



JET PLANE CRASH SETS OIL SUMP AFIRE—Firemen spray burning section of a Northrop twin-jet XP-89 experimental night fighter after it exploded in mid-air and set a crude oil sump on fire at El Segundo, Calif. Note smoke billowing from the blazing oil sump in background. One section of the plane set a nearby house afire. The pilot of the plane parachuted to safety but a flight engineer aboard the plane was killed.

On the Side—By E. V. Durling

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I wish I could remember the first day, first hour, first moment of your meeting me. A day of days! I let it come and go. As traceless as a thaw of bygone snow. It seemed to mean so little. And meant so much.

—Christina Rossetti.

Why not number the chorus girls in musical shows? Then put their names opposite their numbers in the program. The ladies of the ensemble would get fan mail and their lives made more interesting. Besides, a drama critic might make a note of a particularly talented chorus girl and mention her in his review by name. That might start her to stardom. Boy, this is really a brilliant idea. Isn't it wonderful I have so many brilliant ideas and never get a headache?

Please Note
These alleged experts who are choosing the "best" of the last half century are beginning to get under my skin. Now I note they have chosen "Gone with the Wind" as the best film of the past 50 years. How about "The Birth of a Nation"? That was a far better picture than "Gone With the Wind." So was "The

Covered Wagon." These same experts picked Charles Chaplin as the best film actor of the past 50 years. Did these fellows ever see Henry Walthall act?

Breakfast
A Bostonian who is 91 years of age says he believes the fact that he has always eaten a small breakfast has much to do with his longevity. I don't believe the size of a man's breakfast has much bearing on his longevity. This Bostonian, a small breakfast man, is now 91. And so what? H. Ellsworth Bennett, a well-known New Yorker, told reporters on his 103rd birthday that his daily breakfast for many years had consisted of a small steak, french fried potatoes, bread and butter, hot cakes and strawberries.

Homes & Women
Speaking of widows with children left to support and also of the claim that life can begin at 40, let us consider the case of Sarah Duell Hale. At the age of 40 Mrs. Hale was left with five children to support. She began to write for a living. At 41 she was appointed editor of Godey's Lady Book and held that position until she was 89. Imagine getting a job at 41 and then

holding it 48 years! Among her innumerable achievements, Mrs. Hale wrote "Mary Had a Little Lamb," originated the saying "See America First" and introduced the French word "lingerie" into general use in writing, advertising and conversation in the United States of America. Previous to that what is now called lingerie was referred to as "The Unmentionables."

Asking
Queries from clients. Q. Who do you say wrote the song "Three Wonderful Letters From Home"? And when? A. Was written by Joe Goodwin. During World War I period. Around 1918. Q. Where do bald-headed men get the reputation of being the possessors of more than the average amount of brains? I claim there never has been a bald-headed president of the United States. Right? A. You are nearly right sir. There has been only one bald-headed president of the U.S.A. That was John Quincy Adams.

Asides
It was Ninon De L'Enclos, the ageless French charmer, who so truly said: "Love never dies of starvation but often of indigestion." In Great Britain, witnesses are not asked: "What is your name?" But "What are your names?" My names are Edgar, Vincent and Durling. . . . Do you believe in long engagements? What is the longest you ever heard of? William Smith and Jennie Renslow, of Pasadena, Cal., were engaged to be married for 50 years. When they finally faced the preacher William was 75 years old and Jennie 72.

Bigamists
There are more bigamists in Great Britain than in any other country. It is estimated that in England bigamy is committed on an average of 300 times a month. The maximum penalty for bigamy in Britain is seven years. One British bigamist kept three homes going at the same time. He had children by each wife. When he was finally discovered all three wives were ready to forgive him. They agreed he was a wonderful husband! Another bigamist in London was married 11 times without ever getting a divorce. The great majority of bigamists are men both in Britain and in this country. However, I remember the case of a female bigamist who had three husbands at the same time. She was a traveling saleswoman. All her husbands lived in different cities.

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Reservists Slate Training Tonight

Col. Karl C. Frank, senior army instructor for the state of Oregon, will be present when Medford's largest organized reserve corps unit, the 6310th logistical division, meets today at 7:30 p.m. in the Federal building on Riverside avenue.

The evening's training will be in charge of Maj. Gail S. Brewer, who will present the first of a new series of lessons prepared at the army's command and general staff college, specifically for this unit. Logistical divisions all over the United States will be receiving identical instruction, differing only in the manner in which presented.

Training Aid
Medford Reservists, who volunteer to serve as instructors, now have available as a training aid new projection equipment known as a Vu-graph. This machine permits the projection of a printed page, or roughly drawn diagrams or charts, and magnifies an eight-inch square of such material to an eight-foot square on the screen.

The projector operator facing his audience and with back to the screen, may draw his chart while speaking, and the diagram appears on the screen as he draws it. This, coupled with the fact that the classroom need not be darkened, facilitates the use of pictures and diagrams to illustrate the instructor's lecture.

At the conclusion of the training session Colonel Frank, visiting from Portland, will discuss current reserve problems and answer any questions pertaining to the ORC program.

AROUND HOLLYWOOD

By VIRGINIA MACPHERSON
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Hollywood, Feb. 27.—(U.P.)—Carol Fieldhouse, an unemployed policeman, collected \$1,000 Saturday night for hopping 24 miles on a pogo stick faster than an airplane can fly 24,000 miles around the world.

