

# Ex-Medford Resident Becomes Sky Dive Enthusiast

"Everything that goes up, must come down," is not only a statement of gravity but a basic principle for participants of the nation's most recent sport—sky diving.

With greater interest in sport parachuting, it isn't uncommon to hear tales of individuals landing amidst high-tension wires or seeing his own parachute burst into flames. Some parachutists have even plunged into the ocean from several thousand feet in the sky.

Medford, however, can boast of having a former resident experience all of this, as well as being the nation's first female parachutist to sky dive in open competition plus being a leading stunt lady in Hollywood, Calif.

**Medford High Graduate**  
Claiming this description is petite, 26-year-old Carol Carson, a 1952 Medford High school graduate. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Haas, 805 Narragan st., Medford.

Although originally pursuing an acting career, the local girl has completed at least 31 officially-logged sky dives, including one last month above Elsinore, Calif. — at night.

Following high school, Carol moved to California and became associated with a little-theater group at Manhattan Beach, where she won leading roles in various productions. Everything seemed to point toward a successful motion picture career.

Then, less than two years ago, she first observed a "sky diver" making a jump at Laguna Beach. To satisfy her curiosity and intense desire to investigate the sport, she contacted local airport officials to ask if a girl could belong to the sky diving club.

**Follows New Sport**  
Reports say she convinced club officials to allow her to join, and made her first jump that afternoon. After making a "perfect" landing, she was determined to give up her stage career to follow the new sport.

Since then the enthusiast has made herself known throughout the country by her skill and parachuting activities. Although there were few sport parachutists when she began, today the rapidly-expanding activity claims thousands.

Carol also has joined the staff of Sky Diver magazines, declared the only English language sport parachuting magazine.

Last year she dyed her parachute canopy and coversalls pink and became known at county fairs and air shows in the Southwest as the "Pink Lady." At Livermore, Calif., she became the first woman sky diver to compete in an official parachute meet in July, 1959.

**Joins Center**  
The former resident also joined a sport parachuting center at Hemet, Calif., operated by Jacques Istel and Lew Sanborn, former members of the U.S. Sport Parachute team that won honors diving



**WOMAN PARACHUTIST** — Carol Carson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Haas, 805 Narragan st., Medford, may claim to the honor of being the first woman parachutist to sky dive in open competition, as well as a leading stunt lady in Hollywood, Calif. A 1952 Medford High school graduate, she is now actively engaged in the increasingly-popular sport, both as a hobby and a profession. She is now associated with ParaVen-

tures, Inc., Hollywood, who recently has signed agreements to produce a new television series entitled "Sky Divers." Carol will play the leading role. Shown above is the Medford parachutist with John Lively (left) and Morion Gossett, Eagle Point, both members of the Southern Oregon Sky Divers. They were among those who made jumps near Dead Indian last summer.

caped injury. On another fall, she landed improperly causing an injury "grounding" her for several months. The Medford girl was recently featured in a pictorial report published in Argosy magazine. She is also on the staff of ParaVentures, Inc., Hollywood, operated by professional parachutists — Dave Burt and Jim Hall.

## Rogue River To Present Program

Rogue River — Students in the instrumental and vocal music departments at the Rogue River schools will present their Christmas program Thursday, Dec. 22, at 8 p.m. in the high school gym.

Selections by the advanced band include "Christmas Suite," "Christmas Carols," "Frosty the Snowman," and "Nutcracker," featuring a flute trio.

The high school band will perform "Adeste Fideles," "Christmas Carols," "We Three Kings of Orient Are," selections from "The Messiah," "Two Latin Carols," and "Ave Maria."

Elementary and primary grade students will sing during the program, and the high school chorus will offer "O Holy Night," "Winter Wonderland," "White Christmas," and "Silent Night." William Osmer will direct the program.

## County Road Crews Continue Winter Maintenance Work

The Jackson county roads department is continuing its winter maintenance work, County Engineer Robert Carstensen said Friday.

Crews are widening Carberry rd. Widening of Poorman Creek rd. has been temporarily halted because of bad weather. Alta Vista rd. from Bigham Brown rd. to Riley rd. is being graded and gravelled.

Crews are clearing a right-of-way on the Butte Falls-Willow Lake rd. They also are adding shoulder rock on paving done this summer. Miscellaneous brush work and stump burning is being done, Carstensen said.

The department has completed bridge inspection for the year. Crews are inspecting most of the wooden bridges, and removing debris.

A pre-fabricated bridge was installed recently on Taylor rd. east of the Old Stage rd. Rock work on the Meadows rd. has been finished. Ditch cleaning and miscellaneous road drainage work also is being completed, he said.

Starting Jan. 3 crews will install a concrete box culvert for drainage ditch along the south side of Stewart ave. between Oakdale ave. and Holly st. This will be a four-month project, Carstensen said.

