

Triple Crash Of Planes Fatal To 24 Men

(By the United Press)
Army and navy authorities today investigated three plane crashes in which 24 men were killed and one was critically injured.

Eleven men were killed when a navy Consolidated patrol bomber crashed yesterday two miles north of the Dahlgren, Va., naval proving grounds. Officials said it was not known how many persons were aboard the ship which was on a routine flight, but that 11 bodies had been recovered.

A big four-motored army flying fortress, disabled by a storm, crashed early yesterday 20 miles west of Las Cruces, N. M., killing seven men after two of the crew had parachuted to safety. The plane was on a "routine flight" from Biggs Field air base, according to Col. W. B. Hough, air base commander.

Six men were killed and one was injured seriously when a medium bomber from Harding Field crashed five miles south of Bogalusa, La., yesterday in the second fatal accident at Harding Field in three days. The bomber was on a training operational mission when the accident occurred more than 100 miles from its base.

Officials were also conducting an investigation of the crash of two medium bombers in mid-air seven miles north of Baton Rouge on Friday night. Nine were killed.



Mr. and Mrs. Ried Stone of Oswego, Oregon, are the first to receive new "We Stand Prepared" stickers being issued by the state office of civilian defense. Jerrold Owen, state director of civilian defense, right, presents the emblem. The Stones are parents of Lieut. Wentworth Stone who was recently cited for valor in the Marshall island campaign. Block wardens all over the state are going on tours of inspection and will present the "We Stand Prepared" stickers to all homes in which proper civilian defense measures have been taken.

Petition Asks Lower Rate on Edible Nuts

Washington, Aug. 24 (U.P.)—Five west coast Nutgrowers' associations petitioned the interstate commerce commission today for a lower freight rate on edible nuts on the grounds that they are a raw, rather than a processed agricultural product.

Railroads were authorized by the ICC March 2 to increase rates on raw agricultural products 3 per cent, and on processed commodities 6 per cent. The commission specifically placed edible nuts in the 6 per cent group.

The petitioners contended that their products should be classified with peanuts, grains, fresh fruit and like commodities, all of which are in the 3 per cent group.

The petitions were filed today by the California Walnut Growers' association, North Pacific Nut Growers' association, Oregon Nut Growers, Inc., Eugene (Ore.) Fruit Growers' association and the California Almond Growers' association.

Records of the patent office, department of commerce, show that the trolley car, incandescent lamp, automobile and cash register were among the inventions patented in 1880.

Home Inspections Soon Begin in Oregon

Oregon's state-wide organization of block wardens will soon begin inspection of homes to determine the degree of compliance with recommended precautionary measures against the threat of air raids, Jerrold Owen, state defense council coordinator, said Tuesday.

The state and local civilian defense councils have been advocating preparation against enemy action since before December 7. Owen explained that every household should have by now made arrangements to cope with emergencies.

Homes which pass inspection of block wardens will be presented with special window stickers bearing the motto, "We stand prepared." Block wardens will make a complete record of the preparations and precautions taken in every home. Owen explained that to pass inspection, homes must be equipped with a reserve water supply, garden hose, shovel, ladder, two buckets, dark glasses, heavy gloves, sand, flashlight, first aid kit and some means of emergency lighting.

Each home should have a refuge room equipped with win-



Accused Girl Enters Court—Margaret Herlihy, wan and highly nervous, enters justice court at Douglas, Ariz., on the arm of her father, Lieut. Col. E. G. Herlihy, for a preliminary hearing on a charge of murdering her husband, Capt. David D. Carr, during a violent quarrel. At right is her mother. She waived the hearing, and was released in custody of her attorney. (Associated Press Photo.)

dow blinds for blackouts and all fire hazards should have been eliminated, Owen said.

New Contracts Are Authorized

Albany — Linn county non-high school district contracts were awarded by the district non-high board to nine school districts which maintain high schools and allowed also claims for tuition totaling \$5707.05, winding up all but three claims for the past school year.

Yet missing are those of Stayton, Jefferson and Salm.

New contracts were authorized for Albany, Lebanon, Brownsville, Scio, Mill City, Sweet Home, Halsey, Shedd and Corvallis high school districts.

Claims allowed Saturday were as follows: Tangent, \$230.54; Brownsville, \$1,014.12; Mill City, \$2,306.61; Sweet Home, \$436.01; Corvallis, \$1,446.84; Lorane, \$65.07; Hillsboro, \$47.48; and Portland, \$160.39.

The \$230.53 awarded to Tangent was for only one pupil, who attended 163 days, costing at the rate of \$1.414 a day, heading the list.

Lowest per day cost was turned in by Hillsboro, which also educated one pupil but where the pupil attended 83.5 days for a total cost of \$47.48 at the rate of \$.56872 per day.

Portland educated one non-high school pupil for \$160.39 at a cost of \$.9218 per day for 174 days attended.

Norma's Husband 8 Years Her Junior

Santa Monica, Calif., Aug. 24 (U.P.)—Norma Shearer, screen actress, widow of Producer Irvin Thalberg, was 15 minutes late for her second marriage but everything worked out as scheduled and she was honeymooning in her beach home here today with Martin Arrouge, 28, dependable, athletic and eight years her junior.

