

AIRMEN EAGER TO TRY ANOTHER TRIP TO STRATOSPHERE

Trio Undaunted by Narrow Escape From Death When Vast Balloon Plunges 60,000 Feet to Corn Field

By J. N. Allison
HOLDREGE, Neb., July 30.—(AP)—Three army airmen who took to their parachutes to escape death in the crash of the world's largest balloon 12 miles northwest of here are eager for another venture into the stratosphere.

Captain Albert W. Stevens, scientific observer on the "explorer" when it failed to reach more than 60,000 feet Saturday, said, however, another attempt to soar uncharted heights would not be possible before next May or June.

Major William E. Kepner, commander of the flight—from Rapid City, S. D., to Reuben Johnson's cornfield—and co-pilot Captain Orvil A. Anderson and Captain Stevens were en route back to Rapid City today after an investigation at Kearney, Neb., into the cause of the balloon's failure.

May and June Best

Stevens said May and June are the best months for stratospheric exploration, and that it would take considerable time to reconstruct the precious instruments destroyed when the gondola plunged to the earth, crashing like an egg.

The only instrument saved was the valuable spectrograph, which was sent immediately to the University of Rochester, New York. The salvage was loaded into a motor truck after the close of the investigation, and started for Washington, D. C.

Construction of new instruments, Stevens said, would take less time than that required for those carried by the mammoth bag, so plans, specifications and blue prints of them are in the hands of the score of scientific organizations which cooperated by placing the instruments aboard.

Must Secure Funds

Funds for another attempt to reach a new stratospheric ceiling would have to be enlisted. And whether the U. S. army air corps and the National Geographic society, which sponsored the most ambitious stratosphere flight in history would cooperate in another such undertaking, had not been determined.

Anxious to learn what caused the gas bag, which contained about three acres of fabric, to rip as it swung over Nebraska, the balloonists and scientists have given most of their time to a study of the wreckage.

After an all day hearing at Kearney yesterday behind closed doors, those who conducted the investigation declined to make an announcement. The broken "mechanical brains" were sent to the National Geographic society office at Washington.

Fabric Too Light

Captain Anderson advanced the theory that the fabric used below the diaphragm was too light. He said that instead of two-ounce material, three or four-ounce fabric should have been used.

Captain Stevens had a different opinion. He believed the fabric strong enough, but that local strains on the peculiarly shaped bag and the method by which it unfolded probably were responsible for the rips which caused the airmen to seek a landing before they were able to reach the bag's maximum altitude.

The balloon took off at Rapid City shortly after daylight Saturday and as it was carried on a southerly direction. East of North Platte, Neb. at the big hole below diaphragm, and then several all holes appeared in that part of the fabric.

The airmen, upon discovery of a tear at least 30 feet long, decided they should start down. They attempted to drop less than 300 feet a minute to avoid any surges in the fabric and tried "to get her down" in the hope of escaping the parachute descent.

Bottom Torn Out

On reaching the 8000 foot level another rip occurred, and the whole bottom of the bag tore out. The balloon then was a perfect parachute and began floating down about 800 feet a minute.

"We no longer had a balloon, only a parachute," Captain Anderson said, "and we couldn't help matters by staying in the gondola. So we agreed to bail out to lighten the load and hoped thereby to slow the descent to avoid the crash."

"I bailed out at 3000 feet above the ground, and then the balloon disappeared. Stevens and Kepner followed, abandoning the ship at 1500 feet or lower."

"The gondola plunged to earth, bursting open as it struck the ground."

Stevens narrowly escaped death in getting free of the gondola. He was unable to get out of the porthole on two attempts because of air pressure. On the third attempt he plunged into space and pulled the rip cord.

When the parachute opened it was struck by the falling balloon, but the bag glanced off and did not entangle him. The gondola then dropped like a shot.

Society and Clubs

Edited by Iva Fewell

Scouts Complete Week at Camp

Four local Girl Scouts, Avonne Rea, Marion Strayer, Nera Croucher and Lila Croucher, have completed a week's stay at the Lake of the Woods camp, and have written the following interesting report of their outing:

Four of us girls from Berrydale troop No. 3 were fortunate enough to attend Girl Scout camp at Lake of the Woods for one week. We had looked forward to it with much enthusiasm, and on Sunday morning, June 17, we joyfully climbed in the car for our trip to the camp.

We enjoyed the trip, and arrived in time for dinner. After dinner we were divided into groups according to our age, and assigned our cabins. The oldest girls were called the Dragonflies, next were Grasshoppers, Butterflies, Crickets, Beetles and Ladybugs. Each group had its own cabin, supervised by two counselors. The counselors were named after some animal.

Our day began with the call of the bugle at 8:30, and we were kept busy all day with duties and hobbies until taps at 9 o'clock, except for an hour of rest after dinner.

Each cabin had some duties they were expected to do, called Kapers, such as: Gathering wood, clean-up, color guard and kitchen police.

