

GIRL HIRES PLANE FOR DEATH DROP

Life Found Futile, Says Note Left By 18-Year-Old Ruth Rockwell of Philadelphia—Told Pilot to Fly High—Leap Into Space at 2000 Feet—Pilot Sees Fall.

VALLEY STREAM, N. Y., Nov. 12.—(AP)—Miss Ruth Rockwell, 18 years old, of Philadelphia, committed suicide by leaping 2,000 feet from an airplane which she hired with a pilot at the Curtiss airport yesterday.

She explained her act in a note which was found in her purse in the cabin of the plane. The note read:

"Most people end their lives because something sad has happened to them. I end mine because it seems not only futile but wrong to go on existing. I blame no one and feel I have no enemies. I will probably be considered insane, as anyone taking his life is supposed to be slightly insane."

"I would like to send my regards to Miss Shoers in Drew seminary at Carmel, N. Y. My check for \$175 in the suitcase in the closet at home may help pay my burial expenses. I am very happy now."

"I am wondering if the newspapers will decide to devote any space to me. I am wondering if I will find time to think of the past as I whirl through space, as if I said that a drowning man does when struggling in the water. I am wondering if I will find anything in death. If so, what?"

Longed for Harmony.
"Everything has been discord, when I long for harmony. Maybe yet I will find it; maybe sweet music."

"If I find any sort of life or corresponding time after death, I will try to communicate with my immediate relatives at 9 o'clock some evening for a while."

"During my lifetime, think my one fault was deception. I have lied repeatedly about small things, but, unfortunately, I forgot what these small things were. I have no guilty conscience whatsoever, I feel."

Edward F. Booth, the pilot who was assigned to fly the small cabin monoplane placed at the girl's disposal, told how she questioned him regarding the operation of the doors before they took off.

He assured her that the doors operated as ordinary doors. He said she also asked whether he would lose his head if anything unusual occurred in the air, to which he shook his head negatively.

Fly Higher Order.

"I took off in a large circle and made altitude," said Booth. "When at about 1,500 feet, I looked back and saw that the passenger had her eyes tightly closed. Thinking that possibly she was frightened by a first flight, I again tried to speak to her and reassure her that everything was all right. As I turned the second time she opened her eyes and asked for our altitude. I said we were about 1,500 feet. She then indicated that she wished to go higher, so I continued a gentle climb, turning back over the Curtiss airport from the north."

"At about 2,000 feet, I felt the ship rise as if caused by rough air. That surprised me as the air was smooth. I then opened to me that when a door is opened the ship will rise slightly and veer. I then looked back to see the door open, caught a glimpse of the passenger falling through space about 20 or 30 feet away."

Miss Rockwell graduated from Drew seminary last June. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dean W. Rockwell of Philadelphia.

Her brother said his sister had often spoken of suicide. He said she was fond of reading and had done some writing. He said she cared little for social activities, was very moody at times and her spirits vacillated from one extreme to the other.

Hollywood Talent in Craterian Film

Recognized leaders in every branch of the entertainment world were drafted in assembling the imposing array of talent, writers, composers and technical experts, who collaborated in making the "Hollywood Revue of 1929" now at the Craterian theater.

With Conrad Nagel and Jack Benny officiating as joint masters of ceremonies are a galaxy of stars who sing, dance and make merry. This production includes such celebrities as Marion Davis, John Elliott, Norma Shearer, William Haines, Jean Crawford, Buster Keaton, Bessie Love, Marie Dressler, Ukulele Ike, Charles King, Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy, Polly Moran, Gus Edwards, Lionel Barrymore, Karl Dane and George K. Arthur, Anita Page, Gweta Lee, Nils Asther, the Alpertina Ranch ballet, Brox Sisters, the Founders, Nattova and company and others.

EUGENE, Ore. — Mrs. Elizabeth Workman, 78, and Mrs. Marie Roberts of Marcola, injured in an automobile wreck, are in a hospital here. They were riding in a car driven by Steve Keeter when the steering gear broke.

K. O. WHITE FIGHTS CORBETT HERE ON MONDAY EVENING



K. O. White, world's light heavyweight championship claimant, now in the east, and has agreed to meet the San Francisco boy to demonstrate he is Louisi's class.

"The bout is a natural" between the boys," declared Joe Bickerstaff, local promoter, in announcing the fight today. "This boy, Tom Corbett, has the record for administering the first black mark against our pride, Gene O'Grady, at Yreka, where for nine rounds the boys stood toe to toe and swapped blows to the delight of a capacity house when towards the end of the ninth round in a hot exchange of blows, the bell rang. Gene didn't hear it and let go one of his famous rights and the lights went out for Corbett."

"After a lengthy argument," continued Bickerstaff, "the referee gave the bout to Corbett on a foul. It was a great fight and the consensus of the ringers gave Corbett the edge."

The winner of this fight, expected to be Gene O'Grady, who fights a main event bout at Portland next Tuesday night.

