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## Veteran Alaska Flyer Buys Angwin Airport At P. U. C.

J. Fred Frakes, for 23 years operator of his own Aviation business in Alaska, has purchased the Angwin Airport with its buildings, planes, shop machinery and facilities.

The deal was closed this week with the Angwin Flyers, Associates, and P. U. C. Flight Center. The Field is now land of Pacific Union College, which has been leased.

The Airport began operating yesterday, March 1, under the name of Frakes Aviation Company, widely known throughout the United States and in Canada.

During recent weeks of negotiations, Frakes says he has envisioned the building up of a much larger plant here. He plans to offer services to cover the entire field of maintenance and operation of airplanes.

He says he expects to establish a center where Airframe modifications can be made, changes in doors, or any other needed modifications. He will bring a qualified graduate engineer into this department. He will provide for regular maintenance of aircraft, including engines, electronic equipment and instruments. The new management will involve itself, says Frakes, in aircraft sales, and the Company expects to stock and sell aircraft parts — engines, propellers, tires, etc. "It is our intention to be set up in such a way that a man can come into this place and receive any aircraft service he needs."

### More Buildings, Longer Strip

The larger program will call for more buildings, improved runways and the further leveling of land, Mr. Frakes states with assurance as he looks ahead. He is hopeful that things will work out so that the Forestry Division will again operate from this port with its fire fighting.

### Flight Instruction

Flight instruction will go forward as a part of the program being outlined, says the new owner of the field. Warren Ramsdell, who has been in charge of the Airport, will be head of the Flight School. He now has ratings for flying single and multi-engine land planes, and single engine sea planes, and shortly will have instrument instructor's rating.

Frakes, who had his own "Contract and Charter Flying" Business in Alaska, with headquarters in Anchorage, is quali-



FRED FRAKES, purchaser of Angwin Airport.

fied to fly any single or multi-engine plane on land or sea. He and Ramsdell have together had more than 35 years experience in bush country flying in Alaska, and in general aviation.

### On Difficult Projects

For years Frakes worked for the Salmon Industry of Pacific Northwest and Alaska, transporting personnel, freight and passengers for the Salmon Industry.

He also worked for the Fisheries Research Institute for the University of Washington on salmon research projects. He was a pioneer in flying on the Aleutian Peninsula, to locate spawn streams and instreams to determine life cycles of salmon. This reduced to a science what would otherwise be guessing. Flying two biologists, they would count the fish in streams from the air, and after first making estimates would come up with very accurate figures.

Frakes flew again for the Fisheries Research, University of Washington, when the Federal Government gave it contract for determining number of Sea Lions and Seals in the Gulf of Alaska, the Aleutian Peninsula, and islands in the Bering Sea. They were studying the effect of these on the fishing industry. This involved finding the rookeries where they congregate and breed, much photography, and classification of kinds and whether they live on the rocks or on the beaches.

Flying for the Federal Government to locate the Sea Otter after it had been almost entirely exterminated by the Russians in earlier centuries, was another project in which

Frakes participated. A man was assigned by the government to study possible rehabilitation. He recalls the experience as successful, and says now there are thousands of Sea Otters, from which the world's finest furs are obtained, in the Aleutian Islands, the Shumagin Islands, and in the Lower Keani Peninsula.

For ten years in working for the U. S. Geological Survey on the Geological mapping of southwestern Alaska, Mr. Frakes flew for the Surface Water Branch in measuring streams for water in summer and winter. Checks were made once a month, calling in winter for cutting holes in the ice with 40-degrees-below zero temperature.

After World War II, about the beginning of the Korean conflict, the U. S. Airforce used Mr. Frakes services in establishing and maintaining Ground Observer stations and Corps in every village in Alaska. Transmitters and radio receivers were placed, work of watching for aircraft passing over at night organized, and transmitting of information to Elmendorf Airforce Base at Anchorage arranged. The keep up with operations, every village in southwest Alaska was visited every six weeks.

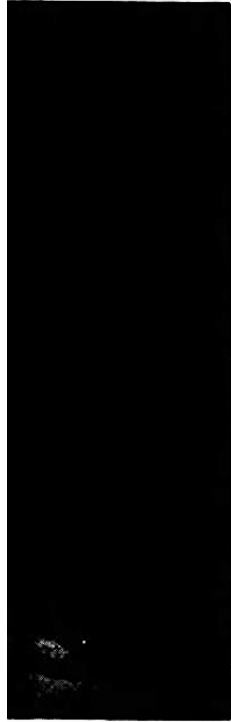
Then began work of surveying for radar sites, a part of extension of the DEW LINE (Distance Early Warning System). Frakes flew for the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers during the construction and maintenance of these stations until he left Alaska.

During his years there he had also flown for most of the major Oil Companies in their geological work and maintenance of fields after developing them. Some of these were Shell, Texaco, Richfield, Union, Standard, Atlantic, British-American and Pan American. He also flew for the Bureau of Indian Affairs in maintaining of schools over the

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### The Rainfall

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February 25 to 6 p.m.	33
Season to date	34.85
Last season to date	26.96
Normal to date	25.40
Season normal	33.11



