

Pontiac Pilot, 5 Others Die in Plane Crash

Outdoor Writer Off for Fishing Jaunt



FISHING OBSERVER—Completing the final job of packing his fishing and outdoor equipment in the trunk of his car, is Jack Patterson, Pontiac Press outdoor writer. Patterson is on his way to Northern Michigan to observe conditions in the state's top angling sections. Results of this observation will appear next week in a series of daily articles, starting Monday in the Pontiac Press.

House Speeds Ike's Atom Bill but Senate Stalls

Representatives Give Tentative Approval After Lengthy Session

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Eisenhower administration's atomic energy bill raced toward victory in the House early today. But it remained stalled in a still-talking Senate session with no end yet in sight.

Uncorking a marathon meeting of its own, the House wound up 17½ hours of debate—with lots of votes—at 3:14 a.m. EDT by stamping tentative but seemingly decisive approval on the omnibus measure which would revamp the nation's basic atomic energy law.

Then it adjourned till Monday after a parliamentary maneuver by Rep. Murray (D-Tenn) forced delay of the final, formal roll-call vote on the bill.

In the Senate, where there has been plenty of oratory but few votes in a round-the-clock meeting that started Wednesday morning, weary administration supporters were still seeking in vain for an agreement which would move the disputed measure forward along the lines they want.

GOP leaders said they planned to keep the session going till midnight tonight—then, after a Sunday lay-off, start up again Monday.

Sen. Morse (Ind-Ore) took the floor at 2:15 a.m. for more hours of speaking to criticize what he says would be the bill's "give-away" of a basic national resource to "the private power monopoly."

Morse opened up after Sen. Sparkman (D-Ala) had held the floor 5 hours, 12 minutes. Sparkman, another member of a determined band of opponents composed mostly of Democrats, asked a change in the bill to allow a longer government holding period on atomic patents.

Sen. Knowland of California, the Republican leader, spoke determinedly both to the Senate and in an interview. He said he plans to press Monday his cloture petition to limit debate, unless he gets an earlier agreement to shorten the talkfest—an accord he has been unsuccessful in gaining in repeated attempts so far.

Nor were there indications his cloture move, already introduced with the signatures of 38 GOP senators, was likely to gain the 64-member approval needed to take effect if he presses it to a vote. Most of the 47 Democrats and some Republicans were reported opposed to the cloture attempt.

In the House, where strict debate-limiting rules are the normal course, administration forces held solid sway yesterday and into the wee hours of the morning as they went through the complicated bill. The measure in general would revise the original 1946 atomic energy law to allow a limited sharing of atomic information with U.S. allies and to let private industry enter the field of peacetime atomic power development.

It became increasingly obvious, (Continued on Page 2, Col. 8)

Wreckage in Tennessee Mountains



WHERE SIX DIED—Scattered wreckage marks the spot where a plane piloted by Gordon Wyrick of Pontiac crashed near Pikeville, Tenn., yesterday afternoon killing all six occupants. The plane left here Friday morning en route to Florida.

Gordon Wyrick and Party Hit Tennessee Peak

Carried Benton Harbor Group After Leaving Here Friday Forenoon

Gordon F. Wyrick, 41, operator of Gordon's Flying Service at Pontiac Municipal Airport, and five Benton Harbor people, were killed Friday afternoon when their twin-engine plane struck a mountain peak in Tennessee.

The crash occurred near Pikeville as the plane apparently encountered bad weather conditions on the second leg of a flight to Miami.

Wyrick left Pontiac alone in a DeHavilland Dove Friday morning and stopped at Benton Harbor airport to pick up Howard E. Anthony, prospective purchaser of the plane, and four others.

All were killed instantly when the explosion which accompanied the crash scattered the plane and bodies of its occupants over a wide area.

Anthony was president of the Heath Co., manufacturer of electronics, and a prominent Benton Harbor businessman.

Others killed were: Mr. and Mrs. Laurel Brown, of Lawrence, near Benton Harbor, friends of Anthony; Gordon Paxton, a Benton Harbor industrial designer; and Lawrence Durham, Anthony's own pilot.

A Tennessee highway patrolman this morning said finding of a seventh billfold near the wreckage gave rise to the possibility that a seventh person might have perished, Benton Harbor Airport employees, however, reported that only six were aboard when the plane left there just before noon Friday. It had been flying about three hours when it crashed and is not known to have made any other stop after leaving Benton Harbor.

Pontiac Airport officials said today they understood the flight to Florida, was a demonstration flight. Wyrick and Durham planned to bring the plane back and the Browns were to come with them after the weekend. Anthony and Paxton planned to continue to Jamaica for about two weeks. Accounts of the crash are contradictory, and an investigation has been started by the Civil Aeronautics Authority. First reports indicated the plane struck the mountain through failure to maintain sufficient elevation. Other reports indicate it may have crashed because of mechanical trouble encountered while airborne.

