

68 Aboard Airliner Perish In Storm

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Airplane Splits Apart

MILAN, Italy (UPI)—A Trans World Airlines jetstream Constellation bound for Chicago with probably 68 persons aboard disintegrated in a thunderstorm tonight, killing all aboard.

"There are no survivors," a TWA spokesman said in Rome. First reports indicated that the jetstream airliner was split apart by lightning just moments after taking off from Milan for Paris and then nonstop to Chicago.

TWA spokesmen said the plane carried 59 passengers, "probably" three TWA officials and a crew of nine.

It was the worst civil aviation disaster of the year. It topped the death toll in the Feb. 2 New York crash of a Lockheed Electra, flying from Chicago to New York's La Guardia airport, in which 65 were killed.

A TWA spokesman in London said the plane that crashed today near Milan was the first accident since 1949 in TWA's international service.

TWA in New York said the plane on flight 891, the one that crashed near Milan, was a Lockheed 1649A Super-Constellation. "Jet-stream" is a trade name which TWA uses for its four engine Super-Constellations.

The New York TWA office said flight 891 is a combined first class and tourist trip from Athens to Paris, and it is a combined first class and economy flight from Paris to Chicago.

The TWA spokesman in New York said the plane's schedule called for it to leave Athens at 12:15 p.m. today, arrive at Rome at 2:05 p.m., leave Rome at 2:50 p.m., arrive at Milan at 4:30 p.m., leave Milan at 5:05 p.m., arrive at Paris at 7 p.m., leave Paris at 8 p.m., and arrive at Chicago at 6:40 a.m. Saturday. All times are local.

Gov. Long Regains Control; Fires Hospital Authorities

DISTRICT JUDGE RULES NO CASE AGAINST EARL

COVINGTON, La. (UPI)—Gov. Earl K. Long got himself released from a mental hospital today by firing the two men who ran the hospital.

The case to keep Long in the Southeastern Louisiana mental hospital was quickly dropped and District Judge Robert D. Jones freed Long. An aide said Long was going to a hotel.

Long sat quietly holding an unlighted cigarette while Attorney General Jack Gremillion joined a motion of Long's lawyers to drop the commitment order which put Long into the hospital eight days ago.

Judge Jones then said there was no case—Long was free.

Spectators jamming the sweltering courtroom, actually a junior high school gymnasium, broke into thunderous applause.

Long leaped up and waved his hands triumphantly above his head.

There was no doubt that he was once more in control of the state. He personally signed the papers that fired Jesse Bankston, state director of hospitals, and Dr. Charles Belcher, superintendent of the hospital where he had been held.

Since May 30, Long had been in three hospitals. His wife, who fled Louisiana, had him drugged, tied to a stretcher and flown to John Sealy Hospital in Galveston, Tex.

He got out of John Sealy in a little more than two weeks by promising to enter Ochsner Foundation Clinic in New Orleans if he were released.

He was, and he kept his promise for less than 24 hours. He left the hospital and roared to Baton Rouge June 18 in a state police squad car to take over.

Legal Separation
His wife anticipated his move, beat him to Baton Rouge, the state capital, had commitment papers made out and a crew waiting to take Long to the hospital.

To prevent his wife from filing commitment papers against him again, Long sued Thursday for legal separation from her.

The hearing, when it finally started, lasted less than five minutes. As soon as Long climbed into the waiting black limousine, the driver slammed the door and it roared away.

Doctors who examined Long just before he was rushed off to the hospital at Mandeville said he was a schizophrenic paranoiac.

Long appeared today to have lost about 40 pounds; he normally weighs about 200. He has eaten little at the hospital because, his lawyer said, he was afraid his food might have been poisoned.

"It was the only course I could take," Judge Jones said. "The suit has been withdrawn and new heads of the hospital department appointed, who released him."

"He doesn't look well at all, does he. I was surprised."

The state hospital board, meeting before the hearing started in Jones' court, resolved to fire Bankston and Dr. Belcher. Its resolution was read in court.

Steel Boss Refuses To Negotiate

NEW YORK (UPI)—David J. McDonald, president of the steelworkers union, today refused to hold further negotiations with an industry-wide team. He asked the 12 major steel company heads involved in the nationwide strike threat to meet with him tonight.

