



LOIS MUHLE, left, selected as Miss Columbus of 1958 at the annual Miss Columbus Beauty Contest held Saturday evening in the Columbus High School auditorium. She is congratulated by Gail Drahota Barnwell, upon winning the title. (Landgren Photo.)

Lois Muhle "Miss Columbus"

Lois Muhle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Muhle of Columbus, was named Miss Columbus of 1958 at the annual Miss Columbus contest held Saturday evening at the Columbus High School auditorium. She competed against seven other finalists in the contest sponsored by the Columbus Junior Chamber of Commerce, and according to the judges it was not an easy decision. Miss Muhle won out over the seven other competitors in a very close contest.

Nebraska U. Fresh
The new Miss Columbus is five feet, eight, and a half inches tall, blue-eyed, 19 years old, and a freshman at the University of Nebraska where she is majoring in elementary education in the teachers college.

A 1957 graduate of Columbus High school, she had an active high school career, topped by five years in the band, in which she started during her final year in junior high.

For her talent portion of the contest, Miss Muhle presented a saxophone solo "Fantasy in F Minor." She was accompanied at the piano by Evelyn Borneman.

Eligible for State
Miss Columbus of 1958 was sponsored in the contest by Jackson Cleaners. She is now eligible to compete in the Miss Nebraska contest to be staged at Lincoln later this month.

For winning the title, Miss Muhle was awarded a large traveling trophy which she will retain during her year of reign, a smaller permanent possession trophy, a wrist watch and a beautiful bouquet of flowers.

She was presented with her prizes by Gail Drahota Barnwell, Miss Columbus of 1956, now a resident of Omaha.

Other contestants, their talent specialties and sponsoring firms were: Marianne Devlin, toe dancer, Rogers Motors; Sharon Bechen, organ solo, Bellini Manufacturing Company; Judy Lane, vocal and tap dancer to "Me and My Shadow," The Irene Shop; Barbara Pensick, baton twirling, Bedrock Oil Company; Norma Bredehoff, vocal, "The Man I Love," The Gas Company; Rosemary Schumacher, baton twirling, LaBelle Beauty Salon; and Judy Meyer, vocal, "If I Loved You," Jack's Cafe.

All contestants had an excellent showing in the pageant. They were judged on talent, poise and personality as well as their appearance in beach wear, street wear and formal attire.

Entertainment
Between the acts entertainment was provided by Chuck Lowry who presented comedy routines and also did a very capable job of serving as master of ceremonies; the Kool sisters with vocal numbers; and Carolee Vrba who accented solos with some of the highlights of the show.

Frank Mihollan provided organ music throughout the evening and judges for the event were Mrs. Sheiden E. Hullett, board member of the Lincoln Symphony and Lincoln Community Playhouse; Carol Hartman, director of a Lincoln modeling school; Mrs. Harry Huest, chairman of the state board of women's clubs; and Ted Vreina, national director of the JayCees, Fremont.

JayCee president Cleo Rohak welcomed the capacity-filled audience and John Kaveney served as general chairman for the event.

Three children perish in fire
RED LAKE, Minn. (UP)—Three children, all under 5 years old, burned to death Sunday when fire swept their home near here.

The victims, children of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Clark, died in their home located in the village of Reddy, adjacent to Red Lake, before fire fighting equipment could be summoned.

Northwestern Bell Telephone Co. reported that the line to the Red Lake Indian Reservation, in which Reddy is located, was out of order.

Subscribers
PHONE LO 3-6274
before 7 p. m. if you do not receive your
DAILY TELEGRAM
Paper will be delivered

Cuban Army beats off rebel force

HAVANA, Cuba (UP)—The Cuban army reported today it had beaten off an apparent attempt to penetrate Santiago by one rebel force and was pursuing another group in the northern part of Oriente province.

An army communique also said that a "pirate plane" of undisclosed nationality was shot down in the foothills of the Sierra Maestra, the stronghold of rebel leader Fidel Castro.

The government announcement came as Castro's revolutionary general strike was reported to have paralyzed the rail hub of Camaguey—a move that would cut Cuba in two and isolate the eastern third of the island.

The rural guard outpost at Dos Palmas on the outskirts of Santiago "bravely repelled" an attack by seven truckloads of rebels in the dawn hours of Sunday, the communique said.

C16 Shot Down
It said the army seized the seven vehicles along with 11 rifles and ammunition, and added "the attackers suffered a goodly number of casualties in dead and wounded." It reported one army casualty.

The army identified the shot-down plane as a C16 cargo carrier with the numbers "V-38" painted on the side. It said the twin-engine craft crashed in flames and its crew members were burned to death. It did not disclose how many were aboard.

