

Max Conrad Buys '47 Cub to Teach Wife and Youngest Children to Fly

An airplane which had been thoroughly blessed by clergy of diverse denominations recently was delivered in Africa by Max Conrad, who has been back in Lock Haven after making the delivery flight, by way of Rome, where the Pope added his blessing.

Before taking off on the African flight, to deliver an aircraft for the UMATT, an interdenominational missionary enterprise, the plane received the blessings of a Jewish rabbi and an Episcopal bishop, as well as a Catholic priest.

When Pope Paul VII added his blessing in Rome, June 1, he asked Mr. Conrad about his family. When Max replied that he had a daughter who was getting married that day in Australia, the Pope gave him a special rosary and the papal blessing, for her.

The daughter, who was married June 1, was Louise Christine, better known as "Christie", one of the two Conrad daughters who helped their father from time to time in his business operations in Lock Haven. Now 21 years of age, with six months of experience in a space demonstration program with the National Aeronautics & Space Administration, Christie met an Australian flier named David Apel, a ranger near Brisbane, who came to Lock Haven two years ago to pick up a Piper aircraft.

The acquaintance had been developing to the point that, when Christie left NASA, she decided to go to Australia to see David. The upshot was that Mr. Conrad, when he was preparing to leave for Africa, got a letter from Mr. Apel saying that he and Christie had decided to get married in Australia, instead of waiting until after her return to the U.S., as originally planned. They took a boat trip to the Fiji Islands for a honeymoon.

Christie, who went to school in Switzerland and other places abroad, is a graduate of the Winona, Minn., High School. She is now one of three daughters of the Conrads who are located at distant points in the world.

Her sister, Molly, who also spent some time in Lock Haven assisting Mr. Conrad in his business activities here, is now the wife of Don Smith, a civilian flier in Laos, in charge of the aviation activities in that country, on the border of embattled Viet Nam.

The Conrads' second daughter, Beatrice, is married to Capt. Raymond Herterer of the U.S. Air Force. They and their six children are due to go from Omaha, Nebr., to Honolulu, Hawaii, in July.

With three daughters so widely dispersed, Max Conrad has begun to think of an ideal flying trip around the world, not in search of a speed record, but to make a few family visits. In



GETS PAPAL BLESSING — With two friends, at left, Max Conrad, who flew a United Missionary Air Training and Transportation aircraft from St. Louis to Nairobi, Kenya, East Africa, receives the blessing of Pope Paul VII on June 1. The group from UMATT carried their flag to the Vatican during a stop in Rome, en route to Kenya. Conrad flew the first of three planes to be used in mission work in the Kenya frontier.

preparation for such a trip, he has some preliminary work to do, including giving flying lessons to his wife, Beth, so she can be his co-pilot.

He wants to help her qualify for her private flying license, and also to teach his three youngest children, who are still at home, to fly. For this purpose he is buying a Cub, of 1947 vintage, to use for family instruction.

Max had planned to fly west in the new-old Cub last week, having arranged to meet Bill Kosco, who went from here by bus to St. Mary's, Ohio, to pick up the aircraft. He was to fly it to Denver where Conrad expected to be on a delivery flight, and the two would go on to the west coast.

Delays ensued, however, and then Conrad had to leave on a speaking trip to the middle west, after which he plans to go on to Prescott, where Mrs. Conrad has been staying. A bit indefinite on just when he hopes to make his "dream trip" around the world, Mr. Conrad says Betty is game for the trip, to visit children and grandchildren. She has made two trips across the Atlantic, so long distance flying is nothing new to her — although taking her turn at the controls will be a novel experience.

As for Max himself, who holds so many light plane distance and speed records, that he loses count of them, he says it will be fun to fly just for fun.

The first merry-go-round in the nation was licensed at Old Orchard Beach, Maine, in 1892.

Highway Dept. Claims Record in Road Work

Two Projects in Clinton County Total \$262,110

Clinton County's two highway projects now in progress, the widening and rebuilding of the bridge approach in South Renovo to provide more leeway for the big trailers of the Divo Wayne Co., as they are transported from the South Renovo factory to the highway on the other side of the bridge, and the surfacing of Route 220 between Mill Hill and Beech Creek, total \$262,110.45 for 4.36 miles of work.

