

Cub Scouts in Pack 353 examine awards before the pinewood derby competition Monday evening at the First Lutheran church. Standing from left to right are Billy Stehlik, Jim Rowe, David Gebers and Jimmy Bryant.

Air controller has his limits

WASHINGTON (AP)—The flight controller for Trans World Airlines Flight 514 told a crash inquiry Friday that responsibilities are being piled upon him and his colleagues, but that there are limits to what he knows and what he can and should do.

In marathon, mostly technical testimony, controller Merle Dameron, 51, also provided a glimpse of his feelings at the moment he discovered the Dec. 1 crash had killed all 92 aboard the passenger jet

"It frightened me," Dameron recalled of the instant he noticed the blip of 514 had vanished from the radar scope before him

"Increasingly," Dameron said, "the responsibility for the complete safe conduct of aircraft is being transferred to the controller . How much can be done?"

Dameron controlled four aircraft in the few minutes Flight 514 came onto his scope and left it, crashing into Mt Weather west of Dulles International Airport

Dameron said his radar, common in federal aviation control facilities across the country, is not engineered to be continuously reliable in monitoring an aircraft's altitude.

He said he was unaware of the turbulence pilots on his scope were experiencing as they battled a blustery rainstorm on their way to make a landing.

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The Buck Ends Here

By IVAN D.E. BEAUMONT

Hello there, Jacki Haupt

Jacki Haupt, daughter of Mr and Mrs Don Haupt, will be leaving in a day or two for a trip to the Holy Land. We've known Jacki and her parents and family for several years and we were pleased as punch that she was able to join the travelers. We know when she comes back she'll have many interesting stories to tell.

As a matter of fact, we made several suggestions about speech topics, but Jacki is so polite all she would do is smile and say thank-you. I guess she'll do well without our tips.

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Dave Brecheisen, the physical therapist at St Mary's hospital, gave rescue squadsmen several suggestions on emergency care of the injured during a meeting the other night.

Dave spoke on such topics as back strains, body spasms and sprains He also explained the injury to the body in what we commonly call whiplash.

Dave didn't reveal this to other squadsmen, but after the meeting I gathered he just about had a combination of all those ills when he dropped his Nikkormat 35 mm camera. I was going to suggest such things as ice packs and splints, but decided that his ills would be best served without puns. . . . .and a camera repair shop.

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Little Bucks —

Dan Hall, the Thurman, Ia., haymaker, has a Billy goat that he bought to "keep company" with a colt. Meanwhile, Fremont County Extension Agent Dick McClure, always the man with the initiative, is attempting to locate a nanny. So? So. . . . .it's pretty obvious . . .goat milk will soon be peddled door-to-door by the Hall-McClure Kid Kompany. . . . .Don Mason was installed the other night as president of the Scimitar Shrine and he thanked the men. That's a nice thing to do. . . .and everyone at the bar said thanks, too.

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Stolen —

Didya hear the one about the man who inquired at the Indianapolis airport about a plane ticket to Chicago? He didn't realize that the two cities are in different time zones. . . ."The plane leaves here at 12 p.m. and arrives in Chicago at 12:01 p.m." the ticket agent said

"Would you repeat that again please?" he asked.

"The plane leaves here at 12 and arrives in Chicago at 12:01. Do you want a reservation?"

"No," said the traveler, "I think I'll just hang around and watch that thing take off."

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We don't know at this writing whether the groundhog will see his shadow and forecast a lot more winter, or whether the overcast will do the trick. We'll take the latter.

Regardless of whether you realize it, plans are being made in Nebraska City for spring. Hot dog! Doesn't that sound wonderful.

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Mayor Ervin Rogers is looking forward to the completion of several city projects, but confidentially, just between you and me, the mayor and I have a pet project — pouring concrete on the drive in Steinhart park.

