

Lockheed Modification of Electras Passes Halfway Point

Washington—(UPI)—Lockheed's \$25 million modification program on its controversial Electra aircraft is past the halfway mark and will be completed by early July, a United Press International survey shows.

Of the 118 Electras operated by six major U.S. airlines, 70 already have undergone the structural changes required to lick the freak vibration "bug" that caused two fatal crashes.

The modification work involves the addition of about 1,200 pounds of metal to the Electra's wing structure and engine mounts. Government tests have shown that the beefed-up structure not only licked the vibration bug but gave the big prop-jet a margin of structural strength unsurpassed by any commercial airliner flying. Lockheed footed the entire bill.

Unmodified Electras have been flying at restricted speeds (approximately the

same as a DC6) for more than a year.

The federal aviation agency ordered the restrictions after determining that the vibration phenomenon, severe enough to cause structural failure, occurred only at a certain high speed. The FAA last Jan. 5 gave the airlines permission to resume normal speeds on all modified Electras after exhaustive and hair-raising flight and laboratory tests.

The airlines gave UPI this progress report on when their Electra fleets will be cruising at their former 400 miles per hour and more:

Eastern—17 of 39 Electras have been modified but are flying under speed restrictions until late June or early July.

Phoenix High school speech student Gene Holt won the state championship trophy for humorous interpretation at the 54th annual Oregon High School Speech League tournament at Oregon State college, Corvallis, last week end.

Holt was one of nine individuals who won trophies at the event and he was the only southern Oregon entrant to place first.

Phoenix debaters Karen Mocabee and Liz King placed third in B debate.

Ashland students Jim Lewis, Bill Lawrence, Pete Kreisman and Jerry Burns tied for second with David Douglas High school, Portland, in class A debate. Burns also placed second in after-dinner speaking and second for oratory.

Mike Phillips, Medford, won third place in the oratory division.

Robert Myrick, Phoenix High school speech teacher, was elected first vice president of the speech league.

Bert Simmons, Stayton teacher, is the new president.

A total of 213 students from 55 high schools competed in the two day tournament. All were district winners.

Business Professor Speaks at Meeting

Ashland—Arnold D. Wolfe, assistant professor of business at Southern Oregon college, addressed the National Secretaries association recently at the Jackson hotel, Medford.

He discussed the certified stenographer program, concluding that further investigation should be made on the possibility of assisting individuals of that group in qualifying for examinations for positions as certified public stenographers.

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In Hospital—Holly Sue Dodge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Dodge, 224 Oak Grove rd., Medford, was listed as a surgery patient today at Sacred Heart hospital.

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They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo

YASSIR—THAT'S MY LITTLE FOREIGN BOMB! EE-CONOMEE IS HER MOTTO! DROVE ALL THE WAY TO SAN FRAN' AND BACK! STILL HAD TWO GALLONS IN THE TANK WHEN I GOT HOME—X THINK SHE RUNS ON AIR....

SO HENRY WENT ON A TRIP WITH HIM AND OFFERED TO PAY ALL THE GAS AND OIL BILLS... WOW! HE MUST HAVE AN EXTRA TANK IN THE TRUNK!!

THANK AND A TIP OF THE HAT TO GEO. GAMBLER, 28 RANCH ST., BETHLEHEM, PENNA.

VERMIN BRAGS ABOUT HIS NEW LITTLE BUGGY... IT'S PRACTICALLY ANTI-GAS TO HEAR HIM TELL NEIGHBOR HENRY...

WELL, WHADDA YA KNOW? MABEL'S THIRSTY AGAIN... GUESS WE BETTER TANK UP!!

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Obituaries

MRS. LIDA BADER

Ashland—Mrs. Lida Bader, 58, of 278 Idaho st., Medford, died yesterday afternoon at her home.

She was born Sept. 23, 1902, in Brussels, Belgium.

Survivors include her husband, Mark Bader; her mother, Mrs. Lela Goloubkine; a son, Michael Bader, Santa Clara, Calif.; and a daughter, Mrs. Maryse Lewis, Los Alamos, Calif.

The body will be forwarded by Litwiller Funeral home to Monterey, Calif., for services.