McDonald described a two hour session with the industry's main negotiators this morning as a "far-fetched filibuster."

He said the industry had no offer to make to the union, whose contract expires at midnight June 30.

McDonald sent a telegram to the chief executives of the main steel producers warning that "time is running out" and calling for a meeting with him tonight to produce a settlement.

The text of McDonald's telegram "Time is running out. Soon steel furnaces will have to be banked. I propose that we jointly make a 100-day effort to settle our differences. To this end I invite you, the chief executive officers of the 12 companies, to meet with me tonight for the purpose of reaching agreement. I await your reply."

Shortly before McDonald spoke to newsmen, R. Conrad Cooper, the industry's chief negotiator, said the union bargaining team refused an offer to resume discussions this afternoon.

"Is this a breakdown in the talks?" Cooper was asked.

"It seems like it at the moment," Cooper said.

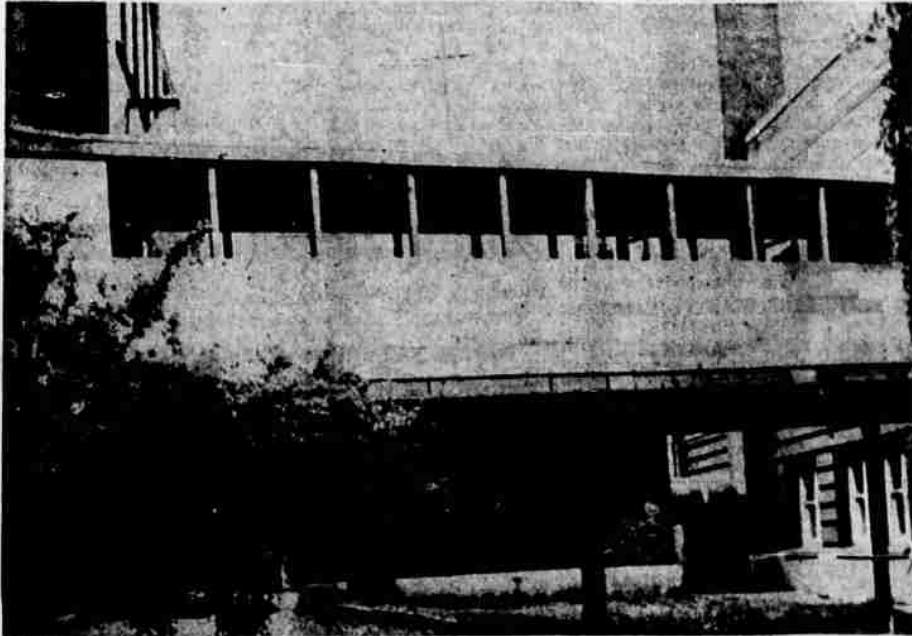
Cooper said the industry is ready to meet with the steel negotiators at any moment.

He said he suggested another meeting this afternoon but the union negotiators refused.

Cooper, executive vice president of U. S. Steel, said earlier that the union's rejection of the industry's truce proposal made the union responsible for any ensuing strike.

WEATHER

Variable cloudiness with occasional clearing periods through Saturday; a few afternoon showers in mountains; low tonight 45-50; high Saturday 63-68.



NEW WALKWAY—Connecting the second floor of the main building to the first floor of the old Central building, this walkway enables an increasing number of students to attend their classes in the older building without facing the congested lower hall that has previously been the closest access to the building.

Junior High Improvements Designed To Raise Rates

BY VIRGINIA ANDERSON
Observer Staff Writer

In an effort to bring the Junior High school up to "standard" condition, a vast amount of improvements are underway.

The state Board of Education rates schools in one of four categories. Beginning at the top, they are standard, standard with advice, conditionally standard, and sub-standard. All schools in the district with the exception of Greenwood and the Junior high have maintained a "standard" rating. These ratings are given out by the supervisors of the Board of Education. A new Greenwood school is being planned, and the majority of summer repairs are being concentrated around the Junior high buildings.

Probably the most noticeable improvement to passersby is the construction of the covered walkway. Supported by steel girders, the walkways is approximately 10 feet wide, and connects the main floor of the old Central building with the second floor of the main building. Corrugated plastic panels will be used to let in the light.

