

James Henry Booth Drowns In River



MISS UNIVERSE, 1959 — Luz Marina Zuloaga, from Colombia, South America, was named "Miss Universe of 1959" in the finals at Long Beach, Calif. She was crowned by Miss Gladys Zander, of Peru, South America, who has been the reigning "Miss Universe" for the past year.

Record-Setting Balloonists Roughed Up On Landing In Pasture; Hit 82,000 Feet

By BILL CHEVALIER
MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Space explorers Malcolm Ross and M. Lee Lewis survived a 2,000-foot bounce when they came back to earth Sunday from a record-breaking balloon flight.

The 34½-hour trip was man's longest flight into the stratosphere. The balloonists reached 82,000 feet.

The fliers had their toughest decision after a release mechanism failed to detach the massive balloon from the gondola as they were landing.

The 17-story gas bag banged the round aluminum capsule onto a pasture in east central North Dakota, then carried Ross and Lewis aloft again when a firing device failed to release the gondola.

Suffers Cut
Ross, a Navy commander, suffered a slight cut about his left eye, but he and Lewis began figuring how to get on the ground and stay there.

"Parachuting out of the gondola was one of the alternatives we discussed," Ross said.

"But we're balloon men, not parachute men."

They tried the descent again, and this time were able to release the balloon. The gondola was dragged about six feet over the hilly

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

The other day, Floyd Wynne, city editor of the Klamath Falls Herald and News reported a count of 63 out-of-state cars on Main Street between the Willard Hotel and the Herald and News building — a distance of about a dozen blocks.

The time was about 5 in the afternoon — an hour when tourists (I don't care much for the word "tourist," but have never been able to find a better one) are looking around for quarters for the night.

This count just happened to be made in Klamath Falls. It could undoubtedly have been duplicated in any number of towns in Southern Oregon and Far Northern California.

How many of these cars stopped for the night?

We don't know.

Floyd just counted them.

But it is interesting to speculate on what would have happened if ALL of them could have been induced to stop long enough to see

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The Weather

AIRPORT RECORDS

Fair tonight and Tuesday. Cooler Tuesday.

Highest temp. last 24 hours 104

Lowest temp. last 24 hours 62

Highest temp. any July 104

Lowest temp. any July 40

Precip. last 24 hours 0

Precip. from July 1 0

Precip. from Sept. 1 45.04

Excess from Sept. 1 14.87

Sunset tonight, 7:40 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow, 4:59 a.m.

Fire Danger

Continued fire high danger over all Oregon except along coastal strip, with hot weather and humidity below 50 per cent in most portions. Decreasing fire danger in Coast Range and Northwest Oregon Tuesday with rising humidity and cooler weather in those areas. Lightning beginning Monday evening in extreme Southern Oregon, spreading northward through Cascades Monday night and Tuesday.

Yamhill Entry Wins Title Of Miss Oregon

SEASIDE (AP) — Mary Ellen Vinton, a McMinnville beauty who plays piano, tap dances and fills a bathing suit to perfection, Sunday won the title of Miss Oregon of 1958.

The vivacious 18-year-old redhead entered the 12th annual pageant as Miss Yamhill County. Now she will represent Oregon in the Miss America contest later this summer in Atlantic City, N.J.

In addition, she wins a \$1,000 college scholarship.

Mary Ellen, who is 5 feet 6½ inches tall and weighs 124 pounds, measures 35-23-36 in the proper places. She became the crowd's favorite early in the competition with her accomplished piano arrangements and toe-tapping dance steps.

She defeated four other finalists for the Miss Oregon crown, Rose Thrush, Miss Coos County, was named the runner-up and won a \$500 scholarship.

Raydonia Snyder, Miss Spruzfield, was the second runner-up, and won a \$300 scholarship. Sandra Wheeler, Miss Portland, won a \$200 scholarship as third runner-up and Dana Ralston, Miss Hillsboro, won a \$150 scholarship as fourth runner-up.

The Miss Congeniality award and a \$100 scholarship went to Helen Donald, 18, Miss The Dalles.

ENDORSES IRAQ

KUWAIT (AP) — The Kuwait government wished the new regime in neighboring Iraq "every prosperity and progress" yesterday.

Kuwait does not have diplomatic representation with any state but this in effect amounts to official recognition by Kuwait of the new government in Baghdad.

Britain handles foreign relations for the tiny, oil-rich sheikhdom on the Persian Gulf.

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U.S. To Aid Baghdad Pact Nations

Promise Given In Declaration Signed By Dulles

By ARTHUR GAVSHON

LONDON (AP) — The United States agreed Monday to cooperate with member nations of the Baghdad Pact in their security and defense.