The county regional planning advisory committee will discuss the proposed overpass at Voorhies crossing during its meeting in the county court office Dec. 21, the county engineer added. So far the bureau of public roads hasn't said no to the proposal in connection with the Highway 99 freeway.

## The Family Council

**Editor's Note:** The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, three editors and a women's editor. 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.

**Harriet U.** — He married me to have someone to torment. **Seymour U.** — My first marriage was so happy, I wasn't prepared for such selfishness.

**Harriet U.** — Seymour and I were both widowed and this is a second marriage for each of us. He is 63, a silk merchant, and I'm 58. My late husband was in the dress business and we met Seymour and his wife years ago in the course of business dealings.

Only since our marriage have I seen the true Seymour. The man doesn't want a wife, he wants a slave. He has a big apartment and he married me to get a cook, maid, housekeeper, hostess, secretary, valet, roommate — all under the title of Mrs.

My first husband took me out to nice restaurants once or twice a week. Not Seymour! He says no chef can beat my cooking. Go to a show or a movie? Oh no, says Seymour. Not with such good TV. He must have missed having somebody to push around.

He says his first wife was an angel. If so she must be glad to be where she belongs, with the other angels. I'm no angel, just a wife. Seymour never learned the difference.

**Seymour U.** — How people can change! When I used to call on Harriet in her apartment, she'd insist that we have dinner there. She wanted to show what a skilful homemaker she was.

No sooner were we wed than she packed away her aprons in mothballs. She retired from homemaking and went into business as a socialite.

My first wife was a real wife. She understood me, helped me build my business, got along without help for many years. She saw to it that my suits and laundry were attended to. Now my suits are crowded out of the closet and hang in a portable wardrobe. And many's the time I have to wash out my own socks because Harriet has let my reserve supply run out.

Worst of all, though, my other wife knew I couldn't go on working forever and she urged me to slow down. She was eager to economize. Harriet not only runs through every cent she can lay her hands on, but is urging me to expand my territory and shovel more money her way for her high living.

Maybe my former wife spoiled me because to me this arrangement with Harriet is no marriage. It's a collision!

**The Council:** Until the

ghosts of former mates are exorcised from this new relationship, this marriage hasn't a chance. It's all right for Harriet and Seymour to think back lovingly to their previous marriages, which develop a more and more hazy aura as time goes by. But thinking back to them is not throwing them up and drawing odious comparisons. The latter is unfair and probably dishonest.

If each of these middle-age scrappers was as bad as the other says, their prior spouses must have been glad to shuffle off this mortal coil and leave the field to the champs.

Putting aside the past, there's no reason why these two adults can't embark on what Dr. Mary Jane Hungerford, of the American Institute of Family Relations, calls the High C's of Marriage — Communication, Consideration and Compromise. While a second marriage may start out as a marriage of convenience, it can grow into a real love match by way of those C's.

Their complaints are pettish and indicate that they haven't even tried that first C—talking things out to chart the way to goals they agree on.

To paraphrase the old brocade, if in the first you did succeed, try, try again. (Copyright 1960, General Features Corp.)

## Language Meeting Is Held in Salem

Phoenix — John Kuchler, German instructor at Phoenix High school, attended the regional foreign language conference at Salem recently.

Held for the first time this year, the conference was co-sponsored by the Oregon Education association foreign language department and the state department of education. Lectures were presented in language laboratory usage, phonetics, linguistics and semantics.

Second level National Defense Education act institute participants presented a panel on their visits and instruction in the foreign countries and conversation in their respective language. Two of the four panel members attended the "Evangelische Institute" in Stuttgart, Germany. One of the participants, John Groeger, formerly an instructor of German in college, had been an instructor of Kuchler.

Concluding the institute, instructors divided into their respective language groups, speaking only the given language.

## Christmas Party Set in Jacksonville

Jacksonville — Lodges, civic organizations, and the local Parent Teacher association have announced that they will unite to offer the only public Christmas treat for this area.

During a special program at the Jacksonville school gym Wednesday at 8 p.m., children and students in the Jacksonville area will have an opportunity to see Santa Claus and receive a "treat."

Sponsoring the "treat" are the Jacksonville Lions club, the Lions auxiliary, the Odd Fellows, Royal Neighbors,

firemen, Garden club, Rebekahs, and the American Legion.

Boston — Honest Thomas Blake was filling out a job application form when he found a blank labelled "police record" so he went to the city prison to get exact dates for his past problems with the law.

Sgt. Ed Poilet got Blake's record from the file and arrested him on an outstanding charge of non-support.

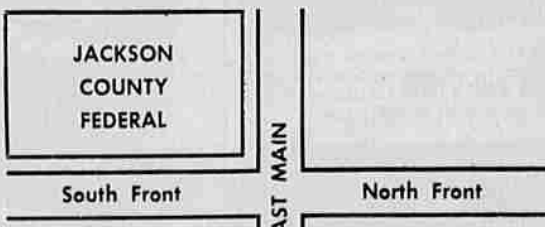
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