Miss Shearer and Arrouge, who was her ski instructor at Sun Valley, Idaho, were married in a quiet church ceremony in Beverly Hills yesterday by Father John J. O'Donnell. Arrouge is a member of the Roman Catholic church.

Flushed and visibly excited, Miss Shearer appeared for the ceremony in the afternoon print frock she wore last week when she applied for the marriage license. She wears it frequently, says she considers it lucky.

Redmond Has Tire Shop Fire

Redmond, Aug. 24 (U.P.)—Officials investigated today an explosion and fire which damaged a tire shop and destroyed a quantity of new and used tires early yesterday.

Mayor W. R. Hardison, Police Chief Athel Dudley and Night Officer Robert Gillispie heard a blast shortly after midnight, only a minute or two after they had driven past the shop.

Glass from the windows and boards of the building were blown across the street. The structure was shaken eight inches out of line. Fire broke out immediately and later came a second explosion as the flames reached an air compressor.

The shop, owned by Gordon Smith, had been closed since he left on a trip to Missouri three weeks ago. The loss has not been determined.

Westerners on Advisory Boards

San Francisco, Aug. 24 (U.P.)—Ten westerners have been appointed to newly-formed industry advisory committees, the war production board regional office announced today. They are:

Dried fruit industry: D. K. Grady, San Francisco; C. W. Griffin, San Francisco; D. R. Hoak, Fresno; William N. Keeler, Fresno; T. O. Kluge, San Jose; Bert Katz, San Francisco; James Lively, San Jose; B. E. Richmond, San Jose; C. C. Ross, Seaside, Wash.

Linseed crushers industry: B. Rocca, San Francisco.

9 Cable Companies Indicted for Fraud

Washington, Aug. 24 (U.P.)—Indictment of nine companies and six of their officers for alleged conspiracy in connection with sales to the navy of nearly \$55,000,000 worth of insulated cable was announced today by Attorney General Francis Biddle.

A federal grand jury at Newark, N. J., bringing the largest war frauds charges disclosed to date, returned the indictment last Monday but it was held sealed until today.

Maximum penalties on convictions would be two years' imprisonment, \$10,000 fine or both.

Biddle said cost studies showed that the two defendants realized profits ranging from 35 per cent to 70 per cent on the navy purchases. The indictment covered the period since January, 1933, but the charges were based particularly on the past three years when navy purchases of cable cost between \$50,000,000 and \$55,000,000.

Named as defendants were:

Second Front Army Matter Bulwinkle Says

Washington, Aug. 24 (U.P.)—Acting house speaker Bulwinkle (D. N.C.) thumbed the pages of history today to support his contention that what he termed the second-front "pressure boys" of today are following a line as old as the nation itself.

Aroused by receipt of a plea that every member of congress get behind the movement to open a second front in Europe, Bulwinkle said he believed it was about time everyone realized that military matters "are solely for the supreme military command to decide."

The Carolinian, whose active service in the last World war earned him a major's commission, said he was "disgusted" by a resolution from the national maritime union of America, which he quoted as asserting that any public official "who does not speak out now for a second front is completely unworthy of labor's support in the coming elections."

An avid reader of military history, Bulwinkle recalled that Washington, Lee, Lincoln and virtually every other wartime leader had been plagued by pressure groups made up largely as he described them, of "drug store generals."

Certain groups, he said, were dissatisfied during the Revolutionary war because General Washington did not act swiftly enough to suit them or failed to conform to their conception of military strategy.

History, he continued, shows that the first battle of Bull Run in the Civil war was fought before the northern forces were ready for it simply because union leaders yielded to pressure to "crush the rebels right now." The Union army came out a poor second in that row, Bulwinkle recalled, and among those captured by the victorious confederates was a member of congress who, with hundreds of others, had driven from Washington into Virginia to witness what they had thought would be a picnic for the northern forces.

"It served him right," Bulwinkle said, "he was one of the pressure boys who helped force the issue."

Pierce Watches Debt Grow

Washington, Aug. 24 (U.P.)—Representative Pierce (D. Ore.) said in the house the United States was going in debt at the rate of one billion dollars a week and the figures were so fantastic "we cannot comprehend them."

"We simply have to go on and on in order to win this war, before we can take stock and consider our position," Pierce said. "As a congressman I have voted for the appropriation, and I shall continue to do so, but I realize there must be some sort of readjustment. The debt will be so colossal, when Japan begs for mercy, that it simply cannot be paid by cash on the barrel-head, like a grocery bill."

Pierce urged the house to enact legislation to continue a 3 1/2 per cent interest rate on all farm credit loans.

The representative said the interest rate was continued at 3 1/2 per cent for two years under legislation recently passed, but he suggested it should be made permanent. He said that in the two years the rate would save farmers of Oregon \$456,834.

Corn is being used to manufacture alcohol for motor fuel in Argentina.



Plotting Makin Island Attack—Early on the day they shoved off for the mission which culminated in their assault on Makin island, Lieut. Col. Evans F. Carlson (left) and Maj. James Roosevelt, commander and second in command of a marine battalion, study their objective on a map in field headquarters near San Diego, Calif. (Associated Press Photo.)

