

Ground Is Broken For Bell Aircraft \$3,000,000 Plant

Reds Sect

250 Attend Dedication Near Hurst

A silver spade dug into the earth at a 55-acre site near Hurst Monday, marking the formal beginning of Fort Worth's new role as a helicopter manufacturing center of the nation.

In brief ceremonies ground was broken for Bell Aircraft Corporation's \$3,000,000 plant which will employ more than 2,000 persons.

An Air Force band and the presence of many uniformed military men in the crowd of approximately 250 that participated in the ground-breaking underlined the vital nature of the plant in helping the western world gird for defense.

Harvey Gaylord Speaks

Harvey Gaylord, vice president in charge of Bell helicopter division, told of the Bell plane's record in Korea and said the company is ready to supply helicopters for action wherever and whenever needed.

Gaylord wielded the silver spade and then handed it to several of the invited guests to symbolize the co-operation of the corporation and the City of Fort Worth.

"This is a most significant day in the history of Bell Aircraft and we sincerely hope that this day also will become significant for the Fort Worth-Dallas area and the great State of Texas," said Gaylord.

'Will Keep in Step.'

"Bell Aircraft can never hope to catch up with the important strides made by Texas but we can and do pledge ourselves to keep in step with Texas and Texans from now on."

Ray P. Whitman, first vice president, represented Lawrence D. Bell, president, who is in Europe inspecting corporation properties. Presiding at the ceremony was T. J. Harrell, vice president of the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce.

Bell Aircraft was welcomed by Amon Carter, who said Fort Worth and Tarrant County are "delighted" to have the company move into Hurst.

'People Not High Hat.'

"You don't have to wear dinner coats for breakfast," Carter said in assuring the Bell officials they would be comfortable. "The people of Fort Worth are not high hat."

On a recent visit to Dallas, said Carter, he noticed "they had a lot of culture there."

"Everybody needs a little culture once in a while," he agreed. "In Fort Worth a lot of us eat with a knife but we have learned to do it skillfully."

Respects to Generals.

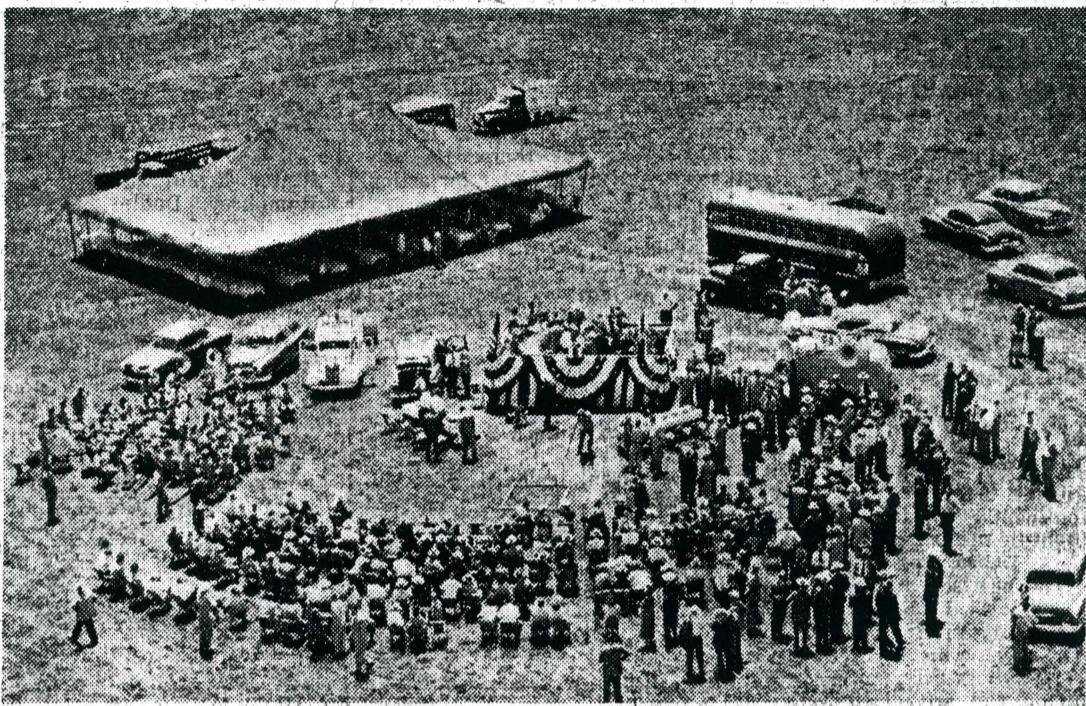
Carter paid his respects to 8th Air Force and Carswell Air Base commanding generals, who were present at the ceremony, and to August C. Esenwein, head of the Convair plant here. He called the B-36 the greatest plane of its kind in the world. Speaking of Convair, he said: "They are making planes out there not for destruction but for peace. The more planes we make the quicker we'll have peace."

He congratulated the people of Hurst on the new Bell plant, which will consist of a factory unit of 160,000 square feet of space and a two-story administration building.

Carter added that the land at Hurst had proved valuable and the residents were entitled to a good price for it because they had held it for a long time.

Among the honor guests at the ceremony were two Dallas Cham-

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—Star-Telegram Staff Photo by Key Herbert.

BELL GROUNDBREAKING — This photo, taken from a Bell helicopter, shows groundbreaking ceremonies Monday for the huge Bell Aircraft Corporation helicopter plant that soon will rise on a site near Hurst.



