

Army Experts To Test, Fire Jimmy's Rocket

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Jimmy Blackmon's do-it-yourself rocket, the now famous basement bargain unguided missile, will be tested by the United States Army. The missile, which was fashioned by the 17-year-old Charlotte youth in his basement, will be tested in the hush atmosphere of the Army's Redstone Arsenal in Alabama.

take over Jimmy's experiment at the Redstone Arsenal in the missile launch.

Jimmy said he will do it—just as soon as he makes some minor adjustments.

F. D. McLaugh of the office of the Chief of Ordnance in Washington told The News today the Army's interest remains high and they are suggesting "static stand tests" for the missile at the famous Alabama rocket center.

The Army said today it will witness may include

Jimmy, but definite plans have not been completed on that phase of the operation.

The chances, however, are good that Jimmy will be there along with a group of the world's top rocket authorities.

Maj. G. L. Loring, officer in charge of the Nike plant here, assured Jimmy this morning he would see that he received assistance in getting the missile ready for shipping.

The six-foot rocket will be shipped in a wooden

crate, but, since it is not dangerous while unloaded, shipping will be no problem.

Meanwhile, Jimmy said it may be three or four days before he is ready to send the rocket to Redstone.

"I have to make some changes. I've been working with a Nike man here and he has suggested a few minor changes to make it safer. When they are made I ought to be ready," he said.

The Army's plan is this:

After receiving the rocket at Redstone, they will place it on a static test stand. This device allows "firing" under controlled circumstances. The Army will be able to tell whether it is safe, how much fuel to use, and whether an outdoor "live" test is practical.

Under these controlled conditions, missile experts record the reaction of the rocket with cameras and may predict its actual performance under other

conditions.

Maj. Loring added he hopes to make some arrangements for Jimmy to be at Redstone for either the static tests or the actual firing—or maybe both.

"I sure hope I can be there," Jimmy said.

Maj. Loring also said the Army may want to try another fuel in the rocket. Jimmy has proposed liquid oxygen, but nitrogen may be better, he thinks.

"Jimmy has had a headache

in working out his mixture in the right proportions to avoid an explosion," the officer said.

These arrangements have met with Jimmy's approval—but only after he made his own changes. Right now he is set to get busy again on the new parts he has designed in the basement of his home on Club Rd.

Meanwhile, the news of Jimmy Blackmon's homemade rocket has spread across the country. Since it was first described in The News, reports of the

young scientist's work have made the papers, radio shows an television programs from coast to coast.

A New York advertising agency called yesterday to inquire about the big kind of fuel he was using.

The firm made no other comment after the inquiry. But the fact that it serves a large chemical firm making various fuels and an aircraft account may mean Jimmy is in for some more assistance.

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'Cold' Front Sends Mercury Down To 90's

A welcome cold front which arrived in nick of time put out the fire of the sun today, and kept the temperature from breaking another record.

But the cool front had little effect on yesterday's temperature which set a new record for the date, and a new high for the year.

The Weather Bureau's official thermometer at the airport station registered a sizzling 102, three degrees over the 98.9 of Aug. 6, 1930, previous high for the date.

The 102 was two degrees over the 100 of June 25, previous high for the year.

Optimistic weather men, seeing a repeat of yesterday's blaring heat, predicted a comparatively mild 91 today.

LOW TOMORROW

A low of 71 is forecast for tomorrow morning and a high of 92 is predicted for the afternoon.

Today's low of 68 came as a welcome surprise and caused many heat-weary citizens to reach for blankets before daylight this morning.

The Weather Bureau said the terrific heat of yesterday was something of a surprise. At noon yesterday, with the temperature at 97 degrees, observers thought the mercury would halt at 98.

Reason: A good wind was blowing, and cloud formations threatened to cut the power of the sun.

But the wind stopped and the clouds went away and the sun stepped up the voltage. By 1:45 the temperature was at its all-afternoon high of 102.

Then came the cool front, the sun, bearing down as it hadn't all year, quickly brushed it aside. But in the evening, when it had put in its last licks, the sun lost its grip on the atmosphere and the temperature began to drop.

Charlotte, which could count itself as one of North Carolina's hottest towns, got off lighter than some South Carolina cities. Columbia reported a super sweltering 104.

This table shows how the mercury went up and then down:

11:30 a.m.	96	12:30 a.m.	97
1:30 p.m.	99	1:30 a.m.	74
1:45 p.m.	101	2:30 a.m.	72
2:30 p.m.	102	3:30 a.m.	72
3:30 p.m.	102	4:30 a.m.	70
4:30 p.m.	98	5:30 a.m.	70
5:30 p.m.	93	6:30 a.m.	72
6:30 p.m.	93	7:30 a.m.	72
7:30 p.m.	89	8:30 a.m.	81
8:30 p.m.	88	9:30 a.m.	81
9:30 p.m.	85	10:30 a.m.	85
10:30 p.m.	78	11:30 a.m.	78

Our Weather

Fair and cooler today and tonight. Wednesday fair and warm.