NEWARK, N. J. — Doc Conrad, Newark, outpointed Rene De Vos, Belgium, (10).

CALGARY, Ala. — Fred Lohrert, Spokane, outpointed Frank Wine, Ohio, (12).

Merrill — New drug store opened for business in this vicinity.

THE TROJANS' SMASHING BACKFIELD STARS



This University of Southern California backfield quartet has started a march across the Pacific coast battle front that other conference eleven, thus far, have been unable to stop.

LOCAL WOMEN GOLFERS IN NEW STYLE TOURNEY

The regular weekly women's golf tournament will be held tomorrow at the Medford club, play starting at 10 a. m. A new sort of stunt will be tried. This will be called a progressive tournament.

Two women will start from each tee, and the winner will continue on the next tee, while the loser will play with the winner of the following match. The contestant winning the most holes will get first prize.

Last week the tournament was won by Mrs. F. H. Johnson, with Mrs. W. J. Vawter, Sr., second. The committee wants at least 20 women ready to start off tomorrow morning.

Construction of Mt. Angel-Gervais road completed.

Fights Last Night

(By the Associated Press.) NEW YORK, Nov. 11.—Al Smith, New York, stopped Johnny Sheppard, Boston; (7); Neil Parleton, England, outpointed Pinky Silverberg, New York, (10).

PHILADELPHIA. — Charles Pelanger, Canada, outpointed Max Adige, Philadelphia, (10); Benny Bass, Philadelphia, outpointed Eddie Reed, New York, (10).

BUFFALO, N. Y. — Jimmy Statters, Buffalo, knocked out Johnny Haysack, Binghamton, N. Y., (1).

PITTSBURGH, Pa. — Farmer Joe Cooper, Terre Haute, Ind., outpointed Buck McTiernan, (10).

SALT LAKE. — Adrian Elton, Quantangin, Utah, outpointed Tommy Fielding, Los Angeles, (10). Buster Brundage, Butte and Arat Palmer, Los Angeles, drew, (6).

WEBFEET TRAIN FOR CLASH WITH STATERS

EUGENE, Ore., Nov. 12.—(AP)—Football drill until dark, and wind sprints after dark have fallen to the lot of the University of Oregon football varsity and freshman teams in preparation for clashes with rivals from the Oregon State college.

The fresh, beaten last week in Medford, have been pounding doubly hard to make it up, while the varsity is working overtime to make ready for the Staters. The return game of the fresh and nooks will be played at Corvallis Friday.

The state varsity comes here for the Saturday tilt.

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Frankie Graham, New York, knocked out Nick Patel, St. Louis, (2).

HOOVER SUMS UP PEACE POLICY IN TALK OVER RADIO

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—(AP)—A peace which combines a full realization of American principles of justice with such adequate preparation for defense that no foreign soldier shall ever set foot upon American soil, is the hope and objective of President Hoover.

To this ideal and to the removal of dormant and apparent circumstances which might arise to threaten the serenity of the nation his administration has dedicated itself. It is endeavoring so to organize its foreign relations as to strengthen the spirit of international goodwill, "create respect and confidence" and "stimulate esteem between peoples."

The chief executive summed up the goal of his foreign policies in a radio address delivered last night under the auspices of the American Legion as the climax of its Armistice day celebration.

THREE DEAD AS RESULT OF ARGENTINA RIOTING

MENDOZA, Argentina, Nov. 12.—(AP)—Three persons have died and a fourth is dying as a consequence of rioting growing out of the assassination of Dr. Carlos Washington Lencinas, Mendoza political boss, and bitter foe of President Rigoyen, Sunday evening. Twenty-one were injured. Among the dead is Jose Caceres, believed by police to have been the assassin of Dr. Lencinas.

LA GRANDE SUFFERS LOW TEMPERATURE

LA GRANDE, Ore., Nov. 12.—(AP)—The temperature fell to 29 degrees above zero here last night. It was the coldest night since last winter. Clear skies prevailed today.

Warrenton—Prouty Lumber and undergoing remodeling.

by
NATALIE SUMNER LINCOLN

AN imperative command in her uncle's will sent Peggy Prescott to live one month in his lodge on the shores of Mohawk Pond—thirty days of weird, inexplicable and thrilling experiences.

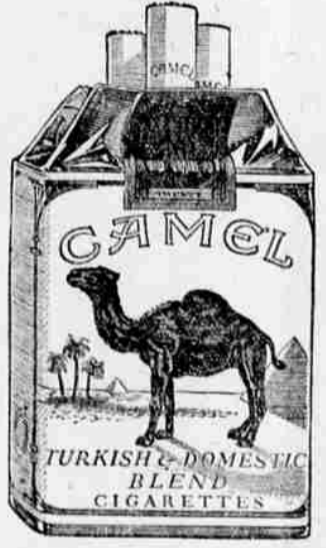
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