These figures come from Secretary of Highways Henry D. Harrel, who said the low bid of Nittany Materials, Inc., of State College, on the surfacing of 4.34 miles of Route 220 was \$232,587.65, and that of Nestlerode Contracting Co., Lock Haven, for the .02 miles on Route 144 in South Renovo, at the bridge approach, was \$29,542.80.

These projects were included in an all-time statewide record totaling \$271 millions for new highways, modernization of existing routes, bridges and resurfacing, with particular emphasis on community-to-community roads. The new mark is \$64 million higher than 1963-64 and \$52.5 million above the previous high for any fiscal year, in 1961-62, said Harrel.

Harrel said the record improvement program was in conjunction with the initial year of

Expanded Attack Strategy in Viet

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States apparently has embarked on an expanded attack strategy against the Viet Cong guerrillas in South Viet Nam.

This is the significance of the policy decision behind the U.S. Vietnamese paratrooper strike Tuesday against a Viet Cong jungle stronghold 30 miles north of Saigon.

The operation was recommended by Gen. William C. Westmoreland, U.S. commander in Saigon, to President Johnson after Westmoreland and Vietnamese military officials agreed it was highly desirable, informants here said. The President approved the strike, according to this information.

The decision appeared to carry U.S. ground combat strategy in Viet Nam beyond the limits of policy so far announced, although a State Department statement three weeks ago could be interpreted to cover offensive moves of this kind.

On June 8 a State Department spokesman said South Vietnam

leaders had been told "American forces would be available for combat support together with Vietnamese forces when and if necessary."

When this declaration of expansion of U.S. war action stirred international attention the White House issued a statement on June 9. The White House said there had been no change in U.S. policy, because the basic mission of ground troops continued to be to guard key bases like the air base at Da Nang.

The White House statement then rephrased the State Department disclosure of changing policy and imposed limitations to emphasize the defensive nature of what was planned.

At that time, three weeks ago, two points were emphasized by officials here. One was that the U.S. Marines and paratroopers would be going into ground combat with the Vietnamese for defensive purposes. The other was that for a time at least each such operation would be subject to approval by President Johnson.

The early inhabitants of Easter Island built large open-air shrines of excellent masonry. Sometime around 1100, many of the shrines fell into ruin. Reconstruction followed eventually, and the first giant statues appeared. Who carved the massive figures out of living volcanic stone and moved them to shrines on the coast remains a mystery.

Security for You... Widow Finds New Life in Helping Unfortunate

By MARTIN E. SEGAL President, Retirement Advisors, Inc.

A highlight of the 60 Plus Hobby Show in Boston last year was Mrs. Margaret Rich's exhibition of ceramics. And the most appreciative viewers of the exhibit were a group of teen-agers from a school for mentally retarded children.

The youngsters were delighted with the brightly colored animals and planters and ashtrays and figurings. Wistfully, conscious of their own limitations, they asked Mrs. Rich if they could possibly make such things.

"Sure you can," Mrs. Rich told them, "because I'll show you how; I'll help you."

Today, a year later, Mrs. Rich finds happiness and enormous satisfaction at the age of 71 in her role as volunteer teacher to these youngsters. This despite good sight in only one eye, and Social Security income not quite enough to live on.

While we were visiting her exhibit at this year's hobby show, her mentally retarded pupils, came by, in care of their regular teacher. We watched their faces light up as they saw Mrs. Rich. Each youngster stopped and remarked on the ceramics she had on display, asked questions about the work. And each one asked if they

would surely see her at their class next week.

And we saw her face light up as she greeted these children who had given real purpose to her life.

Looking at her work, it's hard to believe that Mrs. Rich had never handled clay, never worked with glazes, and didn't even know what a kiln was until three years ago.

She had been stricken with palsy some time before and spent a long period in the hospital. When she was discharged, the physical therapist suggested that work with clay would strengthen her hands. She was referred to an adult class given in a nearby public school.

Mrs. Rich went to her first class on crutches. The work was good for her and she soon discarded the crutches. And when we visited her, as she showed us her ceramic creations, her hands didn't even show a tremor.

