

Supert Pilot Claims "Dragon Lady" Exists

Albert Mah of Flying Tiger Fame
Met Real Girl While Fighting Reds

By DICK AYRES

We've always known that the comic strip "Terry the Pirates" originated 20 years ago by Milton

off and now drawn by George Wunder was based on fact, but yesterday we had the pleasure of meeting a man who has met "The Dragon Lady."

General Claire Chennault, head of the United States 14th Air Force.

In this role he flew more than 400 trips over the Himalayas from Assam, India, to Kunming, transporting ammunition, equipment, gasoline, and troops.

During the Second World War Albert gained international fame when he snatched his 13-year-old sister Bernice from the hands of the Japanese. Attired in an American Flying Corps uniform and equipped with \$40,000 in Chinese money, Albert slipped into a Japanese village in China where his mother and two sisters were held.

After visiting them, he left unnoticed with Bernice in tow. He arranged for a flight home for her and Bernice was flown from Kerachi to Canada and came to stay with Albert's sister Violet Sheh, wife of Ken Sheh, then living in Prince Rupert. Ken is now an aeronautical engineer for Canadian Pacific Airlines at Sea Island.

Albert spent the summer of 1945 in civilian flying, working for War Assets and then he and his buddies of the war days organized the Flying Tigers transport airline with headquarters at Long Beach, Calif.

The freight line has since become the largest in the world. Albert said, with nearly 40 planes mainly DC-6's, DC-4's and C-46's. Since 1945 the shares of the airline have increased 10 times what he originally paid for them and double what the public paid for them, he said.

While life in California was good, Albert was drawn back to the Far East in 1946 when he flew for the Central Air Transport Corp., in Shanghai. From then on he was in the middle of the war with the Communists until 1949 when the Nationalist forces withdrew to Formosa.

"Many times," Albert said, speaking of escaping with evacuees, "my brother and I were the last planes out of the city with the Communists shooting at us."

A stretch of flying for Hollinger-Ungava Transport in Quebec in 1950 and the Far East called again. This time Albert flew an airliner from New York to Taipei, Formosa, to start a new airline under Nationalist registration. This done he flew schedule flights from the military stronghold of Formosa until 1952 when he returned to Canada.

As instructor at the Montreal Flying Club, with its 700 members Albert's 10,500 flying hours stood him in good stead. The dapper young Prince Rupert flyer first got his wings at the Aviation College in Los Angeles in 1940.

"It's a funny thing about flying," said Albert, "one person can learn enough to get a pilot's licence in a week. It takes another year. Some men can never learn to fly."

Brother Capt. Cedric Mah is still flying, and is now pilot for Pacific Western Airlines out of Kelowna.

There is nothing worthwhile in the English literature and language departments. He remained in Peru until he went to Vancouver in 1944.

Tonight, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights Mr. Nicholson will continue his addresses. General theme of his talks will be the place of the church in everyday life.

'Shoplifter' Gets \$75,000
AMARILLO, Tex. (AP)—A "shoplifter" made away with \$75,000 from a teller's cage at the First National Bank here Monday.

The money was part of a shipment prepared for the Federal Reserve Bank.

Nicholson, minister of review Presbyterian Church of Vancouver since 1944, was born in Glasgow, Scotland, and received his education and theological training there. He was ordained before he left for South America in 1924.

In Lima, Peru, he had the task of taking over the Church of Scotland in that city with an entirely native congregation. He also taught boys' subjects at the Anglo-American College and lectured at the University of San Marco.



AN ANONYMOUS DONOR has given each of these seven Toronto youngsters a 17-jewel wrist watch for their work in helping others. Identified only as 'A Proud Canadian,' the donor recognized the children's work in raising money by holding bazaars for the Canadian National Institute for the Blind and other worthy causes. Left to right: Sandy Burnaby; Susan Craig; Ann Gregg (in front); Jan Gregg; Nancy Craig; Lynda Martin, and Barbara Burnaby.

Eisenhower Policy To Get More Test In 1954 Than in Year Just Concluded

WASHINGTON (AP)—In his talk to the American people last night President Eisenhower stepped across the line dividing his first and second years in office and two periods in his life.

By the calendar his first year doesn't end until Jan. 20. But his second year actually began with his broadcast report which is preliminary to the return of Congress tomorrow.

For Eisenhower 1953 was a period of preparation. The public, regarding him with high esteem and patient expectation, waited while he postponed action on some major issues and got ready the 1954 program.

Because of the wide differences in Congress on almost any major issue, Eisenhower will have to fight for his program. Allan Nevins, a historian, in a recent appraisal of the administration in "Nation's Business," a magazine published by the United States Chamber of Commerce said:

"If President Eisenhower thus far has shown a salient weakness, it is that he wishes too much to be liked. In the long run, the mass of the people admire a president most for the enemies he has made."

So far Eisenhower seems to have made few, if any, enemies. But the truth of Nevins' opinion—that Eisenhower wants too much to be liked—will get more of a test in 1954 than in the year just ended.

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Milwaukee Jeweller Can Drill Hole Through Hair in 'Minute'

MILWAUKEE (AP)—Howard P. Adam, Milwaukee Jeweller, can drill a hole in a human hair and thread another hair through it.

He does it to impress students in clock and watch repairing at the Milwaukee Vocational School with the necessity for careful work and patience. Adam teaches at the school.