—Star-Telegram Photo by Wilburn Davis.

HELICOPTER DELIVERY — Star-Telegram Amusements Editor Grace Halsell is shown atop the Star-Telegram Building Monday as she received from Bell Helicopter Pilot Bill Quinlan news pictures taken at the Bell Aircraft Corporation's ground-breaking ceremonies near Hurst and delivered downtown within a few minutes.

Armed Pair Truss Three Victims in Hotel, Flee With \$5,250 in Cash, Gems

Two armed robbers stalked through the Jackson Hotel, 1014½ Main, for two hours Sunday night, terrorized three victims they trussed up and escaped with \$5,250 in jewelry and cash.

Police were without clues Monday. The bandits, careful to conceal their identities by keeping their faces covered, meticulously wiped away fingerprints before they fled.

Detectives had one lead to work on. The robbers made it known that they knew Mrs. Steve Parker, 47, one of the victims, and her husband, owner of the hotel, who arrived at the scene 10 minutes after the robbery.

After tying Mrs. Parker with venetian blind cord and taping her eyes and mouth, one of the men pressed a pistol against her head and demanded: "Where's your dough, and where's Steve (Parker)?"

He warned Mrs. Parker to answer before he counted 10. When the robber reached seven, the terrified woman mumbled: "I don't have any money here."

And she added that her husband was at the Derby Lounge, 113 E. 10th, which he owns.

Dressed in Army fatigue coveralls, the two bandits entered the second-story hotel sometime before 9 p. m. through a window off the rear fire escape.

A resident of the hotel, John Lumley, came in at 9 p. m. and was accosted by one of the bandits in the hall. He pushed a pistol in Lumley's side, led him to a room, where he bound him with cord and tape.

Mrs. Parker and a friend she met downtown, Mrs. Paul McNutt, 24, of Decatur, arrived at the hotel about 10:30 p. m. and went in the living room of the Parkers' well-finished, carpeted apartment.

One of the men, his face covered with a pillow case, entered with a flashlight and trussed up the two women. His partner stayed in another room, speaking in whispers.

The robber in the living room removed two diamond rings from Mrs. Parker's fingers and twice returned to her and pressed the pistol against her head, still de-

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Today's
Chuckle

Bride's father to groom: "My boy, you're the second happiest man in the world." The

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ber of Commerce representatives—John W. Carpenter, president, and Ben Critz, vice president and general manager. Jess Holder represented the City of Hurst.

On Speakers' Platform.

Among those invited to sit on the speakers' platform were:

Chaplain (Lt. Comdr.) Paul F. Robb, Capt. Hugh Nieman, Maj. Gen. Samuel E. Anderson, Maj. Gen. Clarence S. Irvine, Col. Beverly H. Warren, Capt. A. C. Olney, Col. Calvin W. Fite, Esenwein, Carpenter, Critz, J. R. Edwards, William Holden, Harold Foster, L. C. Elliot, Brig. Gen. Robert Smith, T. J. Vandergriff, Lt. Cmdr. L. J. Leary, Robert McCulloch, F. O. Detweiler, L. C. McCarty, G. B. Cark, Roy A. Coleman, William H. Gunderson, H. H. Morse, Howard Tellepsen and Carter.

Three New York newspapermen accompanied a group of Bell officials who arrived here Sunday for the event. They were Jerome B. Wood, financial editor of the Buffalo Evening News; Andrew V. O'Keefe, financial editor of the Buffalo Courier-Express, and Tom Duddleston of the Niagara Falls Gazette.

Other Bell Personnel.

Other Bell personnel were Don Wright, helicopter project engineer; Richard Stansbury, pilot; H. Lewis, engineer; Roy H. Coleman, manager of manufacturing; Charles Culp, helicopter co-ordinator; H. Natell, helicopter engineer; Edmund E. Wegrzyn, traffic manager; Matthew R. Barcellona, helicopter industrial engineering manager; Edgar R. Bourke, design engineer; G. B. Clark, director of helicopter contract administration, and William Quinlan and Rudy Skok, pilots.

Though no definite delivery date for the reinforcing steel needed for the concrete founda-

tion and footings has been promised, it will be within 30 days, Barney M. Winder, project manager for the construction job, said Monday. Meanwhile, work will go ahead on laying-out and site clearing.

Construction Details.

The manufacturing building will have drill footing, concrete slab on fill, steel frame, brick curtain wall and corrugated asbestos siding walls. Specifications call for a 100-foot wide assembly bay with a 28-foot high clearance and a 60-foot wide sub-assembly bay with a 32-foot high clearance. Two 25-foot doors at the west end of the assembly bay will open onto an outdoor concrete apron measuring 100 by 320 feet.

The two-story office-administration structure will feature a pylon, housing a stairwell and an obliquely-set entrance terrace with a redwood marquee. A full view of the lobby will be afforded by wide herculite windows and doors facing a terrace. Engineering offices will be located on the second floor, with administrative offices and a cafeteria on the ground level.

Light Buff Brick.

It also will have drill footing, Winder said, with concrete slab on fill, concrete walls, second-floor and roof slabs, built-up roofs and brick exterior.

A maximum of approximately 200 persons will be employed at any one time during the construction, he explained, but almost all employes will be hired locally.

Both buildings will feature light buff brick and continuous fenestration in their facade, with sash and trim colored "Bell blue." The construction contract also provides for a complete sewage disposal plant, drilled water wells and landscaping along the Highway 183 frontage.