

### Officer Nearly 'Baked' in High Altitude Flight

Washington—(AP)—A young lieutenant "almost got baked" at temperatures of 150 to 160 degrees when he made an experimental balloon flight high above the New Mexico desert last October.

Dr. Knox Millsaps of the Air Force Research and Development Command said the victim of the strange mishap was Lt. Clifton McClure, 28. The airman recovered from the experience except for continuing eye trouble.

Millsaps recounted the story, as part of his testimony Wednesday to the Senate Appropriations Committee on Air Force plans for construction of a giant solar furnace. Volunteered for Trip

He said McClure had volunteered for the balloon trip which was part of the man-in-space program being carried out at Holloman Air Force Base.

When the balloon reached a height of about 80,000 feet, Millsaps said, something went wrong with the dry ice insulation system in the gondola which McClure was riding. As a result, he said, the young officer was subjected to several hours at temperatures of 150 to 160 degrees.

Millsaps said McClure was groggy and dehydrated and had to be put under hospital care for several days following the incident. But he said McClure had made a good recovery, despite some eye trouble, and was being given a chance to make further balloon and glider flights.

### Denver Youth Spelling Champ

Washington—(AP)—Tall, slow-speaking Joel Montgomery, 12, Denver, today became the first boy in five years to win the National Spelling Bee.

Joel won out over runner-up Robert Crossley, 13, Center Square, Pa., by correctly spelling "fanfaronade," which had tripped Robert. Joel then correctly spelled "catamaran."

The two boys battled it out through six rounds of tongue-twisting words that make up a speller's nightmare.

The victory for Joel, a seventh grader, came in the 30th round of the two-day bee and after a see-saw battle in which both he and Robert misspelled the same word—"vinsigrous." Under the rules of the game, the bee then continued and Joel became the winner.

Joel's victory was worth \$1,000 cash and a week end all-expenses paid trip to New York, plus an engraved plaque and a trophy.

Runner-up Robert on \$500 in cash.

### Couple Held Up By Armed Pair

Weston, Ore.—(AP)—Two men held up a farm couple near here late Wednesday and escaped with cash, food, clothing and two rifles in a stolen pickup truck, state police reported.

Police said it was possible the holdup men were two prisoners who escaped from the state penitentiary at Walla Walla, Wash., last week but added that the couple failed to identify pictures of the escapees.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Thompson said they returned to their ranch home about 3 1/4 miles north of this eastern Oregon town about 4 p.m. Wednesday. As they entered the home they were confronted by two men holding rifles belonging to the Thompsons.

The robbers tied the couple with rope and left in Thompson's light green 1956 pickup. They got about \$65 in cash, food supplies and a large amount of Thompson's clothing. They also cut the telephone line.

### Berry Growers To Continue Picking

Woodburn—(AP)—About 250 strawberry growers met here Wednesday night to protest the 13-cent per pound price paid by freezing firms.

The growers decided to continue to protest the price but said they would pick berries as weather permitted.

California prices have ranged from 14 to 14 1/2 cents per pound.

Meanwhile, the USDA reported that Oregon processors up to June 6 received 2,829,952 pounds of strawberries compared to 3,498,876 during the same period last year. However, the 1958 season started a week or so earlier.

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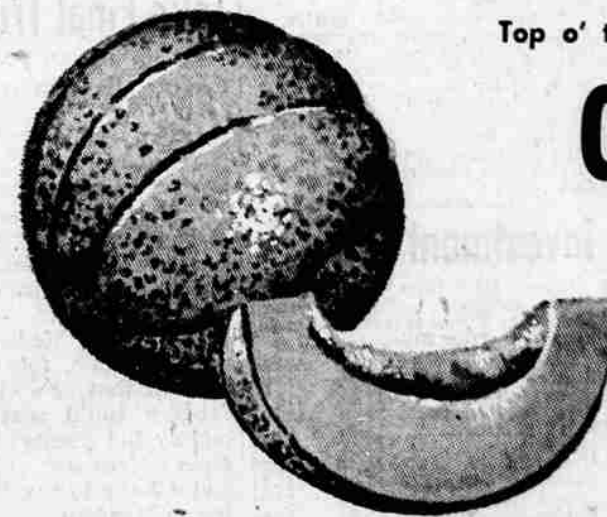
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