The American pledge was contained in a declaration signed by Secretary of State John Foster Dulles with the prime ministers of Britain, Turkey, Iran and Pakistan.

The United States pledged to "promptly enter agreements designed to give effect to this cooperation" with the four countries.

The five power declaration appeared to associate the United States more closely with the alliance of nations along the northern tier of the Middle East.

Doesn't Join Pact

But, the United States stopped short of becoming a full member of the pact, whose leaders Monday began their fifth ministerial conference without the presence of Iraq.

Earlier, Dulles assured the Baghdad Pact nations the United States would act, even at great risk, to safeguard their independence and integrity against any threats.

In their declaration the Baghdad Pact partners and the United States said:

They have re-examined their po-

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President Requests 8 Billion Dollar Debt Limit Raise

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower asked Congress Monday for an eight billion dollar temporary increase in the national debt limit. It would raise the ceiling to 268 billion.

Eisenhower also requested that the permanent statutory debt limit be raised 10 billion dollars to 255 billion.

The President made his request in identical letters to Vice President Nixon, the Senate's presiding officer, and House Speaker Sam Rayburn (D-Tex.). He said the Treasury Department and the Budget Bureau have advised him that contemplated revenues and spending for the current fiscal year make necessary to request a debt ceiling increase.

"Accordingly," Eisenhower said, "the administration is at this time asking the Congress to increase the regular statutory debt limit to 268 billion dollars and also to provide an additional temporary increase of three billion dollars to run through June 30, 1959."

The present temporary ceiling of 260 billion dollars is authorized through next June.

Administration officials have estimated that the budget deficit for the fiscal year which started July 1 will run between 10 and 12 billion dollars.

The deficit for the fiscal year which ended June 30 has been announced by the administration as \$2,800,000,000 under preliminary calculations.

Drowning Listed As Death Cause

Douglas County coroner's office reported today Lester Vernon Prindle, 47-year-old Reedsport logger, was a victim of drowning sometime on the night of July 17.

An autopsy conducted over a week of foot play, according to the coroner and Sheriff Ira C. Byrd.

Death was attributed to suffocation due to drowning, the official report read.

Prindle's body was found last Thursday afternoon where it had floated ashore about a quarter mile from Barrett's landing where he was last seen by a camping companion, Velda Mae Peterson, 47, also of Reedsport, a week earlier.

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Blimp Grounded By Heavy Fog On Flight To Arctic

LAKEHURST, N.J. (AP) — A Navy blimp bound for the Arctic landed here Monday after fog and a low ceiling caused it to detour from Massachusetts.

The aircraft touched down at the Lakehurst Naval Air Station at 9:50 a.m. EDT to refuel and wait for the weather to clear. It then was to depart for Churchill, Manitoba, on an expedition to the polar regions.

The blimp, ZPG-2, had left South Weymouth, Mass., in a heavy fog at 10:32 Sunday night. It was unable to climb to the 2,000-foot altitude assigned by the CAA, because of warm air over Long Island Sound.

The blimp hung over Long Island Sound for several hours hoping the fog would lift and when it didn't the decision to go to Lakehurst was made.

Takeoff of the 343-foot blimp was delayed Sunday night for 90 minutes by heavy fog.

Hugh Mulligan of The Associated Press will be the only newsmen aboard when the blimp goes to the Arctic. He planned to fly by Navy plane from here to Churchill, Manitoba, and go aboard the blimp there.

Its destination is the ice island known as T-3, this country's floating weather station in the Arctic Ocean.

The flight is expected to take 12 days by way of Churchill, Man., and Resolute on Cornwallis Island, Northwest Territory.

On board are a crew of 14 and scientists of the International Geophysical Year. Scientists who will conduct tests on the expedition are led by Capt. Harold B. Van Gorder, commanding officer of the Naval Development Unit at the naval air station at South Weymouth.

Capt. Van Gorder, a resident of Canandaigua, N.Y., told newsmen the main advantage of a blimp is its ability to travel at low altitudes at low speeds. He said that in rescue work it can virtually hover over a designated spot.

Gen. Chennault Dies Of Cancer

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Lt. Gen. Claire Chennault, the Louisiana farm boy who became commander of the famed Flying Tigers of World War II, is dead. He was 67.

A massive arterial hemorrhage ended the ailing general's fight with lung cancer Sunday at Ochsner Foundation Hospital. His wife, Chinese-born Anna Chan Chennault, was at his side at the end.

Death came nine days after President Eisenhower signed an emergency bill giving Chennault his third star.

The body lies in state here today with a service scheduled this evening. Tomorrow, a military plane will fly the body to Washington where it will lie in state until burial the next day in Arlington National Cemetery.