A witness, Mrs. Arthur Simmons, who lives near the crash scene on 2,300-foot high Bratton Mountain, said she watched the plane pass about 200 feet over her house with a "roar like a bunch of jets flying over." She said she saw a motor fall from the plane and land near her house.

Plane's log showed it had gone up to 13,000 feet to get above clouds and had descended to 2,000 feet at (Continued on Page 2, Col. 6)

U.S. Urges Allies to Speed Defense of Free Indochina

WASHINGTON (UP)—The United States is urging its allies to draw a defense line around free Indochina and warn the Communists that stepping over it could mean all-out war.

Diplomatic officials said today that U.S. negotiators are pressing this strategy as they push for quick agreement on a Southeast Asia defense alliance to halt further Red aggression.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles said Friday that prompt steps will be taken to create the pact and suggested that the Allies use the lesson of Indochina in welding the new defenses.

Couple Forced on Terror-Ride

Armed Thug Enters Car, Orders Pontiac Pair to Drive or Die

An armed thug early this morning ordered a young couple to drive him around Pontiac in their car with the threat, "Do what I tell you or I'll kill you both." Victims of the youthful gunman were Elliott Plant, 24, of 1150 LaSalle St., Huron Gardens, and Miss Janice Schwartz, 23, of 587 Maricle St.

Plant told Pontiac Police the youth forced his way into their car while they were parked in front of Miss Schwartz' home at about 2:30 a.m. He said the youth, about 20 years old, was brandishing a .32 caliber automatic.

He forced Plant to unlock the car door, sat between the couple and shoved a clip of ammunition into the weapon. Plant said he offered his wallet and money, but the thug said: "I don't want your dough, I've got plenty."

He shoved the gun into Plant's side and said: "I'll kill you both if you don't do what I tell you—drive me downtown."

Later the youth, dressed in a sport coat, white shirt, light blue trousers and tan elk shoes with crepe soles, bragged:

"I'm hot on a three-year rap in New York and I'm hot in Pontiac too for hitting a fire plug with a car I stole."

After driving around about 20 minutes, Plant said the youth ordered them to let him out at Huron and Perry Sts., where he disappeared. The couple was not harmed.

Earlier, police said, a car belonging to B. H. Womack of 385 W. Huron St., was found on Kennett Rd. at Perry St. rammed against a fire hydrant. It was reported stolen from in front of a downtown bar at about 1:40. Police believe the car may be the one stolen by the youthful bandit.

Angler Patterson to Survey Fishing Areas for Press

How's fishing in Michigan?

Devotees of the art of angling will be given first-hand information on the subject next week. In a series of daily articles written on the spot at a half-dozen of the north's best angling areas, Pontiac Press' outdoor writer, Jack Patterson will "tell all."

Patterson has embarked on a swing of the northern Michigan areas. His first article will appear Monday, and the story will cover the Houghton Lake, Higgins Lake, Grayling, Roscommon and Mio areas.

Tuesday's area centers about Alpena, Black, Mullet and Burt Lakes, Cheboygan and Mackinac City.

The swing moves into the Upper Peninsula on Wednesday, covering the districts about the Soo, Batchawana (Ontario) and Grand Marais.

Central Upper Peninsula will provide the Thursday material, and for Friday, Patterson will return his story to the lower peninsula, taking up the Little Traverse and Grand Traverse Bay areas.

Concluding the series will be coverage of the Ludington, Baldwin, Manistee and Cadillac sections.

Partly Cloudy Skies Will Cover Pontiac

Partly cloudy skies and little change in temperature are forecast for the Pontiac area Sunday. According to the U. S. Weather Bureau, the low tonight will be 58 to 62 with a high Sunday of 80 to 84.

Yesterday's temperatures in downtown Pontiac ranged from 54 to 78. The reading today was 68 at 8 a.m. and 80 at 1 p.m.

Dixie Coed Wins Miss Universe Title as Miss Brazil Takes Second Place

By JAMES BACON

LONG BEACH, Calif. (U)—A freckled daughter of the Confederacy, who has more curves than the Dixie highway, today holds the twin titles of Miss U.S.A. and Miss Universe.

Miriam Stevenson, a 21-year-old college senior from Winnsboro, S.C., last night made the first grand sweep in the three-year history of the international beauty contest.

Runners-up to the winsome Southern lass were Maria Martha Rocha of Brazil, Virginia June Lee of Hong Kong, Regina Ernst of Bremen, Germany, and Ragnarhild Claussen of Sweden—in that order.

Miss Stevenson not only was voted the world's most beautiful woman but also got back her luggage, lost ever since she arrived here a week ago yesterday. She said that first of all "I want to thank South Carolina for giving me the opportunity to come here." Then to reporters she said:

"If you all ever come down to South Carolina, I'll cook you the biggest heppin' plate of corn

pone, hominy grits an' ham hocks you evah saw."

She said her victory came as a complete surprise to her. "When I came here I wanted

very much to win," she added, "but when I saw all these beautiful girls from all over the world all I could do was hope."