The communique also noted that seven rebels were killed and an unknown number injured and taken prisoner in a sharp battle in the north of Oriente, the easternmost of Cuba's six provinces and center of insurgent activity.

A group of rebels under the command of Raul Castro, who had deployed in the north of Oriente, were surprised by army forces, the communique said.

In Santiago itself, army intelligence agents were reported to have seized 108 Molotov cocktails (gasoline-filled bottles, a tommy gun, revolvers and ammunition, along with a quantity of terrorist material in a raid on a private home. The army did not say if any prisoners were taken.

Fear in Every City
In other action, rural guard forces from San Luis and Central Palmas in Oriente frustrated attempts of armed rebels to burn cane fields and workers' homes in Majagua, in the municipality of San Luis. Two rebels were killed and one soldier wounded. The army said it seized three jeeps, as well as shotguns and revolvers with their ammunition in this skirmish.

"Rural guard forces have cornered those who tried to escape," the communique added.

City council: First Ward, Joseph Baumert, 1,747; Second Ward, Joseph Baumert, 1,512; Al Scissors, 1,253; C. A. Loshbaugh, 1,169.

Alphabet improvement proposal: For 1,122; Against, 1,790.

Park improvement proposal: For 1,893; Against, 1,127.

The city council will have its annual re-organization meeting Tuesday night.

3 highway deaths in Nebraska
By UNITED PRESS
Three persons met death on Nebraska highways Sunday, two of them men and the third a woman.

Killed were:
Delbert Westkamp, 22, McCook, Neb.
Leas Meslas, 22, Severance, Colo.
Mrs. Effie Ward, 66, Hubbell, Neb.

Westkamp and Meslas were killed in a car-truck collision two miles east of McCook. Mrs. Ward died in a two-car crash at Hubbell.

The victims of the McCook crash were airmen stationed at Forbes Air Force Base, Topeka, Kan. Their car collided with a truck driven by George R. Merritt, Omaha, Merritt was not injured.

Mrs. Ward was killed when two cars collided on the northern edge of Hubbell. The car in which she was a passenger collided with one driven by Owen Detorring, 16, Deshler, at an L-shaped highway turn.

The deaths raised the 1958 Nebraska highway fatality toll to 61, the same number of deaths counted by this time last year.

II killed by train during rainstorm
SHERBROOKE, Que. (UP)—A Canadian Pacific Railway diesel train slammed into a crowded auto at a level crossing near here Sunday night killing 11 persons, during a driving rainstorm.

The victims, including seven children, were all passengers in the auto returning from an Easter Sunday visit to relatives.

Case appealed to supreme court
LINCOLN (UP)—The commitment of Thomas E. Barkus, an Omaha minor, to the Boys Training School at Kearney was appealed to the Supreme Court today.

Barkus has been charged with being delinquent as a result of an incident Aug. 16, 1957, when he placed a cement block on the Union Pacific tracks in South Omaha. A train hit the block.

The court found the boy delinquent and ordered his commitment. The boy's attorney appealed. A transcript of a court proceedings accompanied the notice of appeal.



THE COLUMBUS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE was kicked off this morning with a breakfast-meeting of captains and workers at Jack's cafe. Eight teams of six men each, with a captain heading each team, will be contacting more than 200 prospective Chamber members by Frank Kuska, chairman of the membership committee (shown at right), and Chamber President William S. Nelson (seated at the head of the table on right). The drive leads up to the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet which will be held Saturday, April 12. (R-D Photo.)

State getting brief taste of spring

51 11 p.m. today
28 low this morning
44 high Sunday
34 low Sunday
67 high Saturday
40 high year ago
31 low year ago
23 1/2 inch of rain

By UNITED PRESS
Nebraska is scheduled to get at least a brief taste of delightful spring weather before more clouds and rains move into the state.

Sigees were fair over the state today, and the forecaster said the cloud cover would not move in until Tuesday evening when showers are expected in the west portion.

The bright sunshine today took a big bite out of the snow cover in the Panhandle, but the Weather Bureau said the quick melting was not expected to cause any flooding.

Heavy snows fell during the Easter weekend in the Panhandle, leaving as much as eight inches on the ground. Strong winds scoured the wet snow into drifts ranging as high as nine feet.

The snow clogged some roads in the area, but State Highway Maintenance Engineer John McMeekin said all main roads were open this morning.

However, there was another problem—mud. McMeekin said roads in central Nebraska—including Neb. 80 from Broken Bow to Westville, Neb. 92 east of Ansley and U.S. 163 from Sargent to Westerville—were closed because of the mud.