Chennault's old comrade of the Chinese war against Japan, Mme. Chiang Kai-shek, said she was shocked to hear of the general's death.

Came For Reunion
Mme. Chiang, who made a special trip here July 11 for a dramatic reunion, said in Washington: "He was a great friend of the Chinese people and the cause we stand for."

The Japanese had enough respect for him to name him their No. 1 "war criminal," one ahead of President Roosevelt.

A deaf ear and his outspoken support of Gen. Billy Mitchell for the then Capt. Chennault to retire from the Army Air Corps in April 1937.

The next month he was in China at the request of Mme. Chiang to inspect the Chinese air force. He stayed on to instruct pilots and supervise the makeshift maintenance of the outmoded Chinese aircraft.

In 1941, Chennault formed the American Volunteer Group, later known as the Flying Tigers.

With shark's teeth painted on the snouts of their outmoded P40 fighters, this outnumbered band of volunteers officially downed 295 Japanese planes in six months. They were generally credited with 300 more kills.

Flying Tiger losses: eight pilots killed in action.

After the United States entered the war, Chennault took command of the 14th Air Force in China as a brigadier general. He was promoted to major general in 1942.

After the war, he remained in China, founding Civil Air Transport, a privately owned airline now operating out of Taipei.

Chennault remained with the Nationalist Chinese during their retreat on the mainland and mass exodus to Formosa. He returned to the United States for the last time in February to undergo extensive treatment for lung cancer.

U. S. Marine's Death In Beirut Said Accidental

By EDWIN A. SHANKE

BEIRUT (AP) — A U. S. Marine spokesman said Monday a private first class fatally shot Sunday was killed by the accidental discharge of a companion's .45 caliber automatic.

Lt. Col. Leslie Gilson, Marine spokesman, said four Marines were on an unauthorized visit to a cluster of houses half a mile forward of the Marine position at the time of the accident.

One of the Marines was climbing over a wall when his .45 apparently snagged and the bullet went through the holster into the head of a man standing below. The dead man's name was withheld.

The three surviving Marines were held for investigation and have requested counsel before making a statement. Under the U. S. Uniform Code of Military Justice men under investigation are not required to make a statement without the advice of lawyers.

Since the Marines landed July 15 to help protect Lebanon's pro-Western government from a pro-Nasser rebellion, three other U. S. servicemen have been killed, all accidentally.

American troop commanders were on the alert to watch for trouble this week, when Lebanon's 66-member Parliament is scheduled to elect a new president.

Robert Murphy, the United States' top diplomatic troubleshooter, has been conferring with rebel and government politicians in hopes of helping them agree on a compromise candidate. But if a candidate acceptable to both sides cannot be found, the virtually stalemated rebellion may erupt into new violence.

Airport, Parking Only Business On Council Agenda

A brief, hot weather agenda faces Roseburg's city dads tonight.

The only scheduled business which might bring about any discussion involves the city airport and off-street parking.

The finance committee was handed the airport problem at the last City Council meeting. A chamber of commerce committee at that meeting requested that the city finance the moving of a gasoline tank and pave around the fueling facilities at the field.

Some controversy has arisen because of the request. Because the money asking came after the budget was adopted and because the airport lessee's contract calls for him to provide improvements.

The off-street parking question arose when a group of Roseburg businessmen offered to sell to the federal government, the land, part of the Little Moore estate, faces on SE Rose Street.

The group bid \$61,525 for the property and paid \$12,305 as a down payment. The men want the city to pick up the tab and operate the property as a municipal parking lot.

The only other bit of business on the slate is an annexation ordinance for the land where the new sewer disposal plant is located. At a public hearing during the last council meeting no objections were voiced about the proposed annexation.

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University Student's Death Is Attributed To Cramps; Revival Attempts Fail

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The victim was James Henry Booth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin S. Booth, Rt. 2.

Booth was pronounced dead at 8:40 p.m. after sheriff's deputies, a physician and a disaster crew from Sutherlin had attempted to revive him for about two hours.

The river tragedy occurred at a beach about three miles west of Umpqua.

Booth was swimming with companions David Crane, Kenneth Fortin and Kenneth Karlinger, all of Umpqua.

At about 4:40 p.m., he floundered at mid-river and went under before he could be reached. His companions and other swimmers recovered his body nearby about 10 minutes after he disappeared.

Cramp Thought Cause

Booth was described as a good swimmer. Deputies attributed his difficulty in the water to a cramp.

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The drowning was the fourth in the county in July.

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He was a member of the Methodist Church and Delta Tau Delta Fraternity.

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