Although work was started before school was out, it is being delayed since the men have been waiting two months for the plastic paneling.

Half of a class room was used to make a hall leading to the walkway. The unused half of the classroom was combined with another small classroom to make

one large standard classroom. Both rooms were formerly classified as sub-standard. It was really an "advantage to get rid of the small rooms," commented Lyle Riggs, district school superintendent.

New flooring across the ramp and the main floor of the old Central building will also be laid.

The reason behind the construction of the walkway is a fairly simple one. With the rise of the student population, more students than ever will be required to commute from the Junior high building to the old Central building for classes. The congestion in the hall below the gym (the only close route to the older building) demands another access to the old building.

Another major improvement will be made with the re-sodding of the football field used by both the Junior high and high school in the Fall for sports and during the good weather throughout the year for physical education classes.

There are six extra men including painters besides the regular crew of 14 on hand to get the school in top shape before the opening day this Fall.

Along with the other improvements, they are doing a great deal of painting both inside and outside. 175 gallons of rubber base paint will be used on the inside of both buildings. On the outside, both ramps between the old agriculture and home economics

buildings are getting a fresh coat of silver gray paint as well as most of the wood trim including the windows and doors.

Workmen are repairing and building, where necessary, new screens to cover the windows on the first floor of the Junior High building around the physical education rooms where the windows need extra protection.

An effort will be made to remodel several rooms in both buildings, and they hope to paint all the rooms in the old Central building—plus several in the main building.

All the old wood flooring in the study hall has been removed and new flooring will be laid. Plans have also been made to move the library from its room adjacent to the study hall into the study hall itself. This enlargement of the library would give it the capacity to hold enough students to fill two regularly sized classrooms. The old library would then be converted into a classroom.

A general over-haul and repair treatment is being given the lockers where students keep their books and coats. This will be the first time in several years that they have been given an overall check-up. Of course, they are given minor repairs every year. Although these lockers are quite old and badly in need of repair, they are definitely worth the time spent on them since new lockers would cost \$14 per child.

This year's summer improvements have been concentrated in the Junior High school, and the crew which includes the regular janitors and maintenance men have been tackling bigger jobs than usual so the school will meet the state standards.

Of course, all the schools have been getting a general face-washing. The general clean-up is a routine part of the summer work, and it includes scrubbing all the floors, revarnishing gym floors, and waxing all the floors.

Also in the Junior division will be Kathleen Norton, winner last year of the state all-around cowgirl title. She was all-around cowgirl at Halfway and also last year at Elgin. Runner-up last year for all-around cowgirl at Elgin was Maureen Beck, Imbler, and she will also be in the competition this year.

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There will be a parade Sunday at 10 a.m.

Many local junior cowboys and cowgirls came back from the Hells Canyon Junior Rodeo at Halfway with prize money and belt buckles.

Winners are Jim Beck, Imbler, second in calf riding; Joe Sallee, Elgin, tide for second in calf roping, first in the junior quarter mile race, and fourth in calf riding; Butch Stephens, Union, third in bulldogging; Eddie Miller, Union, won day money as first in calf roping on Saturday, Bill Tsiatos, La Grande, won day money in bulldogging on Saturday. He was first in the senior quarter mile race and second in calf roping.

Rodeo Arena Readied For Junior Events

With a rebuilt track, new rails and fences and the construction of new rest rooms, the Elgin Stampede has spent a lot of time this spring on their rodeo grounds. According to Jess Bennett, chairman, everything will be ready for the Junior Rodeo tomorrow and Sunday.

Betty Trump is receiving entries from Junior contestants from Washington, Oregon and Idaho. Among those expected are Ambers Thornburg, Terrebonne, Ore., who won the all-around cowboy at the Hells Canyon Junior Rodeo at Halfway, and Jim Walker, Durkee, who has won a number of all-around titles at Junior shows, including

the all-around title twice at John Day.

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District No. R-3 would include the present existing districts in North Powder elementary and joint Union high and Muddy Creek elementary.

The Chamber of Commerce urges all merchants and people working down town to wear western clothes Saturday during the Centennial year.

School Election Due Here Monday

Elections concerning the proposed school administrative district reorganization has been set for Monday, July 20.

Polls will be open from 2 to 8 p.m. for all eligible voters.

