

New Test Pilot Will Fly Rocket Plane This Week

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AP) — "I've been waiting a long time to get my hands on that plane."

That's the test pilot Joe Walker, usually expected to fly 100 miles high at 4,000 m.p.h. He makes his first flight this week in the sleek black dart that even has been flown only once under

power. North American Aviation's Scott Crossfield reported that he wasn't satisfied with the way it handled.

"It was just a little trouble in the damping," says Walker. "The pitch control needed some adjustment. But I'm sure it's ready to go now."

Walker, one of the nation's top test pilots, works for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the federal agency that runs the X-15 program. He has been with NASA and its forerunner, the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, since 1945.

Over the years he has flown a long string of experimental planes, starting with the X-1. Since 1952, when the idea for the X-15 was born, he has had his eye on the 30-foot space bird that may someday carry him to the edge of space.

In 1955 NACA completed plans for the X-15 and turned the project over to a manufacturer, North American Aviation. A fellow NACA pilot, Scott Crossfield, joined North American to help design the plane.

Joe stayed with NACA, and now the long wait has borne fruit. Crossfield, who has made six low-altitude, low-speed checkout flights on the two X-15s ready so far, is restricted by contract from pushing the plane to its limits.

Now it's up to Joe and Air Force Maj. Robert White—to show what the stubby-winged plane really can do. Flying alternately, they'll first test the low-thrust engines now in the planes. Later they'll begin a series of all-out tests with a bigger engine.

By the time all three X-15s are equipped with the big power plant, four other pilots will be flying the planes: Jack McKay and Neil Armstrong of NASA, Capt. Robert Rushworth of the Air Force and Lt. Col. Forrest Petersen of the Navy.

Walker, his blond curly hair turning iron gray at 39, faces this week's flight with almost boyish enthusiasm.

"This is what I like to do—this is what I have to do," says Walker with his slow and easy grin. Walker says he's not interested in setting records at first.

"It doesn't make sense to skim by unknown regions without exploring them," he says, "just to set a record."

His feeling is shared by Major White, his dark-haired, blue-eyed counterpart in the Air Force.

"The X-15 is not a vehicle for man's glory," says the 35-year-old White. "It's a scientific instrument. It records come along—and they will—that's fine. But our main interest is a safe and successful program."

Gal Taxi Drivers

TOKYO (AP) — Radio Peiping reports more than 300 women in the Red Chinese capital are being trained as taxi drivers. Women also work as bus and trolley drivers, and 170 women already are licensed taxi drivers in Peiping, the broadcast said. It quoted Hsu Kuei-chih, a Peiping woman hack driver, as saying: "Taxi driving suits a woman."

CARBON DIOXIDE EFFECT

HONG KONG (UPI) — A brochure praising the wines made in Red China says the local champagne "tastes sweet and tart and gives a refreshing effect similar to that of carbon dioxide."

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"And I was wondering when I'd ever find time to be with him!"

Baby Pants Of Plastic Hold Clue To Business

By ELMER C. WALZER
UPI Financial Editor

NEW YORK (UPI) — If you want to keep informed about what's ahead for business, watch the little kid with the plastic pants.

This idea for a barometer of business is submitted by Seymour Stuart, vice president of the Dorsey Company of Los Angeles, reputedly the largest makers of plastic baby pants in the nation.

Stuart holds that the sales of these pants give a clue to the business future. He noted that in April, 1957, sales were dipping from the year before. This, he says, foreshadowed the 1957-1958 recession. Sales rose a few months before the national upswing which began after industry hit its low in April, 1958.

Sales declined ever so slightly in October of 1959, and Stuart immediately predicted a dip in business for the first months of 1960. Business did dip from the rosy forecasts.

Good news for later this year, says Stuart. Dorsey items now are selling well, with heavy increases in January and February. The general economy should rise this spring and summer, he holds.

There's some basis for Stuart's barometer. Baby items are non-discretionary — recession-proof up to 10 per cent, he explains. But when overtime and salaries are cut back, there's an immediate, slight decline in sales.

Babies Are Big Business

Babies are big business, according to Stuart, who has the statistics on the end of his tongue—30 million born since 1957—4.4 million to be born this year. And \$4 billion will be spent to keep these new arrivals healthy and happy, a new record high.

By 1969, Stuart estimates that to show births will rise almost 25 per cent—to about 5.3 million with a corresponding increase in money spent.

Stuart is sure the baby boom is helping spark the general well-being of the economy, stimulating everything from baby pants to new housing, from frozen foods to greater production of station wagons.

"Of course, a baby boom without more money to spend on them would have been disastrous," Stuart says. "But our economy and our babies have literally gone hand in hand, with positive results for both."

Stuart estimates that right now it costs approximately \$1,000 to fulfill a baby's needs during the first year of his existence, with more to come later on.

He estimates baby foods take \$500, medical care \$200, clothing, \$100, and toys and other personal care and accessories, \$200. He looks for baby care to double the \$4 billion cost by 1970 and notes that baby expenses doubled in the decade of the fifties.

Signs Of The Times

Stuart insists that more and more babies reflect the confidence and prosperity of our nation. He notes that the birth rate fell to a new low during the great depression. And it didn't rise much until just before World War II. Today it is at a record high.

Dorsey Company began its operations in a garage a little more than a decade ago and now keeps a square block plant humming around the clock. It'll take 18 million pairs of plastic pants to keep those four million kids supplied in the Dorsey sales books.

Dorsey has kept prices down despite rising costs. The firm doesn't have to worry about style changes. Babies don't go for style. They just want comfort. And, says Stuart, those plastic pants are just the ticket.

And the economic ripples that the newcomers have spread are almost endless, Stuart says.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, CHARLOTTE M. OSBORN, has been, by an order of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Klamath County, appointed executrix of the Last Will and Testament of the estate of Dean Hill Osborn, deceased, and that Letters Testamentary have been issued to her. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same, duly verified and with proper vouchers, to the undersigned at the office of H. B. MAXWELL, 538 Main Street, Klamath Falls, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, which publication is the 22nd day of February, 1960.

CHARLOTTE M. OSBORN, Executrix of the Last Will and Testament of the Estate of Dean Hill Osborn, deceased.

H. B. MAXWELL, Attorney for Executrix

No. 60, Feb. 22, 29, March 7, 14.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Administrator of the Estate of BENNETT MERLE WEEKS, deceased, has filed her Final Account, and the Honorable David R. Vandenberg, Judge of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Klamath County, has set the 20th day of March, 1960, at the hour of 10:00 A.M., as the time, and the Courtroom of said Court as the place for hearing objections to said Final Account.

ANNETTE WEEKS, Administrator

No. 76, Feb. 29, Mar. 7, 14, 21.

CITATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON

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Robert R. Kerr, Administrator with Will

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