

Pilots Praise Biggest Bomber After Test Hop

MOSES LAKE, Wash., Dec. 18 (AP)—The thrust power of jet engines roughly equivalent to 42,000 horses lay ready for use today by two young pilots testing the new Boeing, X-47, stratolift.

The maiden flight of the 60-ton, sweptback wing bomber, described by Boeing and army spokesmen as potentially the most powerful plane in the world, brought the big ship to this central Washington air force base late yesterday.

Describing the ship as a "very easy airplane to fly" after its 50-minute idling-along 145-mile flight across the Cascades from Seattle, Pilot Robert Robbins said:

"We could take right off again now, as far as the plane is concerned."

But the 31-year-old Robbins and his co-pilot, Scott Osler, 29, had their moments—bad moments—after sweating it out after months of waiting and then waiting again for the weather to improve before the take-

off from Seattle's Boeing field yesterday afternoon. They finally got away at 2:03 p. m. (PST) and were accompanied by three escort planes over the mountains.

"I aged more waiting an hour for the weather than I ever did before in two years," Robbins said as he climbed out of the plane here.

Here are some of the claims made for the new-type plane, one of five such jet engine bombers now being tested or about ready for tests in this country:

It should carry a 10-ton bomb load at 500 miles an hour, or faster. Because of its speed and ability to come back from missions fast, a crew of only three is needed.

It can travel so fast that refrigeration is provided around the crew compartment, to keep it cool from air friction and resulting heat at high speeds. The cabin is pressurized and temperature-controlled.

The crew will be provided with catapult-type ejection seats.

The plane has a new "bicycle" type landing gear, double wheels in line under the fuselage and small auxiliary wheels under the wings.

It is one of two such planes ordered by the air forces from Boeing and the concern has approximately \$10,000,000 tied up in the work.

On its maiden flight, which came on the day marking the anniversary of the Wright brothers' first take-off in a heavier-than-air machine at Kitty Hawk, N. C., it was throttled down and the highest speed was 290 miles an hour Robbins and Osler said at a news conference last night.

Osler was kept busy keeping track of the instruments and making notes for his report most of the time, he said.

The plane climbed steeply to 15,000 feet, and then went to 16,500

feet and four "practice landings" at various speeds at or near that altitude were then tried, the pilots said.

No announcement was made as to when further test flights will be made but the plane is expected to remain here some months. A clasp of secrecy was placed on the future tests.

Col. H. E. (Pete) Warden, chief of the bombardment branch, air material command, Wright Field, Ohio, piloted a B-25 as an escort plane and said he was "very well satisfied" with the big ship's performance.

The community's 3000 residents got a big thrill out of a brief "show" the pilots put on, as it came in to the landing field with landing gear down, directly over the town.

Confederate Spirit Invades Hospital

PHOENIXVILLE, Pa., Dec. 18 (AP)—A bit of confederate spirit has invaded the Valley Forge General hospital—an army medical center for wounded veterans of World War II.

Hospital officials disclosed yesterday they have received from the Philadelphia chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy at suburban Ardmore a 10-pound food package for "any Southern soldier" at the hospital.

The package will be handled according to the wishes of the doctors, hospital officials said.

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High School News and Comment



By Mary Lou Case

After seeing the finished production of this year's Christmas cantata, one realizes how much work and effort have been put into the preparation of the program by Andrew Loney and the other members of the music department. Many people probably do not know that a great amount of the success of the performances should be attributed to Mrs. Roberta Blomquist, Robert Bannister and the art and drama department, who provide the setting, players and lighting. Not to be omitted is the work of Francis Scapple and the stage crew who elected the stage background.

The names of two representatives elected from each club to serve on the Teen-age club council have been turned into Council Secretary Carol Monteth. The complete list is as follows: Nick Lo, and Ben Shepard, Boys' Ski club; Fonda Parsons and Dolores Moon, GAA; Mary Lou Stanbery and Nadine Yockey, social committee; Violet Griffith and Ruby Davis, retail selling; Wayne Carothers and Dale Carr, visual aid.

Donna McVey and Cherie Mahan, Girls' Ski club; Jean Mahan and

Marcella Rand, Tri-Hi-Y; Doris Ethridge and Nancy Edwards, Pep Peppers; Jim Crismon and Patay Keimett, yell squad; Sharon Williams and Darlene Harris, Library club; Maudie Thompson and Dorothy Cogdill, Masque and Gavel; Leroy Overon and Martha Phipps, Art club; John Epley and Ruth Huston, Honor society; Margaret Wedel and Merlene Birmingham, Junior Tri-Hi-Y; John Elliot and Marilyn Hemmingsen, Chess club.

Margie Liggett and Margie Robinson, Pelican Service club; Rosemary Higbie and Don Paillette, Script and Mike; Marilyn Phelps, Boys' Alliance; Marcella Murray and Mary Hooker, Sugar 'n Spice; Corbie Mayfield and Norman Wilson, Camera club; Edith Wissenbach and Donna Rae Worden, Spanish club; Owen Beckley and Pat McMillan, Girls' league; and Virginia Osberg, Quill and Scroll.

Dolores Robateck was recently elected to serve on the main teenage council, in charge of publicity.

The retail selling employees will honor their employers at the annual retail selling banquet, January 9. The Winema Hotel will be the scene of the dinner. Decorations will be carried out in a nautical theme, in the background and table-setting as well as the program. Ruby Davis, retail selling president, is in charge of the banquet. The committees assisting her are decorations, Bonnie Ward and Jean Hays, and entertainment, Pat Mifflin, Betty Doran and Dolores LaSalle.

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KUHS Holds Dude Day

KUHS seniors, dressed in their Sunday best, paraded before astonished underclassmen Wednesday in observance of senior dude day, which is expected to become a tradition in the school.

The idea was born out of a general feeling among students that a dignified aspect should be given the school at least one day out of the year, and that the feeling among townspeople that a "rowdy" element generally prevails in the school life should be disproved.

Accordingly, the seniors donned suits, ties, hose and heels and assumed a fitting mien, all of which

was accepted with dubious gratitude by faculty members.

The day was proclaimed a success by the majority of participants, and will likely become traditional in high school activities.

You need not be a graduate from high school to enlist in the United States navy, but the more education that you have before entering, the better equipped you will be for serving both yourself and your country.

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Over 400 children participated in the Christmas program directed by Mrs. Henry W. Moore with R. C. Hannon directing the band.

Well-managed lighting effects, simple but descriptive stage scenery, carrying voices of the speakers and fine tones and harmony of the large a cappella choir made an evening of pleasant entertainment to the crowd that bulged the gymnasium to overflowing.

It was decided that due to the number of people attracted to this school's annual Yuletide entertainment, the program next year will be presented two nights so that everyone may comfortably enjoy it.

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This Moose is in full swing. He's going to try and win one of the many Christmas geese for his holiday dinner. He just bought a sock at the Santa stocking auction. Plus this... the big balloon dance.



This Moose... well, he had a great time. Note the smile. He ate turkey sandwiches, salad, cranberry sauce and what have you in the basement.



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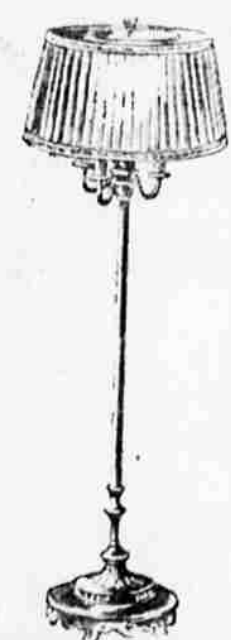
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