

# Idea of Toy Turns Into Successful Business

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equipment and operation of new-type jet engines were covered in other group sessions. In explaining the wide "on the job" training at Whidbey Island, a new film "Jet Bombers Go to Sea" was used. A showing of air refueling equipment was especially interesting.

Fleet Air Whidbey maintains an amazingly complete meteorological section, and included in the displays viewed by the southern Oregonians were weather maps sent direct from a U.S. satellite currently circling the globe.

A close view of the three major types of aircraft used at the Whidbey base was afforded the visitors, with an opportunity to meet pilots and crew members. The giant A3D "Skywarrior," used here by all the Heavy Attack Squadrons, is the largest bomber to operate on an aircraft carrier, and is capable of carrying nuclear weapons to any part of the world from mobile floating airbases many miles away.

The huge "Skywarrior" is 22 feet 9 inches high, weighs 70,000 pounds and has a wingspan of 72 feet 6 inches. Its length is a foot more than the wingspan, the J-57 jet engines have a thrust of 10,000 pounds each. The "Skywarrior" has a range of 3,000 miles at 650 miles per hour; carries a crew of three or four. It is called the Navy's "Sunday Punch" in fleet circles.

## Three Fly Neptune Bombers

Three squadrons at Whidbey fly Lockheed P2V-7 "Neptune" bombers, especially adapted to anti-submarine warfare and long range patrol. It is equipped to perform aerial mining tasks as well as low level bombing and, like the "Skywarrior," can carry nuclear weapons to any enemy many miles away.

This big bomber carries a crew of 10, has a range of 3,500 miles and incorporates two jet engines with two reciprocating engines. The "Neptune" weighs 80,000 pounds, is 98 feet long, stands more than 28 feet high and has a wingspan of 104 feet. One of these planes flew from Perth, Australia, to Columbus, Ohio, non-stop.

Another smaller plane with all weather capabilities and able to perform many of the functions of the other reconnaissance and bombing planes is the Grumman SF2F. Although the "ugly duckling" of the Whidbey planes, the "Stuf" can operate from both land and sea bases and, as Squadron Commander Allen told the Oregon group, the "aircraft is certainly not known for comfort."

After viewing the various planes stationed at Whidbey Island, it was apparent that none of the big ships was built for comfort. Don Herried, Ray Johnson and Milo Kubalek, who have flown various types of aircraft, observed that the new fighting planes look sleek and streamlined but were as crowded as ever inside.

After viewing the complicated equipment in Whidbey's radar control room, the Medford and Grants Pass group were treated to the most spectacular demonstration of all—the touch-and-go landings on a portion of the Ault Field landing strip, simulating carrier landings. Pass after pass was made by various types of aircraft at the "carrier deck" using the mirror system invented by the British.

It was an astonishing—and noisy—demonstration of Naval airpower.

After a busy day the Oregonians enjoyed a social hour with the staff, Naval Air Station and Fleet Squadron officers at the Bachelor Officer Quarters. This pleasant hour was highlighted, as far as we were concerned, by new stories told by Commander Idle, Jr., and Hugh Coleman. The group then dined in the club's attractive Driftwood Lounge, with Comdr. Richard E. Fowler, Jr. commanding officer of Heavy Attack Squadron 4, as master of ceremonies. Rear Admiral Stuart was the principle speaker.

During dinner we chatted with Commander Laningham, skipper of the P2V "Neptunes." A real "pro" and dedicated Navy officer, Laningham told of far away ports such as Rio and Oslo with as much familiarity as he talked about his native Iowa. He enthusiastically described a recent voyage aboard a Navy submarine tender up the coast from San Diego, a trip he obviously enjoyed despite the fact that his big bombers could have made the trip in a small fraction of the time.

Mark Goldy, whose travels have been far and wide in recent years, joined the conversation with the aplomb of an old experienced traveler.

The Admiral's assurance that the base was on a "ready alert" basis had just been emphasized a couple of hours before with a scramble in which a big "Neptune" bomber roared off the runway in an amazingly short time after the demonstrating alarm was sounded.