LEE McCARN

Lee McCarn, 72, of Gold Hill, died Tuesday in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at Conger-Morris Funeral home downtown chapel, West Main at Sixth st., Friday at 1:30 p.m. The Rev. George Roseberry of the First Methodist church will officiate. Committal will be in Hillcrest Memorial park.

MRS. GERTRUDE WALKER

Private funeral services were held this morning for Mrs. Gertrude Florence Walker at her home, 833 West Jackson st.

She is survived by her husband, William H. Walker, Medford; four sons, Amby H. Frederick, Portland, and Jack T. Bill F. and Robert D. Walker, all of Medford; and 10 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

ERIKA NELSON

Ashland—Erika Nelson, 50, of 201 Gresham st., Ashland, died at his home early this morning. He was born July 14, 1910, in Sweden, and lived in Ashland for three years. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Litwiller Funeral home.

HERE ON VISIT

Gilbert F. Liddell, U.S. Navy, is in Medford to visit his father, Forrest B. Liddell, 712 Newmarket st., and friends and relatives. He recently returned to the states after more than a year's duty on Okinawa. He will be stationed at Moffat Field, Calif. He is a 1932 graduate of Medford High school.

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Purchasing Procedures, Zoning Change Considered in Ashland

Ashland—The majority of Tuesday night's Ashland city council meeting was devoted to two major issues created in recent weeks.

An ordinance establishing city purchasing procedures was unanimously approved, while a proposed change in city residential zoning was sent back to the city planning commission for further study.

City purchasing procedures have been sharply criticized for more than a month. The controversy centered around the method used in soliciting bids for city purchases.

On some purchases, announcement of bidding would be opened was sent to a limited number of potential bidders. Councilman Don Lewis criticized this procedure, and said that all possible bidders should be notified. He was supported by Edd Rountree, Ashland publisher.

Result of Study

The new ordinance came as the result of a study by the council ordinance committee. Specifically, it establishes a city purchasing agent, sets purchasing procedures and prescribes penalties for violations.

City Superintendent Elmer Biegel will be purchasing agent. He will supervise purchases of materials, supplies, equipment and contractual services.

The ordinance gives Biegel power to "act to procure for the city the highest quality in supplies, equipment and contractual services at the least expense to the city, and to sell or dispose of all personal property which has become obsolete and unusable."

The ordinance also provides that it is unlawful for any officer or employee of the city to purchase any supplies or make any contract other than through the purchasing agent.

In addition, all purchases, contracts and sale of city equipment must be based, wherever possible, on competitive bids.

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—Co-author of a book for education courses.

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Prather's car went out of control, into a ditch and returned to the highway, colliding with a truck driven by Dave Lee Waters, 29, of Grants Pass, police said.

Prather was taken to the Josephine General hospital in Grants Pass by Medford Ambulance Service.

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The residential zoning ordinance was submitted after being approved by the planning commission April 10. It called for creating a multiple family dwelling area to be known as Zone 3, and a single family dwelling area known as Zone 4.

Minimum lot area for construction in both zones was set at 6,000 square feet, with a minimum lot width of 50 feet fronting a street on interior lots and 60 feet on corner lots. The commission provided that "where the application of the lot size requirement would cause undue hardship to a property owner, the commission shall have the right to waive the requirements."

The planning commission lot size restrictions were studied by Biegel and Marvin Gloege, city planner, and they indicated the restrictions possibly were too strict. They recommended the council change the restrictions to include only the 6,000 square feet provision.

Endorse Ordinance

A petition was submitted by 37 land owners in the Mountain ave. and Wisconsin st. area endorsing the zoning ordinance which would ban construction of multiple family units in the area. They said they were in complete favor of the proposed "strict" residential zoning in the area of South Mountain ave. above Wisconsin st.

They said it was their feeling that any zoning change in the area would lower property values, create a parking problem, and could create sub-standard conditions.

Thomas Parker, Ashland contractor and investor, challenged the signers by saying they did not know what they signed. Parker said he interpreted the ordinance to mean that no additional people could be taken into a home in the area, even if they become part of a family.

City Attorney Harry Skerry said that where a family situation exists there would be no violation of the ordinance. However, Skerry explained that if a situation got to a "boarding house" stage, a violation would occur.

The proposed changes suggested by Gloege and Biegel will be considered at a special planning commission meeting.

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