All four of us took some handicraft, Avonne and Marion made Nature booklets and Nera and Lila made leather purses. We also went on a flower study hike.

As the evening campfires, we had short skits and puppet shows and learned many new songs at the community singing.

We all tried swimming, and Marion passed her swimming test for first class.

All won a leather tie-clip, made in handicraft, for being good campers, and Marion and Avonne won the health winner badge.

Thursday, the older bugs hiked up Brown Spring mountain and the smaller ones rowed across the lake to the sandbar.

Friday, June 23, was Marion's birthday, and they surprised her with a large white cake at supper. This evening the Dragonflies went across the lake to the resort in two boats, and rowed back later in the evening. We had a good time.

Saturday, Marion entered the archery tournament and won first prize with a score of 53 points, and received a red arrow.

Sunday, before leaving, they treated us with a big chicken dinner and ice cream.

We can't home feeling that we had spent most enjoyable week and were very thankful to the committee who makes it possible for the Girl Scouts to have camp every summer.

South Carolinian Honored

At D. A. R. Luncheon Saturday

On Saturday, July 28, Mrs. H. H. Calhoun of South Carolina was the honored guest of Crater Lake chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, at a 1 o'clock luncheon at the Hotel Medford.

Mrs. Calhoun is a past vice-regent of the national society D. A. R., and a past state regent of the South Carolina society, and it was through her personal efforts that the Tamasee boarding school, sponsored and supported by the Daughters of the American Revolution, was organized 13 years ago. Her delightful and enlightening story of the development of this splendid project was an inspiration to those who heard her speak.

The school, which was given the old Indian name Tamasee, meaning "Sunlight of God," is located in northwestern South Carolina, near the borders of Georgia, North Carolina and Tennessee, and serves the mountain people of that region. Training and practice in agriculture and domestic science are provided, as well as the regular school courses, and the buildings are used as a community center, church and Sunday school.

This worthwhile work is one of the Daughters' major projects and is in charge of the Americanism committee of which Mrs. G. Q. D'Albini is local chairman.

Mrs. Calhoun is touring the western states, accompanied by her husband, who is the head of the chemistry and geology department of Clemson college S. C., and her son. After visiting Crater Lake, they will visit Albany, Salem and Portland, where Mrs. Calhoun will speak in the interest of Tamasee, to Daughters of the American Revolution chapters.

Princess Lois Returns From Eugene.

After three days of teas, luncheons, balls, pageants and parades, Princess Lois of Medford has returned from the Oregon Trail celebration at Eugene, where she represented Medford and the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce as an attendant to Queen Susannah III.

Miss Lois Lindsey was accompanied to Eugene by her sister, Miss Alta Lindsey.

Also attending Miss Marjorie Wilhelm of Eugene, who was Queen Susannah III, were three Eugene princesses, and princesses from Medford, Albany, Corvallis, Florence, Lebanon, Gold Beach, Lakeview, Bend and Marshfield.

Princess Lois was escorted by Frank B. Reid, member of the Eugene Junior chamber of commerce, and Thursday afternoon the princesses went from the Hotel Osborne to the city hall, by stage coach, where the queen was presented the key to the city. The young ladies then were taken for an airplane ride about the Medford area.

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Williston-Millard Wedding Here Saturday.

At a ceremony performed Saturday noon in the study of the Presbyterian church, Jessie Williston and Ralph Millard, both of Fresno, Calif., were married by the Reverend William J. Howell. Accompanying the couple were Herb Grey and Curtis W. Hopkins.

Following the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Millard were entertained by friends here. Mr. Millard is advertising manager of the Fresno Bee. They left Sunday for a several weeks' honeymoon tour, which will extend into Canada.

Egans Entertain At Sunday Dinner.

Visitors from the east, who are in the valley, were honored at Sunday supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Chandler Egan. Present were Miss Marian Weir of Cleveland, Miss Elizabeth Egan of St. Louis, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred S. V. Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Ruhl and daughter, Miss Roxane, and Mrs. Phillip W. Hamill and daughter, Miss Peggy, of New York.

Mrs. Patton Honor Guest at Dinner Dance.

Mrs. Warner Patton, who will be leaving this week for Berkeley, Calif., to make her home, was honored at a dinner party Saturday evening at the Medford hotel, which was followed by dancing at the Jackson Hot Springs. Twenty-four persons made up the party.

Birthday Party At Medford Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. George Robertson and Miss Viola Templeton entertained at the Medford hotel Saturday evening with a cocktail party and dance in honor of Miss Templeton's and Mr. Robertson's birthdays. Fifty guests were invited for the evening, and supper was served at midnight.

Childs Visitors Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Green.

Dr. and Mrs. H. H. Childs and Miss Elizabeth Childs of Creston, Iowa, arrived on the Shasta this morning and are visiting here with Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Green.