Before she became ill and retired, Mrs. Rich had worked for 51 years as a stitcher in a shoe factory. Now she lives alone in a three-room apartment in a public housing developer in which there are many other elderly residents. She spends some time every week at the senior center in the project, devotes one day a week to her retarded students, and spends much of the rest of the time at her ceramics.

At present she is trying to raise some money to buy a kiln (in which ceramics are fired) for the school for retarded children. With a kiln to complete their work, the children will be able to set up a gift shop. Mrs. Rich knows that selling the things they have made with their own hands will give the children a tremendous sense of accomplishment. Mentally retarded children have too few such opportunities.

"It was never much of a worry," Mrs. Rich told us. "I never gave much thought to aging or growing old. I certainly never sat around and moped. But I did learn this from working with children: Do what you can to help others. It gives meaning to life."

"And I don't have much patience with people who say here's nothing they can do. True, some people are too sick to do anything. But for most of us, there are things to do if we just look about for opportunities. There's always somebody who needs your help."

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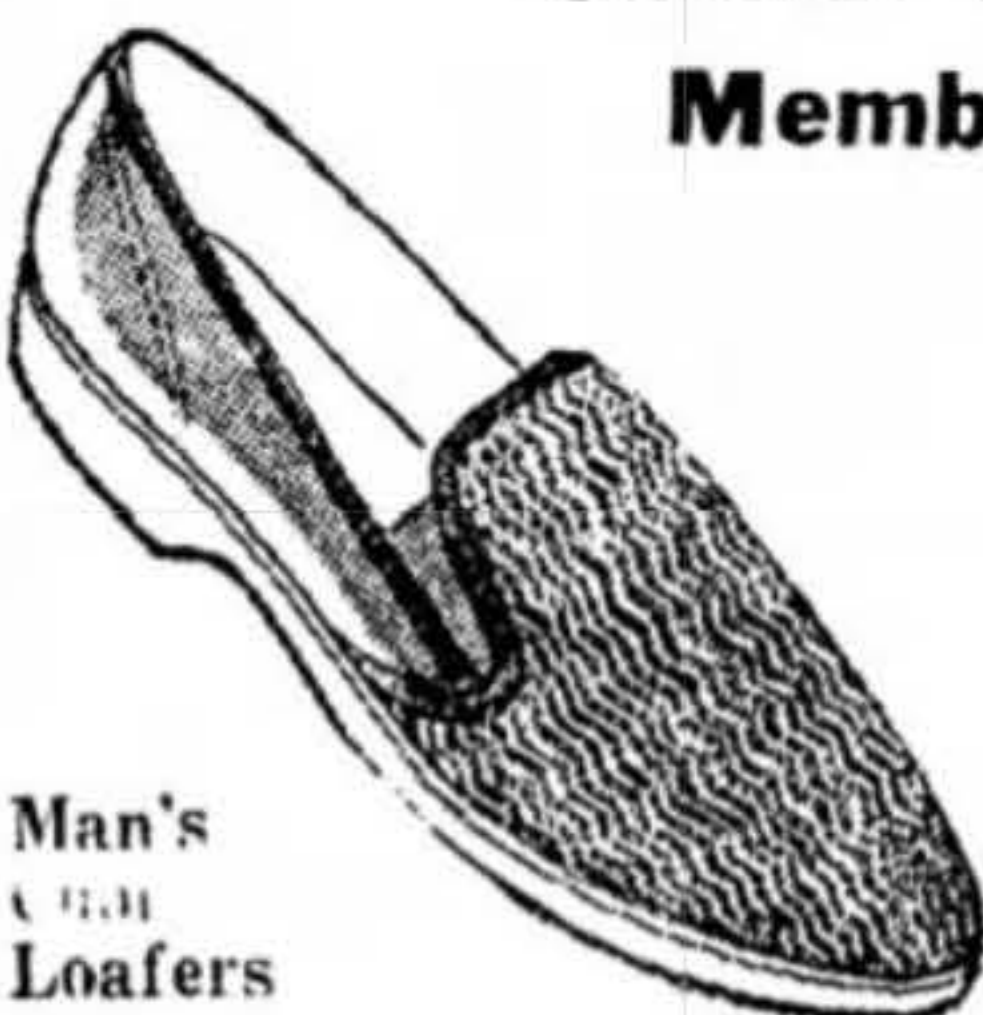


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