



MODERN NELLIE BLY—Air Force officers adjust a parachute on Esther Clark, Phoenix Gazette reporter, before one of her flights in a military plane.

Girl Reporter At Home In Jets, Tanks, Subs

PHOENIX, Ariz. — Esther Clark, ace feature writer for the Phoenix Gazette, feels she's about ready for combat duty after riding in a B-47 stratojet, F-33 jet trainer, submarine, army tank, blimp and helicopter.

In addition, the attractive newswoman has shot a machine gun from the hip and scored a bullseye and four near-perfect hits in a round of five during rifle target practice at the Arizona National Guard grounds.

Although her beat includes two Air Force bases and a Navy installation here, Esther isn't interested in the Gazette and won the Phoenix Elks Lodge 1950 award for community and state service. The award honored her for a series on an Adopt-A-Family Christmas Fund promotion sponsored by the newspaper and Phoenix Community council.

Her latest military exploit, one of several "firsts" for a newspaperwoman, was the B-47 ride at 600 miles an hour at 32,000 feet altitude out of Wichita Air Force Base in Kansas.

Straking through the stratosphere for two hours and 40 minutes over three states was an unforgettable thrill for Mrs. Clark, who rode in the nose of the six-engine jet bomber.

She sat in the space usually occupied by the navigator-bombardier-radar operator of the three-man crew.

Last fall Esther, a native of Denver, where she began her newspaper career on the Catholic Register, spent a day at sea on a shakedown cruise of the recommissioned submarine, U.S.S. Aspro.

She's one of the few women ever to have a full day's cruise, including diving operations on a submarine and ride in submarines? She explains:

"There's a thrill in giving the public a first hand account of how the nation's first line defenders train and work."

The Gazette reporter, who's been on the staff seven years, is termed "top notch" by her managing editor, R. W. Barry. He says: "What Esther has done proves there's a place in the city room for women who can go out on any assignment and make good on it." The versatile newspaperwoman began her flight exploits in a helicopter on a telephone linebreak testing mission from Phoenix over the White Tank mountains. Her most vivid memory of this ride was her outside position with no canopy or side bars and only a narrow safety belt for protection in steep banks over the telephone wires.

Peach Growers Suffer Loss

MARYSVILLE, Calif. (AP) — A devastating peach blight spread over the Yuba-Sutter county "peach basket" area Thursday and estimates of loss ranked as high as \$3 million dollars. Black rot—a fungus growth nurtured by heavy rains and high humidity — already has destroyed about a quarter of early and mid-summer varieties. The fungus, which forms under the peach skin, produces clusters of blisters and makes the fruit unfit for use.

Ambivalence Trips Judge

LONDON (AP) — Judge Frank Powell was reading aloud from a report on a girl in a North London court when he stumbled on the word "ambivalent."

He asked for the court dictionary but couldn't find the word in it.

And no wonder, commented the judge. The dictionary was published in 1856, nearly a century ago.

"We are very economical, Sir," suggested the court clerk.

"I should think you are," the judge replied, "and judging by the dust on this book, it has not been used since it was sent to the court."

Ambivalence, according to a modern psychiatric word book, is "contrasting emotions, such as love and hatred—one of which may be unconscious—experienced at the same time for the same person."

DIAL PHONES

COOS BAY (AP) — Dial telephones will be installed here by June of next year, the West Coast Telephone Company said Wednesday. Manager George McBride said the conversion, already completed in surrounding towns, would cost \$730,000.

USBR Adds Two Men To Staff

Two men have been added to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation staff here, coming from a reclamation project at Hollister, Calif. They are William C. Ellis, geologist, and Wallace A. Christensen, who will be in charge of engineering and surveys. Ellis is to compile data obtained from a number of test wells drilled in Butte Valley to determine the extent of underground water in the valley.

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2-lb. Tin	\$1.69
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WESSON OIL Quart Bottle	59c
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SHRIMP Gulf Bell, small 5-lb. tin	33c
SMOKED OYSTERS Sunpack 1/4 tin	35c
CONNER'S SNACKS 1/4 tin	10c
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PICKLES Del Monte, Sweet Dill 24-oz. jar	45c
SWIFT'S PREM 12-oz. tin	39c

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Qt. Jar 59c

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2 LBS. 29c

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23c

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\$9.69

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Drifted Snow 50-lb. bag
\$3.99

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\$1.59

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