And thus ends one of the wackiest races in history. It all started a week ago Saturday night when Ralph Edwards of "Truth or Consequences" gave the "go" signal to Fieldhouse and Singer Larry Haynes at Burbank airport.

Haynes took off on a TWA plane for a zooming trip around the world—destination, Los Angeles city hall. At the same instant Fieldhouse hopped on his pogo stick and started bouncing across town—destination, Los Angeles city hall.

The pogo stick made it first—with at least three days to spare. Haynes got fogged in for 48 hours in London and, at last report, was somewhere over the Pacific.

"It's worth a thousand bucks just to do this," Fieldhouse panted as he made his last hop Thursday noon. "I'm the shy type. It takes more guts than a government mule to pogo through Los Angeles traffic with everybody gawking at you like you were crazy or something."

Old Ladies Follow
Old ladies followed me like puppy dogs. Kids asked for my

autograph. And one lady cursed me out for blocking traffic." The winner, who's 23 and single, says he'll use his \$1,000 to pay bills. He might get married on what's left. But he said he isn't ready to talk about that yet. "I wore out six sticks," he went on. "I guess I averaged about three miles a day. I'd hop for two-tenths of a mile real fast and then rest. That way I covered a mile for every 30 minutes of hopping."

He wore out a pair of army boots, too. All the kangaroo jumping pounded the nails up into his feet. But a clothing store owner along his route took care of that.

"This guy hollers out: 'Come on in and get some new boots,'" Fieldhouse said. "So I did. He wanted me to wear a cap advertising his store. I took it off, though, as soon as I turned a corner."

Went Through Stop Lights
A regular caravan followed him on the five-day trip. Edwards sent along a station wagon and a trailer, equipped with beds, food and a stove. And Policeman E. R. Evans and Chet Wolfrum kept confused drivers from mowing him down.

"Evans let me go through stop lights," Fieldhouse said. "But Chet made me stop for 'em—and kept me hopping up and down all the time."

Wolfrum said it gave the kid more time to "show off."

"He's a ham," he grinned. "Any pretty blondes around and he hops along backwards or with no hands. The show-off!"

Fieldhouse denied he's a one-armed pogo rider.

"I just jumped higher," he said, "and I only fell off once on the whole trip. That's when I jumped six feet—for a cute brunette."

Young Delegates Elect Members For 'Legislature'

Twenty-seven delegates to the youth and government conference of the Hi-Y and Tri-Hi-Y clubs of southern Oregon met on the Southern Oregon college campus in Ashland yesterday to select from their members representatives to the youth and government model legislature in Salem next April.

Club members from Klamath Falls, Grants Pass, Ashland and Medford attended the conference, and elected Wayne Caruthers, president of the Klamath Falls high school student body, as "governor" of the state for the forthcoming event. The student-governor is elected from one of the four districts in the state in rotation.

Draw Bills
The youth in government program is designed to give the members of the Hi-Y and Tri-Hi-Y a working knowledge of how state government operates. The model legislature is just that—each club draws a legislative "bill" to be considered, and it goes through the entire program which a bill would in the real legislature.

Medford delegates to yesterday's conference included Claire Cross, Gail West and Henry Padgham, who were elected senators, and Eleanor Bragg, Coleen Atterbury, Donna Mullin, Carolyn Colman, Loren Sunderland, Bill Padgham and Mercer King, representatives.

At yesterday's meeting, delegates heard talks on government by SOC faculty members, by State Senator William McAllister, Medford, and by Rodney Keating, Ashland orchardist who has had considerable experience at legislative sessions. McAllister discussed the techniques of bill writing, and Keating discussed legislative procedures.

Butte Falls
Butte Falls, Feb. 27.—Mr. and Mrs. Allan Hilkey visited friends and relatives here Thursday.

Butte Falls Extension unit will meet Friday, March 3, at the home of Mrs. Robert Beeman. "Getting the Most from Electricity" will be the topic. Mrs. Bill Royne and Mrs. Henry Tygart will be leaders. A small charge is made for lunch, and anyone interested is invited to attend.

Mrs. Mayford Price and small son are visiting at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Albert Holmes.

A bakery, delicatessen and catering service has opened in the bank building. Mrs. Clyde Moore and Mrs. Norman Palmer are the operators.

Mrs. Gladys Whitney is visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Leslie Casey and family.

The G.A.A. girls had a mother's tea February 14. They entertained with a small program also square dancing. This is the club's first year. Mrs. Slaney, high school teacher, is supervisor.

NOT TOO FRIENDLY
Boston (U.P.)—Man's best friend? State health department statistics show that approximately 10,000 Massachusetts residents are bitten by dogs each year.

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Man Jailed On Weapons And Larceny Charges

Police said today that they are holding Paul J. Alexander on charges of carrying a concealed weapon and larceny from an auto.

Alexander was arrested Saturday night after a local tavern reported that a man was there carrying a pistol. Police said that the gun was later identified by Steve Crippen as one missing from his automobile. Crippen also said \$10 worth of nickels in five rolls were taken.

According to police, Alexander first said he was guarding the nickels for Crippen.

FOOD ATTRACTIVE
Monterey, Cal. (U.P.)—Someone likes the cooking at the Monterey high school. Thieves burglarized the school cafeteria three times in less than a week. The first haul included two dozen cakes and pints of milk. Three days later 20 pies were missing. Less than a week after that two 14-pound turkeys were taken.

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