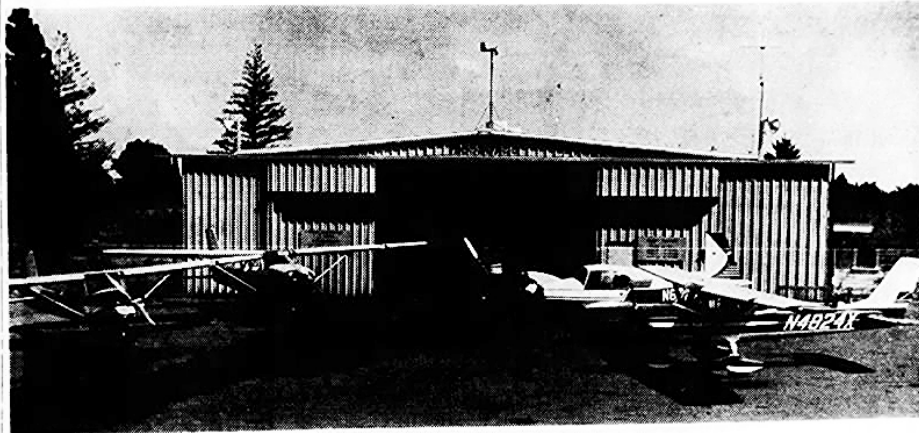
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### Fence Shrinking; How to Prevent It

The horrible examples of shrinkage in estates, and how to protect against such losses was described vividly to Rotarians Tuesday by Herb Clark, New York Life representative in Santa Rosa. The program was arranged by Zoltan Rosenberger.

Clark had a long list of cases, many of them famous names, whose estates were eaten up by costs after death, particularly

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Airport Hangar and Planes Included In the Purchase

## Airport Purchase

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country, and was frequently at the service of the Adventist Alaska Mission in transporting visiting ministers and local workers from place to place.

### Interested by a Flyer Friend

Through Pastor Bob Seamount, who on trips to and from South America has visited in Angwin during recent months, Mr. Frakes learned about the Angwin Airport. On his first visit here, he says, he was impressed with the progress that has been made, and the activities and general outlook. He began to study how the center here could be made a "profit organization," instead of operating on a non-profit basis, and what this would mean in way of larger service, more equipment and added employment.

He wants to see developed a stronger work in flight training, he says, and study is now being given to the issuing of academic credits for the aeronautics program, this to be under the sponsorship of the Industrial Department of Education of Pacific Union College, with Dr. R. E. Fisher, head of the department, in charge.

"We will run a maintenance base along with a flight instruction," Mr. Frakes explains, "We can train the world's finest aircraft mechanics, and turn out pilots that will be in demand for missions service and other positions anywhere in the world." He envisions also a center here that will be able to give overseas Missions organizations personal evaluation of aircraft and other information that would apply to their respective fields and needs.

Five planes are included in the equipment in the purchase of the airport, and Mr. Frakes expects others to be needed. The Company will have planes to rent; there will be charter plane service, besides hanger, tie-down and other services required by the air-traveling public.

### Once a P U C Student

Mr. Frakes, 52, recalls that he was a student in Pacific Union College in 1936 and 37. He also attended Southwestern Junior College, Keene, Texas, and Walla Walla College in Washington state. He says he was headed for medicine in his college days, but circumstances seem to have directed otherwise and in aviation he has had very happy life. He has flown "from the Gulf of Mexico to within 300 miles of the North Pole, and from the Atlantic Seaboard to the Siberian border, and looked down on Siberia many times."

Mrs. Frakes, Mebel, will remain in Auburn, Washington, until the end of the school year. Their son, Larry, 12, is in school there. Son Joe, a busi-

ness major from Walla Walla College, will be associated with his father in the office of the Company here.

Phyllis Angel, worthy matron and Andrew Angel, worthy patron, presided at meeting.

The decorations in the chapter room were arranged by Marilyn Hyde.

The committee for refreshments included Elma Shy, chairman, Hazel Metzner and Ruth Kirkland. They were assisted in serving by Elbert Kirkland.

The next meeting of the chapter will be held March 13.

## Phillip G. Garcia

The Rosary was recited Monday at 8 p.m. at Morrison Funeral Chapel for Phillip G. Garcia, 69, who died Saturday at the Veterans Home, Yountville.

Requiem Mass was offered Tuesday at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church and burial was in Yountville Cemetery.

A native of Spain, Mr. Garcia had been a rancher in Napa Valley for 34 years before he entered the Veterans Home in 1960. He was a veteran of World War I.

Surviving are two children, Mrs. Renee Santucci and Gilbert Garcia, both of Hayward; two brothers, Miguel Garcia of Rutherford and Mateo Garcia of San Leandro, and nieces and nephews including Ralph Garcia of Rutherford.

## Vital Statistics

**AYALA** - St. Helena Sanitarium and Hospital, February 19, 1967. 109 Zinfandel Lane, St. Helena, California. A daughter: Sara Rodrigues. 8 pounds, 3 ounces.

**ZUMWALT** - St. Helena Sanitarium and Hospital, February 19, 1967. To Mr. and Mrs. David Zumwalt of 1345 El Bonita, St. Helena, California. A daughter: Allison Louise. 7 pounds, 14 $\frac{3}{4}$  ounces.

**ALLEN** - St. Helena Sanitarium and Hospital, February 21, 1967. To Mr. and Mrs. Courtney Allen of 206 Sky Oaks Drive, Angwin, California. A daughter: Gina Lynn. 7 pounds, 6 $\frac{1}{4}$  ounces.

**POE** - St. Helena Sanitarium and Hospital, February 23, 1967. To Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Poe of Calistoga, California. A daughter: Janene Lena. 6 pounds, 2 ounces.

ness major from Walla Walla College, will be associated with his father in the office of the Company here.

The Frakes have a daughter, Mrs. Irwin Hansen, whose husband is graduating in June from Walla Walla College with a major in business. He is the son of Eld. J. C. Hansen, president of the Alaska Seventh-day Adventist Mission.

Mr. and Mrs. Frakes and sons expect to make their home in Angwin.