

Oklahoma Town Observes 'Sucker Day' Anniversary

Wetumpka, Okla.—(U.P.)—The 200 once-gullible citizens here Saturday celebrated "Sucker Day"—their fifth annual laugh at themselves—hoping the day would be high-lighted by the return of the man who started it all.

F. Bam Morrison was his name, he said, and circuses were his game. It turned out the whole town was fair game for the slicker with the Southern colonial air and non-existent circus.

Morrison billed himself as advance man for the approaching hippodrome, and conned the town businessmen into buying hundreds of dollars in ads, sitting up supplies, and paying his hotel bill.

Nobody noticed Morrison disappear with the advanced ad money. They started taking notice though when no circus appeared to devour the tons of hay for elephants, and hot dogs and peanuts for spectators.

A promoter who passed through the town that bleak week told businessmen "You ought to declare a 'Sucker Day.'"

Sucker Day has grown bigger each year. This outing features

Canopy Rips Off Diving Jet Plane; Pilot Lands Safely

London —(U.P.)—The canopy blew off the pressurized cockpit of Wing Cmdr. Roland Beaumont's top-secret jet fighter when he crashed through the sound barrier Friday night but the World War II ace and test pilot landed safely.

The blast was so terrific when the 1,000 mile-per-hour plane "blew its top" that Beaumont's steel safety helmet was ripped from his head.

The plane was the top-secret P1 swept-wing fighter built by English Electric. No details have been released on its performance, but it has been described as the only British plane capable of breaking through the sound barrier in level flight.

Beaumont took the plane up for a practice flight over north-east Lancashire, but while diving through the sound barrier over the resort town of Morecambe at a speed in excess of 600 miles an hour he heard a tearing sound.

"Suddenly the cockpit tore away all around me and I felt as though a giant hand had snatched my helmet from my head," he said. "I was gasping for breath, but I managed to pull out of the dive. The ride home was a bit drafty."

The canopy shattered paving stones on a Morecambe sidewalk outside the home of 86-year-old Mrs. Anna Chadwick who was uninjured. The helmet buried itself in a nearby garden.

Beaumont is a member of the Rogue Gem Geology club and made a hobby of rock collecting. He was a veteran of World War I.

Mr. York is survived by his wife, Ina, Rogue River; a daughter, Betty May Hruby, Portland; and a brother, Everett York, Bremerton, Wash.

Resolute, on Cornwallis Island is the northernmost part of the Royal Canadian Air Force. It lies 560 miles north of the Arctic Circle.

Monday: other days 5:30 previous day. Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday; 10 a.m. Monday for

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Archbishop Raps NEA in Speech at St. Paul Meeting

St. Paul, Minn.—(U.P.)—The Archbishop of Los Angeles charged Saturday that powerful pressure groups are waging a campaign to drive private schools out of existence and force all children into state-controlled schools.

His eminence James Francis Cardinal McIntyre specifically named the National Education Association and its affiliates as the leaders in a move to override the 1925 Oregon school decision of the U.S. Supreme court.

The decision held that American children could not be compelled to attend public schools only.

The Cardinal told delegates to the 20th annual convention of the international federation of Catholic alumnae meeting here that the NEA has "a positively declared policy to eliminate private education . . . and to substitute compulsory education in states and federal schools."

He said such a policy is in restraint of the freedom of American parents and their children, violates the spirit of the Sherman anti-trust laws, and can bring on evils found in Europe's totalitarian states.

"Regimentation in education quickly leads to tyranny," he declared.

Services Tuesday For Ralph L. York

Rogue River — Funeral services will be held Tuesday for Ralph Leon York, 60, of route one, box 44D, Rogue River. Elder R. F. Breese of the Seventh Day Adventist church will officiate at the 2 p.m. services at Hull and Hull Chapel in Grants Pass. Interment will be at Hawthorne Memorial Gardens, at Grants Pass.

Mr. York died suddenly Thursday of a heart attack while on a fishing trip to Millers lake near Klamath Falls.

The deceased was born Sept. 9, 1894 in Marion, Ind., and had lived on Evans creek since 1950. He was a member of the Rogue Gem Geology club and made a hobby of rock collecting. He was a veteran of World War I.

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Freud Flyer Denies Statement Given by Red Chinese Radio

Tokyo —(U.P.)—Second Lt. Guy H. Bumpas, who returned to freedom Tuesday after six days of captivity in Communist North Korea, Saturday denied telling the Reds before his release "how fictitious American propaganda" was.

The Jackson, Miss., pilot said, "I deny the entire statement as being words of mine."

Bumpas was evacuated to Japan Saturday and was immediately taken to an Air Force hospital near Tokyo. There he will undergo examination and treatment for a severe compound skull fracture suffered when the Communists shot down his light, unarmed training plane over the Korean truce zone on Aug. 17.

The North Korean Radio on Wednesday claimed that Bumpas allegedly told "newsmen" prior to his release that he "had heard through the American propaganda . . . of the so called barbarism of the North Korean side."

"But as the days passed I learned how fictitious American propaganda was and I realized how ignorant I was," Pyongyang Radio claimed Bumpas said.