Adam made the drill he used himself, starting with a piece of tool steel about the size of a darning needle. He hardened and tempered it and then put a

drill point on one end. The point, with cutting threads, is much finer than a normal needle point. The threads are necessary, he explains, because you can't puncture a hair without splitting it; the hole actually must be drilled.

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Bread, Bakery Products Valued at \$260 Million

OTTAWA (CP)—The bureau of statistics has put out a little booklet showing how much bread Canadians eat and what they pay for it.

Bread-baking, one of the oldest human arts, dates back to the Stone Age. Ancient Egypt produced white bread from wheat.

For many years, bread-making in Canada was mostly a domestic art. But with development of towns and cities, this individual household art gradually passed to a central family baker.

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PAUL RICKEY, 37-year-old Winnipeg bush pilot, was rescued with three passengers from a northern Manitoba lake after his plane was marooned in stormy sub-zero weather for six days. He suffered shock, frost-bite and exhaustion.

Rotary Chorus Practice Tonight

Members of the Rotary chorus are asked to attend the first practice of the year at 8 o'clock in the Civic Centre. The Chorus is preparing for a concert to be held soon.

Decision Made To Demolish St. Peter's

LONDON (AP)—Crumbling St. Peter's Church near Piccadilly Circus, where actors worshipped for 94 years, is to be demolished.

The office of the Bishop of London, Dr. J. W. C. Wand, said today its site on crowded great Windhill Street, in the heart of the theatre district, has become unsuitable for a church.

Many have pleaded that it be preserved. One unnamed man offered to pay £150,000 (\$420,000) for its restoration.

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Farmer To Stick With Land Despite Big Oil Discovery

VIRDEN, Man. (CP)—Farmer Bill Skinner plans to continue growing grain and raising cattle on his oil-lubricated land.

On his 320 acres are three producing oil wells—among the first free-flowing wells in Manitoba—and a fourth is being drilled.

But Bill is a farmer first and by heritage. And besides, "I've got to do something to keep out of mischief."

The farmhouse suits him fine too, although royalties from the three wells are expected to give him an income in the neighborhood of \$35 a day, as a start.

WILL STAY PUT
"There's no need to move," he says. "We're almost living in town now." It's only half a mile and our land runs right to the edge of Virden.

The farm has been his home since 1927, and passed into his hands after the death of his father. His mother is living and he has a family of his own, two boys and a girl. The girl is five and the boys seven and nine.

Bill was born in Virden. While he hasn't done much travelling—"I've always been tied down to the farm"—he isn't thinking of trips to California or Florida. Not yet, anyway.

Only roughly can it be estimated how much he's going to make through the mineral rights he has leased to an oil company.

SOLD HALF SHARE
Under terms of the lease he retained a 12 1/2 per cent royalty in any production obtained. Be-

fore oil was discovered he sold half his share to a group of Virden business men, leaving him a 6 1/4 per cent interest.

The provincial conservation board has limited production from free-flowing wells to 70 barrels a day each, meaning for the time being a 6 1/4 per cent share in a daily flow of 210 barrels.

IT'S JUST BONUS
Promise of oil income "sure feels pretty good," says Bill. No that the land didn't treat him right before. "I've always had a dollar in my pocket," he says. "I hope to have two now."

The Skinner farm is in the Virden-Roselea oilfield, which now has 10 producing wells dotting the outskirts of this agricultural community 193 miles west of Winnipeg. The first oil was discovered last August.

All the wells are free-flowing, something new for Manitoba. Most of the province's oil wells are in the Dapry field, nine miles southwest of Virden. They must be pumped.

On yes, has Mrs. Skinner any ideas on spending the oil money? "She likely has," grinned her husband. "That's why I haven't asked her."

Mrs. G. Graham New President Of United W.A.

Mrs. G. W. Graham was elected president of the Women's Association of the First United Church here when that group held its annual meeting last night.

Other officers named were: First vice-president, Mrs. G. Ciccone; second vice-president, Mrs. A. Logan; secretary, Mrs. O. R. Green; treasurer, Mrs. E. Pedersen. Mrs. R. Pollock conducted the election.

Members discussed plans for a Valentine tea to be held Feb. 11 at the home of Mrs. L. M. Greene, 945 Borden Street. Mrs. Pollock and Mrs. D. R. Barclay are co-conveners.

Plans also were made for the congregational meeting to be held in the church hall Jan. 28, when the W.A. will serve refreshments.

Another highlight of the meeting was a presentation to Mrs. C. Jenkins, who is leaving here Thursday with her husband to reside at Ketchikan. Mrs. E. Pedersen, treasurer, made the presentation on behalf of the membership.



GERALD M. BROWN of Pickering, Ont., has been appointed publisher and vice-president of the Vancouver News-Herald. Former city editor of the Toronto Star and the Windsor Star, he was director of public relations for the RCAF for two years in the Second World War. For the last six years he headed his own public relations company in Toronto.

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● Legion Auxiliary monthly meeting Thursday, Jan. 7. Installation of officers. (1)

● Canadian Cancer Society executive meeting, Legion Board Room, Wednesday, 8 p.m. (1)

● Meeting of Prince Rupert Fishing Vessel Owners Assn. will be held in the Civic Centre, Tuesday, Jan. 5, at 7 p.m. Members please attend. (3)

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