"U. S. sailors usually look and act better abroad than do tourists," Admiral Stuart told the Oregon delegation. Pointing out that today's Navy stresses speed, mobility and dispersion, the Admiral said that now the Fleet takes its bases with it; that the Navy must be ready to move and move fast because it can lose only once.

Howard (Pete) Hatfield, president of the 13th Region Navy League of the U.S., F. Kenneth Easter, national vice president of the Navy League, and Judge John L. Barber, Jr., League's director at large, were introduced, and spoke briefly of the program of their organization.

The Navy R5D left Ault field in time for the Oregonians to see the Seattle World's Fair from the air with its towering space needle.

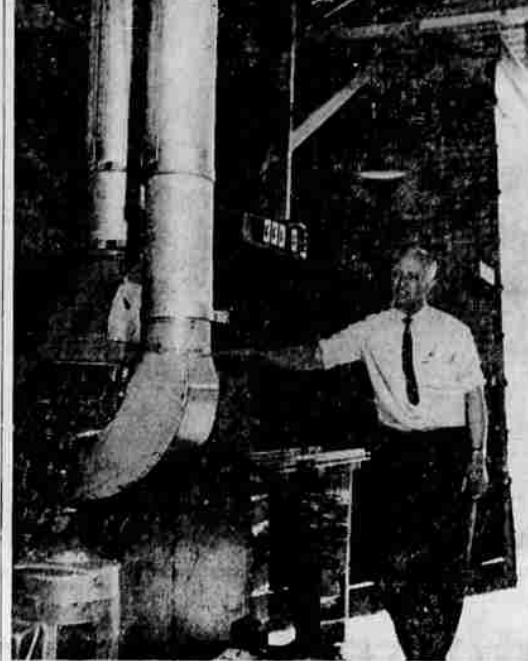
It has been said that deterrence in a military sense is directed at influencing a potential aggressor's mental and emotional attitudes as he goes through the decision-making process of trying to determine whether or not to make an aggressive move. It seeks to persuade him that crime—aggression—will not pay.

We could think of no better deterrence for an aggressor than a visit to Whidbey Island. Maybe a guest tour for dictators would be a good idea.

By JOE COWLEY  
Mail Tribune Staff Writer  
A business near Talent has turned the idea of a child's toy into a full scale successful manufacturing business.

Norris Porter, a former

teacher in Alaska and ex-Navy SeaBee, is turning out pre-cut materials for ready-to-assemble homes and buildings by adopting the idea of toy log houses. He uses peeler cores or what is left of the



STICKER—Norris Porter, owner and originator of the Alpine Log company, had just run a log through the "sticker" when this picture was taken. A series of planer heads or "sticker" heads put a tongue on the top of the log and a groove in the bottom.



READY TO DIP—Foreman Max Wimmer holds a cradle of logs just before dipping them into a bin containing Pentachlorophenol chemical. The wood preservative prevents rot, mildew, fungus and acts as a shield against termites and other insects.

## NCR Computer Being Tested in Local Data Center

The National Cash Register "390" electronic computer was delivered to the Medford Electronic Data Processing and Computing Center last week, and technicians from the firm are testing it, according to Otto Ewaldsen, president of the firm.

Delivery of the NCR "390" to the local firm marked the first such machine to be set up in Oregon.

Ewaldsen also announced that Harry Barker, Medford, has completed an intensive

course in the programming and operation of the electronic computer. The course was held at the Dayton, Ohio, home office of NCR.

## In Programming

Barker is associated with the firm in both a sales and programming capacity. While attending the course, Barker attended the Western Joint Computer conference which demonstrated and explained new developments now being readied in the data processing field.

MedPACC, located at 315 North Bartlett st., Medford, will have available for most business firms in southern Oregon and northern California, a complete data processing center which can process and return forms, reports, and business information on a daily basis, Ewaldsen noted.

In addition to the NCR "390," the center also plans to have other NCR peripheral machines, and IBM machines to complement the service envisioned by the firm, he said.

Ewaldsen said he expects the firm to be in full operation within two weeks.

## Man's Citizenship Comes Just in Time

Eureka, Calif.—(AP)—George Rose, 78, realized a wish that he had cherished for 55 years Thursday when he became a citizen of the United States for five minutes.

Rose, a bachelor, came to America from New Zealand in 1907. He planned to become a citizen, but kept putting it off.