The runners-up took defeat smilingly, especially Miss Rocha, who had been widely considered the favorite to win. Heretofore the pageant has produced two winners—Miss U.S.A. and Miss Universe.

Miss Stevenson has blue eyes, blond hair, stands 5 feet 6 and weighs 120. She measures 36 inches at the bust and hips and 24 inches at the waist.

In the movies she would be considered the wholesome, all-American girl type—healthy, handsome and happy. She says she has no steady boy friend.

Miss Universe said her senior year at Lander College in Greenwood, S.C., will have to wait a while because: "I want to take a crack at this actin' business."

The Miss Universe and Miss U.S.A. crowns carry with them almost identical sets of prizes. Each set includes \$4,000 convertible, a 13-week contract at United States and Country, Tel-Huron Open every night 'til 9 p.m.

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Oakland Wheat Farmers Also Back Crop Controls

Oakland County farmers joined other United States wheat growers yesterday in voting once again to accept controls on their next year's crop—but the margin was the thinnest ever.

The national and county vote was not in line with the Michigan tally. Michigan growers rejected controls by a 4,359-to-3,685 vote.

Pilot Says Plane Suffered Attack

Claims 2 Fighters Hit British Airliner Over South China Sea

HONG KONG (U)—There is "substantial evidence" that two unidentified fighters shot down a British Skyraider airliner with 18 persons aboard which ditched off Red China's Hainan Island yesterday, the Hong Kong government announced today.

Hainan, which lies about 200 miles southwest of here, is the site of several large Communist military air bases. High government officials met today amid reports that airliners leaving this British colony would be given fighter escort. The report drew an official "no comment" and planes left at intervals with no fighters in evidence.

The pilot of the airliner reportedly said in a formal statement that he was attacked by two fighter planes whose markings he could not distinguish and whose pilots he could not see to ascertain nationality.

There was no immediate explanation as to why he failed to mention an attack in his distress signal yesterday.

Chief Stewardess Iris E. Stobart of Cathay Pacific Airlines said bullets were removed today from two of the eight survivors picked up by a U.S. Air Force Albatross rescue plane. Two doctors said one man suffered what might have been a bullet (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)

Burkemo Leads Foe in PGA Tournament

ST. PAUL, Minn. (U)—Wry-necked Sam Sneed, the top favorite, got off to a flying start against Dutch Harrison in their 36-hole 3rd round match in the PGA championship today when he won the 1st two holes.

Tempestuous Tommy Bolt grabbed an early lead over Jim Browning, upset winner over National Open champion Ed Furgol, in the 1st of today's marathon matches. Firing birdies on the 1st, 5th and 6th holes, Bolt was 3 up through the 5th.

In other early starting matches, qualifying medalist Ed (Porky) Oliver led Detroit's Chick Harbert, the 1949 PGA runner-up, 1-up after four holes and defending champion Walter Burkemo was 2-up on Johnny Revolta, the 1935 winner, at the 3rd.

Osman's Town & Country, Tel-Huron Open every night 'til 9 p.m.

Moody's Bier Visited by 13,000 Persons

DETROIT (INS)—Former Senator Blair Moody, who died Monday at the age of 52, was laid to rest at 11 a.m. today in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Moody's body lay in state yesterday in City Hall and was buried today from the Cass avenue chapel of the William R. Hamilton Company, Rev. John B. Forsyth of Bushnell Congregational Church officiated at the service.

Moody's death came during his campaign for election to the senate on the democratic ticket.

During the eight hours the former newspaperman's body lay in state yesterday more than 13,000 persons passed the bier.

Governor Williams walked in alone and paid final respects to his former colleague and adviser.

Jem Thief Has No Eye

HOLLYWOOD (U)—Jeweler Sanford Krause has news for the gunman who snatched a tray of rings from Krause's store, at gun point. What he got were zircons, not diamonds. Their value, said Krause, is \$200.

Dondero Sees Industrial Pickup

Switch to Peace Economy Reported About Complete

WASHINGTON—Earlier prophecies of gloom with respect to the prospects for a further expansion of American prosperity, in recent weeks have gone out of the window.

This was the opinion expressed yesterday by Congressman George A. Dondero in commenting on the latest available economic reports from government departments and agencies, as reflected by the July statement of the Congressional Joint Committee on the Economic Report.

"The most recent figures," declared Congressman Dondero, "indicate that the process of reducing business inventories, which had become burdensome after the end of hostilities in Korea, has just about been completed."

"This inventory reduction was the major problem in the transition from a Korean wartime economy to a peacetime economy in the United States."

"Not only has the inventory reduction been accomplished, but the figures show it was accomplished

without any drastic reduction in general price levels, and without resort to the inflationary tactics on the part of the U.S. Treasury and the Federal Reserve Board which the prophets of economic disaster had deemed necessary."

"In this connection it should be noted that the recent action of the Federal Reserve Board in slightly relaxing commercial bank reserve requirements was definitely not inflationary."

"The extra loan funds the banks thus obtained were necessary to move this year's crops, and to (Continued on Page 2, Col. 18)