Among the many things at which I am an expert are baseball and softball I can warm a bleacher for double headers many evenings providing the popcorn and Pepsi supplies don't give out●

A number of times the mayor and I have attended the same girls' softball game. We weren't alone when we watched a cloud of dust sweep over the moms and dads, grandpas and grandmas in lawn chairs or in the bleachers after a line of cars drove by the diamond.

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Well, if the mayor and the council and the park board folks get their druthers, then we can look forward to a hard-surfaced drive ALL THE WAY around Steinhart. . . . .and that means popcorn that isn't mixed with crushed rock dust.

I'm just optimistic enough. . . .or selfish. . . .to want that paving extended into Wildwood park. The park has blossomed as far as attracting picnickers and playground equipment and it deserves attention.

And speaking of parks, Craig Bergman, superintendent of Arbor Lodge State Park, is hopeful that the improvements at the state park this year will attract more people. Arbor Lodge mansion draws visitors by the thousands, but most do their picnicking in the City parks. Craig is hopeful that the state park will be utilized more.

Those projects include heating and air conditioning for the mansion. Craig says that the mansion will be open for a longer tourist season when the job is completed.

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And away we go. . . . .

No, I haven't given up plans to take Millie to the Black Hills on a motorcycle. I've switched. . . . .now it's the mountains of Colorado.

We were talking about that very subject the other day. . . .

"Ivan, go outside and help Keaton," she said.

"Huh?"

"You told him to get his motorcycle out and he can't get it out of a snowbank next to the house."

"Oh, yeah. . . . .better bundle up and go help the boy."

"What on earth did you want him to do with a motorcycle this time of the year?" she asked.

I explained to the Domestic Engineer that it was time to get the motorcycles out of the storage building, start them up and charge the batteries.

She snorted a couple of times as I went out the door, but I saw her peeking out the kitchen window as we got the machines started and revved the engines.

After the job was finished and the machines stored once again, I suggested that a Harley Davidson "hog" would start a lot easier and be safer to handle.

"Whatever are you talking about?" asked the Queen Bee.

"A motorcycle and our trip to the Black Hills in the heat of the summer "

"You're crazy," she said, "I told you I'm not going to ride on the back of a motorcycle with you to the Black Hills or anyplace else!"

I could see right then that she was weakening. . . . .

"Uh. . .mother. . . .would you like to have a motorcycle of your own. . . . .complete with your own helmet and one of those safety orange uniforms? (That really turned her on).

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"Ivan. . . . .you're not serious. . . . .are you?"

(I knew then it was just a matter of a few more choice words).

"Naw, I guess not. I was just thinking. . . . .maybe we ought to go see Bob and Betty Toler in Denver. Betcha Bob would go riding with me."

"What about Betty?" Queenie asked.

"Oh, I don't know. . . .you females can sit around the house, play with the kids or watch television or something while Bob and I mow-bile up the mountain drives."

"Oh, no you don't. . . .I'm going to write Betty and see if she'd be game. We could make it a foursome, stop some place for a picnic. . . .and. . . .and. . . ."

"Really, mother, it's not that easy. Motorcycles require maintenance, there is no real comfort and the wind is blowing in your face all the time," I said as I polished her up a little bit more.

"I suppose you're trying to talk me out of it now!" she snorted.

"Who? Me? Gol-l-l-y sakes, dear lady. . . . .if you really want to go on a motorcycle trip this summer, I wouldn't think of trying to talk you out of it," I answered cool, man. .cool.

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"Well, just keep quiet," she interrupted. "I know what I want to do this summer. . . . .and besides I'll get a good suntan. . . .a new sports outfit. . . . .and you say a Harley Davidson motorcycle?"

"Yeah. . . .I think that's the name of those highway machines. . . .or was it a water cooled Suzuki?" I asked.

"Don't ask me," she said. "Find out something about them!" she ordered so firmly.

"Okay, okay. . . .don't get rattled."

(Lookout Sen. Cal Carsten. . . . .I may be polishing the smooth talk for a shot at your seat in the legislature some day).