Finally, at the urging of friends, he decided to take the proper steps. They were completed Thursday afternoon, and the many friends were on hand at the courthouse as the old man became a citizen.

After a round of tears and congratulations, Rose left the courthouse and collapsed with a fatal heart attack in the street outside—still clutching his citizenship papers and the small American flag which was presented to him.

## Parkrose Graduate Named Miss Portland

Portland—(AP)—Dark-haired Joset (Jody) Fisher, a 19-year-old graduate of Parkrose High School, has been chosen Miss Portland.

She was picked from among seven finalists to represent Portland at the Seaside Pageant at Seaside.



CORNER ASSEMBLY—A corner of an Alpine Log structure is assembled in the office to show customers how they fit together. All are interlocked so no air can get through. The logs are sealed with an asphaltic cement on all horizontal joints and at the joints at vertical corners. The company plans to change the log pattern so the logs are flat on the inside. This should eliminate dust-catching surfaces, Owner-Manager Norris Porter explained.

Porter has sales representatives now as far north as Anchorage, Alaska, as far south as Los Angeles, Calif., and as far east as Lewiston, Idaho. He recently received an order for a motel in Anchorage.

Veratility of his logs is demonstrated by the Rollarena at Phoenix, the Jacksonville Stage Lines building at Jacksonville, and a cafe in Prospect. With increasing interest in winter sports in this area, Porter has designed a mountain lodge but hasn't found a name for it yet.

The smallest building he has

constructed is a monkey house and the largest a summer home measuring 190 feet around it.

"You know, I was trying to promote the sale of our logs in Oakland one time so I had one of our small log play-houses for kids on a trailer. I didn't want to take it home, so I displayed it on a busy street in Oakland hoping someone would come and buy it. And sure enough, somebody did. A woman drove up in a long black limousine, got out and had her husband peel off a roll of bills," Porter related.

## Brings Out Monkey

"Then she asked me to deliver it to Sacramento. After we put it in place she went into the house and brought out a Capuchin monkey. We probably sold the first log monkey-house in creation," Porter chuckled.

Porter has received Federal Housing Authority approval for several of his houses and hopes to have blanket FHA approval for his designs and plans in the near future. He points out that the logs keep the buildings warm in winter and cool in summer. Vertical holes drilled through them make for easy wiring.

Now he is experimenting with a variety of marine paints to see which is best for a finish. He is considering flattening one side of the log to provide a smooth interior and make it easier for cleaning. Some people use a knotty pine panelling for bath-rooms and kitchens, but feel the logs themselves provide an attractive rustic interior in themselves, he said.

Chief saving in the log structures is time and labor. They make an ideal do-it-yourself project, Porter said.

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After graduating from high school I had planned to enter nurse's training but was unable to do so. During the ensuing years in raising my family, I still had the thought tucked away as to how nice it would be to some day be a nurse.

It was with great excitement that I first began to read and hear reports that a Practical Nursing School was being organized in Medford. I decided to apply and was accepted in the first class starting in 1959.

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(Signed) Wanda V. Hansen, L.P.N.

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Louise Doran

As a mother of grown children, I found myself wanting to do something worthwhile with my time. The Southern Oregon School of Practical Nursing has given me a new appreciation and understanding of life. I feel nursing is the most rewarding and soul-satisfying work anyone can do, and I am grateful for the opportunity to be a member of this school.

Edith Rawlings

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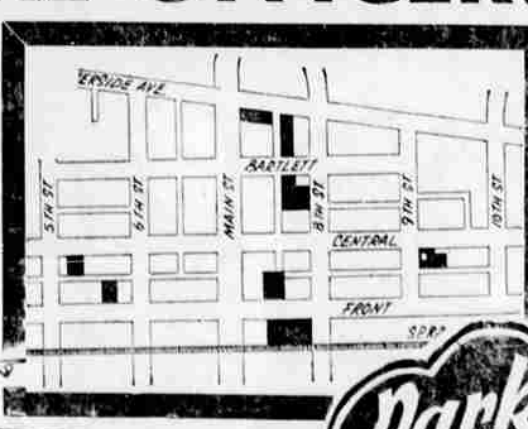
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