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HARD AT WORK—By kick-off time for the first football game this fall, the junior high school field will be sporting a new turf. These men from left, Smith Henderson, Jim Robinson, and Don May, are re-sodding the field.



JORDYCE TAMERIS
Stampede Queen Candidate

Elgin Queen Candidate Has Many And Varied Interests

BY VIRGINIA ANDERSON
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With a sprinkling of freckles across her nose, dark hair and brown eyes, Jordyce Tameris is one of Elgin's two candidates for Queen of the Elgin Stampede, July 25-26.

Jordyce who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgridge Tameris is 16 and will be a junior at Elgin high school this Fall.

Rather indefinite about her future plans, Jordyce said that she hoped to attend Oregon State College after graduation from high school.

She spends most of her summers helping her father on his ranch northeast of Elgin.

When asked about her school interests, Jordyce came up with a long list of activities that include pep club, pep club drill team, FHA, drama club, Husky Track staff, the high school annual;

FARM SECTION BEGINS TODAY

A special supplement, "Valley Farm - Ranch - Home," devoted to news for the farmer, rancher, and homemaker is included in today's Observer.

In keeping with the Observer's policy of expanded local news coverage, the section will be a regular Friday feature.

Latest developments in equipment, homemaking tips, and special feature stories on valley residents will be illustrated with local pictures.

Husky Howl staff, which is the high school newspaper where she serves as a reporter. She was also elected secretary of her class in both her freshman and sophomore years, and she acts as head majorette for the high school band. She said that she believes that her favorite subject in school is English.

Both of the candidate's parents are Stampedeers, but Jordyce said that to be nominated for the queen candidacy a girl's parents did not have to belong to the riding club. She said that the main rules were that the girls must be 16 and unmarried.

Jordyce said about the coming Stampede that, "I'd like to invite everyone to be sure and come. I'm sure you'll enjoy the show."

During the Stampede, she will be riding a horse named Trixie.

Tax Writers Meet For Bill Revision

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Senate-House tax writers met behind closed doors today to decide the fate of Senate-approved plans to raise income taxes on big stock investors and repeal the 10 percent travel tax.

The revisions were added by the Senate to a House approved bill to continue for another year high Korean War corporate and excise tax rates.

The bill must be signed into law by midnight Tuesday to avoid a treasury revenue loss of about 3 billion dollars.

Differences between the House and Senate versions must be reconciled before the legislation can go to the White House.

Farm Bureau Changes Told

Possible changes and additions in the structure of Farm Bureau in Oregon were heard in Island City last night when two men representing the Oregon Farm Bureau Federation appeared before the Union county group.

A resume of Farm Bureau activities as it stands today was given by Lester Van Bloklund, regional director for the OFBF, director, presenting the expansion report as drawn by a five-man committee after studying other state farm bureaus.

A goal for every county Farm Bureau to sponsor a county office was given as an aid in carrying out the expanded program. These would be maintained as a headquarters for insurance business as well as routine activities and correspondence. Here would revolve bargaining, marketing and product promotion for local farmers coordinated with a stepped up program on research coming from other county farm bureaus through the state office.

Other services to be offered farm bureau members would include a three man fieldman program to aid the various counties in program development. Research work would be done on taxes, marketing and legislation.

"Setting the Pace for Oregon Agriculture" is the title given to the study which was presented with the aid of charts and showing the cost of the expanded services.

County Farm Bureau Sets Date For Picnic

Date for the Union County Farm Bureau picnic has been set for July 12 according to Mrs. Ralph Robinson, county women's chairman. This has been scheduled for 1 p.m. with the place to be the same as last year, the Cove Ascension Grounds.

Plans call for another outstanding day with a program including the Fair Maids and special entertainment.

Two Hubcaps Stolen

Two hubcaps were stolen from a car belonging to Jesse Schaubers, 605 Fourth st., sometime Wednesday night, according to the police.

Reed Makes Honor Roll

Hanford Reed, Elgin, should have been included with the honor roll students at EOC. Reed obtained a 3.5 grade point average for Spring term.

HIGH UP—High atop a ladder, Jack Piper, principal of Riveria grade school, adds a fresh coat of paint to the ramps connecting the main junior high school building with the agriculture and home economics section of the school.