The forecast calls for cloudy skies and showers and thunderstorms Tuesday night. The clouds will break up in the west Wednesday, but eastern Nebraska is scheduled for more clouds and more showers.

Lows tonight will be in the 30s, while highs Tuesday will range from 55 to 65. The lows Tuesday night are scheduled to vary from 35 to 45, followed by highs Wednesday ranging from 50 to 60.

Throughout the next five days, temperatures will average between 5 and 7 degrees above the seasonal normals. That means lows will be in the upper 30s and lower 40s and highs will be in the 60s.

Showers and thunderstorms during the week will result in an average of between 10-20 of an inch of precipitation in northern Nebraska and between 20-35 in the south.

NEBRASKA: Fair east partly cloudy west tonight. Partly cloudy to cloudy Tuesday. A few scattered light showers west part Tuesday, warmer Tuesday. Not so cold tonight. Low temperatures tonight generally in 30s. High Tuesday 55-65.

EASTERN NEBRASKA: Fair and cool tonight. Partly cloudy and warmer Tuesday. Low tonight 30-35. High Tuesday 55-62.

NEBRASKA FIVE-DAY: Temperatures through Saturday will average 6-7 degrees above seasonal normals. Warming trend Tuesday, colder late Wednesday or Thursday. Warmer again Friday. Normal high 61, low 33, east. Precipitation will average 10-20 inch north to 20-35 inch southern Nebraska, occurring as showers and thunderstorms about Tuesday and Wednesday and again about Saturday.

Temperature ranges: Omaha 47-50; Valentine 46-24; Norfolk 47-27; North Platte 48-25; Burwell 46-26; Grand Island 45-27; Scottsbluff 46-27; Chadron 45-28; Lincoln 44-21; Bellevue 47-33; Topeka 43-33; Goodland 48-27; Salina 48-32; Sioux City 47-25; Lamoni 46-27; Rapid City 42-29; Sioux Falls 46-25; Alliance 45-20.

Precipitation: Norfolk .05, Lincoln .02, Grand Island .01, Beatrice .20, Topeka .01, Sioux City .02, Lamoni .02, Sioux Falls .01, and traces at Omaha, Valentine, North Platte, Imperial, Sidney, Bellevue, Salina and Rapid City.

Receive complaints of use of state owned vehicles

LINCOLN (UP)—State Purchasing Agent Tom Coffey has revealed he has received complaints of the use of a few state-owned vehicles which are not marked as prescribed by law.

Coffey said the state has about 20 to 30 new cars which have not yet been identified with lettering and the white stripe. He said that most state cars are not driven until they are marked and are in quarantine in the state parking lot.

Coffey said the new vehicles are being marked as fast as possible. The 1957 Legislature authorized the use of solid colors for state cars. Previously, they all were black.

Earthquake is recorded

By UNITED PRESS
An earthquake of "major proportions," possibly in southern Alaska or the Aleutians, was recorded today in various parts of the United States.

It was so intense that at one recording station it shattered seismographic instruments. Seismographic observatories at the University of California, Fordham University in New York, the University of Washington in Seattle, and at Weston, Mass., all recorded shocks at approximately the same time, and all said the upheavals took place in or near Alaska.

The quake was recorded from 7.5 to 8.5 on the Richter magnitude scale of 10. The biggest earthquake ever recorded was 8.6 in Tibet in 1905. Today's quake reverberated on some seismographs for nearly two hours.

At Loyola University and on other seismographs in the South, the quake appeared to have occurred south of the United States. A Loyola spokesman said the earthquake would cause "total destruction" if it hit populated areas. He called it one of the biggest ever recorded.

The earthquake described as "very destructive," was recorded at the Spring Hill College Geological Laboratory at 10:40 a.m. Father Louis J. Eisels said he believed the quake was centered about 50 miles from Iquique, in northern Chile.

A seismographic technician at World Wide Instruments in Houston, Tex., picked up the earthquake at about the same time. He said the tremor apparently came from Mexico.

Al Lamont Geophysical Laboratory in Pleasant, N.Y., the violent earthquake broke five seismographic instruments. The first shock was registered at 10:30:30 a.m., the second at 10:46:55.

Spring Hill seismographic expert placed the earthquake at about the same number of miles from Mobile, but in the opposite direction. They said the quake was so violent it knocked several needles off the charts.

Both were transferred to other commands. The Admiralty announcement said the transfers were not a disciplinary matter.

The Apollo, flagship of Britain's Home Fleet, sails from Portland Naval Base today for maneuvers in the English Channel. Her departure was twice delayed after crewmen complained she was a "hell-ship" with too much spit and polish.