East Salem Finishes Small Grain Harvest

East Salem, Aug. 24—This past week most of the harvesting of small grains on acreages in East Salem district was finished. Combines were used on most fields and only a few stacks of grain are to be seen. Wheat that looked very good did not yield more than an average of 25 bushels to the acre, with oats just average.

Hay baling and harvesting were carried on at the same time and young boys 14 or 15 years old took the places of much older men this year. One seldom sees a boy over 12 years old that is not picking beans or helping on the farms.

Swegle school board met last Monday night and gave the contract for the janitor work for the coming school year to Mrs. Frances Radcliffe. No change was made in the opening date for school, September 14. School children want to help with spring berry crops as well as the fall crops and must have the months required for their school term.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Frame, Marolyn and Gary enjoyed a vacation over the week-end at the coast, returning to their home on Hollywood Drive Sunday night. Friends of Daryl Colwell, whose home is on East Turner Road, will be interested to know he is now in Chicago in an aviation mechanic's school. He has been in San Diego for several weeks. Daryl was very active in Middle Grove community as editor of the community paper.

Highway Work Is Under Way

Monmouth — Preliminary work on the west side highway between Monmouth and Camp Adair has started with the clearing and grading of the re-located grade which extends from the town south to the camp. Widening and repairing of the highway from Camp Adair to Corvallis has been completed with the exception of building shoulders and completion of some bridges. North street where the highway enters Corvallis is being paved its entire width within the city.

Near the Helmick park crossing, four miles south of Monmouth, a temporary bridge has been fitted under a section of the Valley & Siletz railroad where the underpass is to be located. Excavation has been in progress for two weeks. Foundation holes have been cleared for the concrete piers designed to support the permanent underpass. The center piers are spaced 36 feet apart. Space at the south end of this stretch of new road has been cleared and the work of filling in is about to start.

War Bond Sales Made from Scio

Scio—Sales of series E war bonds at Scio postoffice on Linn county's Victory day, August 13, were \$1425, purchase value, according to Mrs. E. Phillips, who is substituting for her husband, the postmaster, during his illness. This amount included a \$1000 bond, the purchase value being \$750.

Scio State bank sold bonds totaling \$300, purchase value, during the past week, Waldo DeMoy, cashier, states.

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Koons First to Fire Shot on European Soil

London, Aug. 24 (U.P.)—The first American soldier to fire a shot for liberty on European soil in World War II was revealed today to be Corp. Franklin Koons, a 23-year old farmer from Swea City, Iowa.

Koons was a member of the American Ranger troops that stormed Dieppe last week along with British commandos, Canadian troops and a few fighting French. There were three other Americans in his group, and while he has been officially credited with firing the first shot, his companions also fired about the same time.

With Koons when the invasion barge grated on the Dieppe beach were Staff Sgt. Ken Stempson, 25, a former railroad employe at Russell, Minn.; Sgt. Alex Szima, 22, a former bartender at Dayton, Ohio, and Corp. Bill Brady, 23, a magazine salesman from Grand Forks, N.D.

Koons is heavy-set, five feet 10 inches tall and has dark hair and brown eyes. He was reared on a farm and before he went into the army he was a livestock engineer and farmer. He thinks he killed one German at Dieppe.

Before the raid the men were addressed by Lord Louis Mountbatten, head of the commandos. Koons said he didn't have any fears about the assignment after that and slept soundly until just before the order to the boats was given.

"I went to sleep again during the channel crossing and was awakened by shore fire by the Germans," he said. "We landed on French soil after wading 30 or 40 yards through the surf. My party then traveled under cover of a gully."

"Then there was some sniping from the Germans but no casualties in my party and presently we got to some little farm buildings that we used for cover. They were about 200 yards from our objective, which were the coastal batteries, and our first task was to clear out the farm buildings and make sure there were no Jerries there."

About this time the German fire began making itself felt and while there were casualties in the American party, none was killed.

"I took refuge in a stable and began sniping back, firing through a crack from a standing position," Koons said. "I fired quite a number of rounds at odd, stray Jerries who sometimes appeared and I am pretty sure I got one of them."

After the party accomplished its mission, it dropped back to the beach behind the shelter of hedges, Koons said.

Silence Rules Air Raid Effects

County defense councils were warned today by state civilian defense coordinator Jerrold Owen that they must not give out any information on damage caused by air raids, effect of air raids, or action taken by civilian and military authorities.

Such information would aid the enemy, Owen said, pointing out that the U. S. army received valuable information as to the effect of the bombing of Tokyo because the information was broadcast by the Japanese radio.

Owen, at the request of the war department, advised the county defense councils that they must keep their records locked and in a safe place, keep visitors out of control centers, permit no unauthorized photographs in control centers, and avoid use of telephones in transmitting information about air raids.

Owen also asked the councils to cooperate in the coast guard's drive to recruit personnel for the coast guard temporary reserve for coastal patrol and look-out duty.

Brazil is trying to prevent materials from the United States from reaching firms with axis connections.