Low this morning — 69
Low tomorrow morning — 71
High today — 91
High yesterday — 102
High tomorrow — 92
Sunrise today 5:57 a.m.; sunset today 7:32 p.m.

More Weather Data on Page 2-B
Select FOREMOST Milk Products at your favorite store.—Adv.

Adlai May Junk Veep Tradition

CHICAGO (U.P.)—Adlai E. Stevenson is prepared to toss political tradition aside in filling second place on the ticket if he wins the Democratic presidential nomination.

Stevenson, the party's 1952 nominee, is supposedly confident he will get the top nomination on the first or second ballot at next week's convention here.

This view, of course, is disputed by supporters of Gov. Averell Harriman of New York and several "favorite son" candidates working for a deadlocked convention in which the lightning might strike one of them.

If he is worried by the threat of such a deadlock, Stevenson does not show it. He already is reviewing and refurbishing his position on major issues in anticipation of a vigorous fall campaign against President Eisenhower.

POPULARITY OVERATED
He has convinced himself of primary campaigning in all sections of the country that Eisenhower's popularity is overrated. He believes the President can be beaten.

With this in mind, he is looking ahead still further to January. He has told friends he is more interested in getting a running mate who will make a top-notch vice president than in satisfying the usual requirements of geography and voter appeal.

His view, like that of some Republicans, is that a vice presidential candidate seldom adds much strength to the ticket.

What he wants, he has told friends, is a vice president who will be the President's personal representative in Congress — a force for the White House legislative program.

Beyond that, he apparently wants a man who could do the same sort of security, confidence-boosting and ceremonial job for him that Vice President Nixon has done for President Eisenhower.

Top Boxer Fights Here For 40 Bucks, Incognito

A TOP BOXER who fought under a false name in Charlotte last week received only \$40 for his performance. He was George Benton, who has beaten Holly Hines, Moses Ward and other "scam" fighters. Sandy Grady's story is on Page 6-B.

A FASHION SCOP is recorded today by Woman's Editor Mrs. Marie Adams from the lengthy report being prepared by the Ivey's promotion is neatly packaged and tied on Page 5-B.

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—OXYGEN FAMINE REVEALED— Mystery Of Dying Fish Is Solved

By EMERY WISTER
Charlotte News Staff Writer
The mystery has been solved. It was lack of oxygen and not chemicals that killed the fish in Freedom Park.

This is the basis of a lengthy report being prepared by the City Health Dept., which took several samples of the lake water and subjected it to exhaustive tests.

The fish, some small as minnows and some as large as 18-inch long, died like flies in the lake water before last.

The fish died just as had hundreds during a hot July several years ago and the report

to be issued by the Health Dept. also will solve the mystery of those deaths.

Thomas H. Bivens, director of sanitation of the City Health Dept., blamed three major factors for the lack of oxygen. These factors are:

1. Thick vegetation in water. Vegetation takes in carbon dioxide and gives off oxygen when exposed to sunlight.

2. In darkness, it releases carbon dioxide, thereby building up this poisonous gas. This is why the fish started popping to the surface during early morning hours.

2. Ducks. The waste matter deposited by the ducks in the water also consumed oxygen.

3. Hot weather: The hotter the water becomes the lower the oxygen content. An average temperature of 61.4 degrees was recorded at the time of the deaths, the highest temperature of the year.

The report which will be delivered to the Parks & Recreation Commission tomorrow will also show that the water should have five pounds of gaseous oxygen for every

5 Jailed, 2 Counties Probe Woods Slaying

GI's Wife Stabbed And Beaten

ROCKINGHAM — Five persons were in Rockingham County Jail here today as officers continued an investigation into the brutal slaying of blonde Ida May Treadaway, whose nude body was fished from the waters of Tobacco Lake near here last night.

Held for questioning in the bizarre case were:

Bruce Gibson, 45, and his nephew Bobby Gibson, 22. Both are farmers of the Laurel Hill area.

James Lee McDonald, 32, of Laurel Hill.

Mrs. Bernice Quick Chandler, 28, of East Rockingham.

Kenn Watson, 61, of Scotland County.



KENNY WATSON



BERNICE CHANDLER

Brinks Jurors Are Instructed

BOSTON.—The first batch of prospective jurors called for the trial of eight men in the \$128,211 Brink's robbery of 19.0 crowded into a separate courtroom today for initial instructions.

Opening of the second day's proceedings in the seventh floor courtroom where the trial will be held was delayed while Judge Felix Forte instructed the veniremen in private with only counsel present.