Death penalty will be asked

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP)—Sen. John DeCamp of Neligh said he would introduce a bill Tuesday with a mandatory death penalty for rapists if one of their victims dies.

DeCamp said the bill would allow the judge no alternative if it was determined that a rape victim died.

The bill would also protect the victim if the rapist was killed during his attack.

Defense attorneys could ask a victim about her past sexual conduct only after a judge determined questions were relevant by conducting a closed hearing attended by the defendant, the victim and their attorneys.

The law also states that the victim does not have to prove resistance "if it is reasonbly apparent that such resistance would have endangered the life or health of the victim."

The bill would establish a division in the attorney general's office to investigate and prosecute rape cases.

Local law enforcement authorities would be required to report rapes to the division.

The bill sets a penalty of one to 50 years for forcible rape and serious bodily injury. Without serious bodily injury, the maximum penalty would be 15 years.

An offense called third degree sexual assault which consists of sexual contact with a person under 13 years of age, would carry a maximum penalty of three years.

Sodomy would also carry a maximum penalty of 50 years. All crimes have a minimum sentence of one year.

A lie detector test and a psychiatric examination of the victim could serve to eliminate the requirement for corroboration of her testimony. The bill provides for medical or psychiatric treatment of rapists if the court determines that it would prevent the recurrence of sexual assault.

Early drafts of the bill contained a provision which would have allowed the court to order castration, but DeCamp said he would delete that provision before introducing the bill.

Grain Dealers elect man from Hastings

OMAHA, Neb. (AP)—Milt Klint of Hastings has been named president of the Nebraska Grain and Feed Dealers Association.

His election was announced Thursday at the Nebraska Agricultural Exposition, sponsored by the association and the Nebraska Fertilizer Institute.

Keith Jensen of Tamora was elected vice president. New board members are Dave Rasmussen of Bradshaw and Keith Frye of Chester. Reelected to the board was Lee Foster of Gurley.

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Star Stations to fight FCC ruling

OMAHA, Neb (AP)—The majority stockholder in Star Stations, Inc , Don Burden, said Friday the company will fight a Federal Communications Commission decision not to renew the licenses of five stations

Burden said in a prepared statement that the FCC decision is contrary to the recommendations of an administrative law judge and will be appealed to the courts

FCC officials described Friday's action as perhaps the biggest license denial action ever taken

Affected by the order are WIFE AM-FM, Indianapolis, Ind., KOIL AM and KEFM FM, Omaha, and KISN AM, Vancouver, Wash

Burden was not available for direct comment, but released his statement through his secretary

In the statement, which was distributed to Star employes Friday afternoon, Burden said the charges against the stations were brought more than five years ago by a group of disgruntled employes, but that an administrative law judge exonerated Star on all counts

Dale Electronics pilot is killed

OLATHE, Kan (AP) — Harold Hessenflow, 60, chief pilot for the Dale Electronics Co. of Columbus, Neb., and a former official of the Nebraska Department of Aeronautics, has been killed in a plane crash at the Johnson County airport in Olathe.

Officials said Hessenflow's twin-engine turboprop descend from a 200-foot overcast, made an approach to land then suddenly plunged to earth 550 feet northeast of the runway Friday afternoon.

The craft skidded to the north-south runway and plowed a 150-foot furrow through the field, Murl Johnston, airport manager, said.

Carroll Nodicki, president of the Nebraska firm which owned the plane, said Hessenflow was returning the aircraft from Oklahoma City and a routine maintenance appointment.

Navy will cut its carrier force

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Navy reportedly will cut back its aircraft carrier force next year to its smallest size since World War II.

The new Defense budget, which will go to Congress next week, is said to reflect a reduction of two carriers. Likely to go are the 31-year-old Hancock and the nearly 30-year-old Oriskany.

This would leave the Navy with 13 carriers, including one used for training.

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