Late Bulletins
NEW YORK (UP)—Caterers, electricians and other members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers went on strike today against the Columbia Broadcasting System.

WASHINGTON (UP)—The State Department charged today that the Communist bloc is selling military equipment to the central Italian government to strengthen a Red influence throughout Indochina.

Hearing opens in Omaha on water rights

OMAHA (UP)—Attorneys for two Central Nebraska irrigation districts argued in Federal District Court today that the state constitution gave agricultural water the preference over the use of water for development of power.

Opening statements were presented before Judge John W. Delehant in the opening session of a suit by the North Loup Public Power and Irrigation District to determine water rights in its dispute with the Loup River Public Power District.

The case is looked on as a possible test case in determining water rights in Nebraska. Attorneys for the Middle Loup Public Power and Irrigation District and North Loup district receiver R.L. Cochran paired with NLPDD attorney William Hotz in presenting opening arguments.

Middle Loup attorney Paul E. Good entered an evidence 42 exhibits, mostly photographs of documents showing applications and grants for water from the rivers. Good argued that the constitution recognizes agriculture as a preferential user of water notwithstanding the fact that the power district applied first. But, he said, a user with time priority must be paid "just compensation," the definition of which has been subject to controversy.

Loup River applied for the water in September, 1932, Middle Loup in December, 1932, and North Loup in March, 1933.

The irrigation districts' applications came "during the height of one of the worst droughts in Nebraska." Good asked the court for and later received Public Works Administration help on development of the districts.

Good said the three districts agreed in 1936 to let all but a certain flow get to the Loup power stations but Loup later filed suit to cut back the amount of water diverted by the upstream irrigation projects.

Loup River Attorney Lester Danielson waived making a general opening statement but contended that the irrigation districts were not actually granted water until long after the applications.

The attorneys agreed that the case would probably last more than a week.

Captain, executive officer replaced on Cruiser Apollo
LONDON (UP)—The captain and executive officer of the mining cruiser Apollo were replaced today in a surprise follow-up to a "mutiny" aboard her two weeks ago.

An Admiralty announcement shortly after midnight said Capt. Stuart Lombard - Hobson and his first lieutenant, Lt. Cdr. Percy Brown were being replaced "after due consideration of all the circumstances."

Both were transferred to other commands. The Admiralty announcement said the transfers were not a disciplinary matter.

The Apollo, flagship of Britain's Home Fleet, sails from Portland Naval Base today for maneuvers in the English Channel. Her departure was twice delayed after crewmen complained she was a "hell-ship" with too much spit and polish.

WASHINGTON (UP)—The State Department charged today that the Communist bloc is selling military equipment to the central Italian government to strengthen a Red influence throughout Indochina.

Plane crashes short of runway, 47 killed

Daughter born to Rabbitts Easter
ST LOUIS (UP)—A 6-pound 8-ounce girl, Susie, was born Easter Sunday to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Rabbitt of suburban Richmond Heights.

The couple has four other girls.

R. G. Fraser to address Red Cross

Robert G. Fraser, Omaha attorney who has been very prominent in Red Cross activities on the local, state and national level, will address the annual meeting of the



ROBERT G. FRASER

Platte County Red Cross Chapter to be held at 8 p.m. Thursday, April 10, at the Evans hotel.

Mr. Fraser is well versed on the latest plans and activities of the American Red Cross. As a member of the national board, he has just returned from a meeting in Washington.

A past chairman of the Douglas County Red Cross Chapter, Mr. Fraser is also well known for his activities in other fields.

He is a former chairman of the Omaha Air Port Commission, a former president of the Omaha Junior Chamber of Commerce, and has been chairman of initial gifts and participated in various speakers' bureaus for Community Chest drives.

Mr. Fraser, 43, was three times the Nebraska state men's golf champion.

During World War II, he was a captain in the combat engineers, and served in the European theater. He and Mrs. Fraser, who is a native of Lyon, France, are the parents of three children.

Admits fatal stabbing of Omaha salesman
OMAHA (UP)—Harry Benjamin Harrison admitted the fatal stabbing early Friday of an Omaha car salesman, Deputy Douglas County Attorney Arthur D. O'Leary said.

Harrison was arrested early Saturday and was returned here late Saturday. O'Leary said Harrison admitted the stabbing of John Gary, 31, during questioning by detectives. He did not sign a confession, however.

Harrison is charged with first degree murder and first degree felony while in commission of a felony.

Gary was stabbed to death in the apartment of Janis McCaw, 26, after the assailant gained entrance through an apartment window. Miss McCaw told police the slayer also raped her. She was found bound and gagged.

