha Beta chapter, Beta Sigma Phi.

First prize of \$20 went to Central Point Garden club for their table depicting the Fourth of July and the nation's anniversary; Xi Mu chapter won second prize and \$15 for a setting depicting the Chinese New Year, and third prize, \$5, went to Alpha Beta chapter for a table decorated in the St. Patrick's day theme. It featured leprechauns and Irish castles. Judges were Mrs. Tom Ginn, Mrs. Otto Ewaldsen and Mrs. O. V. Poe.

Assisting with the tea were Mrs. Frank Tamney, Mrs. Robert Sleeter, Mrs. T. R. Eslinger, Mrs. Jerry Gastineau, Mrs. B. E. Culy, Mrs. M. N. Hogan, Mrs. Judson Compton, Mrs. Scott Davis, Mrs. Max Leischner, Mrs. Robert LeRoy, Mrs. Walter M. Higgins, Miss Ruth Kilbourn, Mrs. Paul Norris, Mrs.

C. F. Emery, Mrs. Jack James, Mrs. James Murray, Mrs. Lorene Babcock, Mrs. H. E. Nulton and Mrs. R. W. Gray.

This first calendar tea, a colorful event with many spring flowers, was planned to coincide with the annual Girl Scout week and may become an annual event.

Rogue Valley Girl Scout council is a beneficiary of the United Medford Crusade, the Ashland-Talent United Fund and the Josephine County United Fund.

Officers and Staff Of Pythian Sisters To Practice Tonight

Officers and the degree staff of Talisman temple, Pythian Sisters, will meet tonight at 7:30 o'clock at the Pythian hall for practice.

Mrs. Edward Bostwick is chief of the lodge and Mrs. Harry Bryant is staff captain.

Pythian club held the last meeting at the home of Mrs. J. A. Cochran, 63 Bush street, Ashland. Mrs. Jack Hall was co-hostess.

Names of Calantha sisters were drawn.

Mrs. Lillian Walter, Ashland, was a guest. Mrs. Walter will be initiated into the temple at a meeting March 22 when Mrs. Georgia Shearer, grand chief, will visit the lodge.

The next meeting of Pythian club will be at the home of Mrs. Audley White, 523 North Riverside ave., with Mrs. Orval Hayes as co-hostess.

Mrs. George Thomas, Mrs. Amy Snyder, Mrs. Harry Bryant, Mrs. Don Anderson and Mrs. White won prizes.

Meeting Scheduled For Jolly Stitches
Mrs. Don Robins, 1002 Jasper street, will be hostess for a meeting of Jolly Stitches club Friday, March 18, at 8 p.m.

Musical Announced

"Oklahoma!" has been chosen as the 1960 musical to be presented by the Medford High school choir. It will be given April 21, 22, 23 at Medford High school auditorium.

Musical scores are by Rodgers and Hammerstein, and the play is based on the production "Oklahoma!" which had a sensational successful run on Broadway.

Lynn Sjoland is the choir director, and Mrs. Lenore Zapell is in charge of dramatics. Dance number rehearsals have been underway for two weeks under the supervision of Miss Colleen Hope.

Casting is expected to be completed this week, and a full schedule of rehearsals

Plan Party

Get Together club will meet Friday, March 18, at Girls Community club at 1 p.m. for dessert and an afternoon of cards. Friends of members are invited to attend.

will begin following spring vacation next week. Advance ticket sales will begin on April 4.

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