Bumpas said the "statement attributed to me by Radio Pyongyang is . . . a complete untruth. I was scared but I didn't feel my life was in danger. They didn't offer to cut my nails or pull them off."

Denies Entire Statement "I deny the entire statement as being words of mine," Bumpas said.

The body of Army Capt. Charles W. Brown, killed in the crash of the trainer, was sent to the Army mortuary in Yokohama.

An Army spokesman in Seoul said that an autopsy on Brown's body confirmed the Communist claim that he had died from injuries received in the crash, and not as a result of Red fire itself.

The Far East Air Forces said it expected Lt. Bumpas will be sufficiently recovered by next Tuesday to be interviewed by the press. No definite time for the press interview was announced, however.

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Pilot Misses Field, Lands on Back of Moving Truck-Trailer

Orofino, Idaho —(U.P.)—The pilot of a small plane missed the airport here Friday and instead landed on a fast moving truck-trailer for a 150 yard piggy back ride which left everyone concerned surprised but unhurt.

Pilot Merel S. Bowler, Orofino, said his view of the narrow airport was obscured by trees.

Instead of hitting the landing field, the wheels of the Cessna 190 single engine plane touched down on a truck-trailer being driven by Lloyd Coons Jr. along the highway beside the airport. The truck was moving in the same direction as the plane and at about the same speed.

The wheels struck in the metal body of the trailer 13 1/2 feet from the ground and the plane rode level for some distance before a wing dipped and touched the ground.

Coons said he didn't even know there was anything on the trailer until he saw the shadow of the wing. "I thought I'd just hit a chuck hole," he said.

Bowler and his passenger, R. E. Yates, Clarkston, Wash., received a few minor face scratches. The wings, ailerons and undercarriage of the plane were damaged.

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Eggleston Said 'Taken for Ride'

Fort Worth, Tex.—(U.P.)—An investigator for the district attorney said Saturday that Leroy (Trincy) Eggleston, the alleged triggerman in a murder-for-hire case, almost certainly was taken for a gangland ride after a 15-minute interlude with a beautiful blonde.

"I think he went the way Cecil went," investigator Dusty Rhodes said, after a minute examination of the 49-year-old Eggleston's blood-smeared car. A pickax, spade and shovel were in the trunk, a shotgun shell on the floor.

"Cecil" was Cecil Green, 38, Eggleston's close friend and another member of the gang that was indicted on a charge of murdering millionaire oilman William P. Clark in May, 1953. Clark's widow, Mary, was accused of guaranteeing them \$10,000, if they could not steal that much off the body.

Eggleston, Green and Harry Huggins—Huggins informed on the other two because of his "conscience"—were all indicted but released from jail in bond. Green was assassinated last April while sitting in Eggleston's air-conditioned Cadillac. Eggleston escaped with scratches.

Rejection of British low bids for similar equipment for the Chief Joseph dam two years ago brought protests in the British Parliament and elsewhere that the Eisenhower administration was not following its professed policy of "trade-not-aid."

Later a number of contracts for power equipment went to British firms.

To U. S. Firms The new contracts will be awarded to Westinghouse Electric Corp., and Pennsylvania Transformer company.

English Electric Export and Trading company, Ltd., offered to provide three transformers for \$470,965. The winning bidder, Pennsylvania Transformer, will charge \$558,868. English Electric offered six generators for \$5,460,351. Westinghouse Electric Corp., which gets the job, bid \$6,338,491.

Wilson said that President Eisenhower's executive order last December easing "Buy America" policies gave authority to favor domestic bidders in unemployment areas. Pittsburgh is classed as having more than six per cent unemployed.

Similar television adaptations are being made to telescopes, permitting magnified specimens on a television screen rather than straining their eyes peering into their scopes.

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British Swimmer Sets Unofficial Mark For Channel Swim to Prove Courage

Calais, France —(U.P.)—A 306-pound British bathhouse superintendent, determined to show hometown backers he was no coward, Saturday set a new unswimmer Florence Chadwick in 1953.

Miss Chadwick, who failed in a round trip channel try a week ago, was on hand to cheer Pickering when he entered the water at Dover Friday night despite unfavorable weather forecasts.

Residents of Pickering's hometown, Bloxwich, had staked the swimmer to 400 pounds (\$1,120) for the swim. But they became impatient when Pickering delayed the swim for a month on the advice of his pilot.

A group of Bloxwich residents finally went to Dover to ask Pickering what was holding things up. He explained it was the bad weather.

But Friday night Pickering decided he would make a do-or-die attempt to prove he wasn't shirking, "even if it's blowing a ruddy gale."

Six other would-be channel swimmers had postponed their tries because of a heavy swell in mid-channel.

Pickering, however, stroked strongly across, munching chocolate bars and raw sugar.

He waded ashore on the French side smiling and seeming far from exhausted after his struggle with waves and tides.

He shook hands with newsmen and local inhabitants. Then he waved away a row boat, plunged back into the water and swam out to board his accompanying boat for the trip back home.

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