Harrison was captured by police in Sioux City, Iowa. He was on a freight car. Police said he had a record of morals arrests and once served a term on a bad check conviction.

Burdick reported seriously ill.
WASHINGTON (UP)—Rep. Usher L. Burdick (R-N.D.) today was reported seriously ill.

The 78-year-old congressman and oil land owner is threatened with pneumonia and his condition has become serious, aides said.

He entered Sibley Hospital here last Friday, suffering from exhaustion and lung congestion.

His bride of five weeks and members of his office staff took turns staying with him during the weekend because they could not find a special nurse during the Easter holiday. A nurse was employed today, his assistant said.

Sicilian laborer devoured by lion
PALERMO, Sicily (UP)—A 30-year-old Sicilian laborer was devoured by a seven-year-old African lion Sunday when he climbed into its cage and tried to pet it before a crowd of horrified spectators. The victim was Giovanni Giuliano.

MIDLAND, Mich. (UP)—A Capital Airlines Viscount landing on instruments in a light snow storm crashed short of the runway at killing all 47 aboard.

The inspectors said pilot William J. (Joe) Hull, 44, either could have misjudged his approach or the plane could have crashed because of a power or instrument failure.

Fred G. Powell CAB investigation-in-charge from Chicago, said it might be a week before any solid conclusion could be reached on the cause of the crash.

The plane nosed into a field where rescuers sank ankle deep in the mud and large ponds of water made flood lights and airport lights bounce at crazy angles. Powell said the plane's four engines were embedded deep in the mud.

12 Bodies Identified
Powell said Hull appeared to be in direct line with the southwest-to-northeast runway. He said A.E. Ballman, an engineer, specialist and Jack Leake, a structural engineer, both with the CAB in Washington, arriving today, would start tearing down the plane Tuesday. Ten other CAB and CAA investigators were on the scene.

Powell said Hull had made one of his routine radio contacts with the Capital office at Tri-City Airport just three minutes before the crash and all was well.

By 10 a.m. only 12 of the bodies had been identified. They were stretched across a concrete floor in a hangar morgue, covered with sheets and papers. The bodies were torn and smashed and most were terribly burned.

The \$1,250,000 British-made plane burst into flames the instant it touched the ground and crashed as the engines fell through a 100-foot fire to reach the scattered and burning wreckage.

The plane was carrying a capacity load of 44 passengers returning home from Easter holiday trips.

It was the first major commercial air disaster in Michigan.

By 3:45 a.m., 44 bodies had been carried to in a temporary morgue set up in a private hangar. State police began trying to identify the bodies, under supervision of coroners William Shea and Harold Cederberg.

Crew Identified
The crew members were Capt. William Joseph (Joe) Hull, 496 Ridgewood Blvd., Westwood, N.J., a veteran Capital pilot; First Officer or co-pilot Earl M. Binckley, 27, 24 Moss Lane, Levittown, Pa., and a hostess Ruth Demick, 27, 24 Aurora, N.Y., a native of Jackson, Mich.

John Weiss, New York, vice president in charge of the advancement of education for the Ford Foundation, was aboard the plane. Names of some aboard were withheld until relatives were notified.

Capital said it was the airline's first crash causing a major loss. The airline had flown six billion passenger miles since that crash.

The plane was on a flight from New York City to Chicago, with stops at Detroit, Flint, Mich., and the Tri-City Airport.

Capital Airlines at Saginaw and Detroit declined to discuss the possible cause of the crash or to disclose radio communication between the pilot and Capital's Tri-City office on the instrument approach.

Instrument Approach
The plane was approaching the airport from the southwest on instruments when it apparently undershot the runway and plunged into a muddy cow field.

Private pilot Harry Shater of Flint was sitting in another plane on the runway and saw the crash. "It hit the ground and blew up," he said. "There was a flash and the flames."

The wreckage burned for more than two hours. Bodies were placed on stretchers and carried through muck and standing water on foot at first. Later they were loaded onto a four-wheel trailer which was pulled to the edge of the airport by a bulldozer.

(Continued on Page 40*)

10 openings on state patrol
LINCOLN (UP)—The Nebraska Safety Patrol will begin interviews Tuesday in Lincoln to fill 10 openings on the patrol.

The 10 new patrolmen will bring the organization to its authorized strength of 167.

The 1957 Legislature authorized the patrol to add five troopers. In addition, there are five vacancies to fill. Patrol Chief Col. C. J. Sanders said.

Col. Sanders said 94 applicants will be interviewed. About 30 will be selected to attend a five-week training course at Camp Ashland beginning April 29. In all, 148 persons applied for the positions.

The 20 not given immediate assignments will be kept on the patrol's reserve list. Col. Sanders said.