Week-End Guest At Miss DeVries.

Miss Marie Prescott of Ashland was a week-end guest in this city of Miss Grace DeVries.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Bell of Ideal Court, this city, are the parents of a son, weighing eight pounds, born Saturday at the Sacred Heart hospital. Both mother and child were reported today as getting along well.

NAPIER BEST SPELLER ANNA SPRINGS CAMP

Robert Napier proved infallible in two spelling bees at CCC Camp Anna Springs last week, and walked off with the prize cigarettes. Wioe Clark and Kyle Fewell took second place against a field of 27 contestants.

There are numerous educational facilities at Camp Anna Springs and most members avail themselves of the privilege of keeping up with the world "for future reference."

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SIMPLE RITES FOR MARIE DRESSLER IN STAR'S CHURCH

BEVERLY HILLS, July 30.—(AP)—Marie Dressler will find her final resting place in a crypt at Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Glendale, tomorrow.

The remains of the grand old trouper, veteran of the stage and screen, who died Saturday at Santa Barbara after a lingering illness, will be laid to rest following simple private services in the wee kirk of the heather.

Rev. Neal Dodd, pastor of the Little Church Around the Corner in Hollywood—known as the "Church of the Stars" since it is the place of worship of many of filmland's notables—will preside at the services.

Only intimate acquaintances of the 62-year-old actress will attend her last rites.

Some of Hollywood's notables will be there, of course, but by the greatest majority will be folk from the rank and file of the film industry, in which Miss Dressler attained her spectacular prominence long after what generally is considered the prime of life.

There will be carpenters, prop men, stage hands, cameramen, script clerks, servants, old troupers of the stage and others who were close to Miss Dressler, addressed her as "Marie" and called her friend.

Announcement of the funeral plans for Miss Dressler were made by Alan Walker, who, with Mrs. Walker, was one of the actress' closest friends.

"We decided on a private, simple funeral," Walker said, "because we knew Miss Dressler would have wished it so."

The remains of the grand old trouper today lay in a private funeral home, the name of which was known to only half a dozen persons. The casket was sealed, not to be reopened.

And Hollywood mourned the passing of "Everybody's Friend."

14 DIE IN BUS TRAGEDY FLAMES



A happy holiday outing was turned into tragedy when a bus bound from Brooklyn, N. Y., plunged down an embankment at Ossining, N. Y., and burst into flames, killing 14 of the trapped occupants and injuring many more. Only a handful of the passengers escaped. The charred ruins are shown above. (Associated Press Photo)

SKETCHES OF PARK FOR CCC DIRECTOR

Loren Howard Crawford of Wellsville, Ohio, a CCC enrollee at Camp Winemass in Crater Lake national park, is making a pamphlet containing water color sketches of scenery in the park section, which he will present Robert Fechner, national director of the CCC, when he visits here the latter part of next week.

Crawford, who came to southern Oregon only a week ago, has completed a number of sketches, which will make up the book. He spends forty hours a week in this work.

He has studied in Vienna, and also graduated from a school of art in Cleveland.

CHINESE USE GUN, CLEAVER IN DUEL

OAKLAND, Calif., July 30.—(UP)—Two Chinese cousins fought with meat cleaver and pistol today because one of them said his wife could not cook boiled rice properly.

Police pieced out the story from accounts of excited witnesses. Ben Gee, 22, was shot and killed. His cousin, Norman Gee, 22, was cut so seriously with the cleaver that he may die.

Norman Gee was criticizing cooking of his own wife, Mrs. Yee Gooley Yee Gee, 20. Ben took offense at the slight on the family name and pursued Norman with a cleaver thru the laundry where both worked. Badly cut, Norman turned and shot his cousin.

Some Cookie. SILVERTON, Ore.—(UP)—Local Barber bet a cookie that a local bank would not reopen. He paid Miss Ina Harold with one eight inches in diameter, two-tiered, decorated with white icing, pink and green floral wreaths and the words: "I lost, Miles Barber."

Well Diggers Rushed. BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—(UP)—The well-digging business is looking up, too. The W. H. Pearson Drilling company has contracts to dig 24 wells and provide castings therefor.

KATHARINE HEPBURN MAY RE-WED SMITH

IVORYTON, Conn., July 30.—(UP)—Reports that Katharine Hepburn and Ludlow Ogden Smith, from whom the screen star was divorced recently, may be reconciled shortly, were circulated here today.

Smith is the house guest of Miss

Hepburn's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Thomas N. Hepburn, who have a summer home near here.

The actress is rehearsing for a part in a new play called "Dark Victory," which will open the week of August 6, and Smith is taking an active interest in his former wife's work.

MARIE SAID SHE'D THOUGHT ABOUT ME EVERY MINUTE OF HER VACATION. YET WHEN I PROPOSED SHE THREW ME DOWN! I'M GOING BACK—MAKE HER TELL ME WHY

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