The opening day of the case yesterday was taken up with arguments and defense motions.

Only 85 of the 100 prospective jurors due to report today were present when court convened. Eight could not be located. One is dead. Three were deferred until later and three were excused because of illness.

The big question was how long will it take to select a jury of 14—including two alternates. Both the defense and the prosecution have 262 peremptory challenges—that is, challenges in which they do not have to give a reason.

If all challenges are exercised by the defense along with what challenges may be upheld by Judge Forte "for cause," it was considered likely testimony might not start until next week.

The government expects to call about 90 witnesses and the defense 45 or 50.

Outlived Six Circuses

PERU, Ind. (U.P.)—Old Babe, the aged Indian elephant a performer in circuses, vaudeville and the movies for at least 70 years, died last Friday at the Paul Kelly Animal Farm and Children's Amusement Park near Peru.

Eight other elephants of the Kelly herd, of which Old Babe was the unquestioned boss, raised their trunks in salute Sunday as her wrinkled old body was tumbled into a huge grave dug by a power shovel.

"She deserved something better than the glue factory," Kelly said.

Old Babe was retired to the 13-acre farm two years ago after her last job with the King Brothers Circus. Her history was confused, but she was known to have been with the famous Robinson Show in 1909 and later with the 101 Ranch, Downing, Webb's Motorized and Cole Brothers Circuses.

She also appeared in the movies, "Juniper's Darling," "Elephant Walk" and "Road to Burma."

A gentle giant, Old Babe was given the run of the Kelly farm in her last years. Children petted her and fed her peanuts as she strolled among the rides and circus relics of this one-time major winter quarters for the big top show.

She'll have a more impressive monument later, Kelly said. He became deeply attached to the old elephant and left for Chicago shortly after the burial to hunt for Bill Woodcock, veteran elephant man supposed to know Old Babe's history.

Kelly said he thought Old Babe deserved a better biography than he had been able to give the newspapers.

Tornado Rips Through Town

MARTIN, S. D. (U.P.)—A tornado tore off the roof of the community hospital here last night, demolished 40 buildings and caused damage estimated at a half-million dollars.

There were no known dead or seriously injured, officers reported, although the storm's heaviest blow struck the residential district of this southwestern South Dakota community of about 1,000.

Collapsed buildings bombarded the community with flying debris and cement blocks from a recently built stock sales pavilion were strewn about the streets.

Sheriff Robert Sheball said the twister rolled back the roof of the community hospital "like a carpet." All patients were evacuated safely.

Several buildings were lifted from their foundations intact. Highways and streets were blocked, covered with debris.

Telephone communications were completely cut off for a time. Telephone officials said there would be a six-hour delay in handling calls the rest of the day.

All power in the community, which is served by RIA lines, was out until a portable generator was set up at the county courthouse for emergency use. Another small portable generator was installed at the home of the sheriff.

Telephone equipment to be replaced wrecked facilities was being brought in from Gordon, Neb.

Sheriff Sheball estimated it would take two months to repair damage to the hospital.

2,100 Chinese Die In Typhoon

HONG KONG (U.P.)—Reports from Red China today said that Typhoon Wanda was one of the century's worst, killing more than 2,100 persons and leaving millions homeless on the Chinese mainland.

A compilation of dispatches from the Communist New China News Agency put the number of known dead at 2,161 and the injured at almost the same figure. The casualties may be hoisted when reports reach Peiping from remote regions where communications were cut.

Crops were devastated in an immense area.

Wanda struck the China coast with devastating force Wednesday and veered north. It spent itself deep in the interior.

Winds of up to 150 m.p.h. tore across Chekiang, causing casualties put by Peiping radio at 1,900 dead and 1,200 injured. One report said 38,000 homes were destroyed in the province and more than a million persons were homeless, which died probably will not be accepted.

He said deepening the lake would increase the oxygen supply but this would not be done as it would increase chances of drownings in the water.

Crews will immediately begin cleaning out vegetation from the lake bottom. In addition, the park's permanent duck population will be kept to a minimum figure. There were something like 250 ducks in the park when the fish died.

Evening Prayer

Eternal Spirit, make known Thy will for us: impart unto us Thy truth; and when we wander far from Thy way, like a tender shepherd, lead us back again; and with Thy power help us to live abundant lives, in Christ's name, Amen.

ARRESTING OFFICIAL COURTEOUS

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (U.P.)—Here's a note for a rare-documents collection: A letter in which motorist Kenneth Lam served by RIA traffic officer who arrested him. He acted in a most courteous manner, appeared to me like a gentleman and talked to me in the same manner."

Lane was booked by Patrolman Ralph Baggett for driving with the wrong type of registration.