

MRS. ANNA VAN SKIKE, 66, TAKES ANNUAL TEN-MILE SWIM ON HER BIRTHDAY



MRS. ANNA VAN SKIKE



HER HUSBAND



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HER DAUGHTER



DURING LAST MILE OF HER ANNUAL 10-MILE SWIM.



CUPS HER FEAT BROUGHT

MRS. ANNA VAN SKIKE, 66 years of age, completed her annual 10-mile birthday swim at Venice at noon August 12. Her time for the 10 miles was nine hours and fifteen minutes. She started at 2 o'clock in the morning from Venice, Cal., pier on her delayed birthday swim to Santa Monica canyon and return, a distance of 10

miles. The aged swimmer, who claims all world records for distance for persons of her age, essayed the feat, which has been an annual event in her life for the last six years, on her birthday anniversary last week, but was persuaded to quit after three miles, because of rough water. Mrs. Van Skike has announced she will make an attempt to swim to Cataline Island from Los Angeles, a distance of 22 miles.

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AIR ROUTES PROGRAM BEGINS

By WILLIAM K. HUTCHINSON
International News Service

A remarkable network of commercial aerial highways, interlacing the United States from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from Canada to the Gulf, is planned by the Department of Commerce as a part of the government's drive to develop commercial aviation, it was revealed today by Assistant Secretary of Commerce W. T. McCracken, in charge of the program.

Coolidge Approves
With the approval of President Coolidge already given for the first two routes—the 2,680-mile transcontinental hop from New York to San Francisco, and the 987 miles from Chicago to Dallas, Tex.—work on the program is now under way. As in these first two routes chosen, the department will follow chiefly the air lanes established by the Post Office Department in handling air mail.

Three aviation experts have been sent out to survey the proposed national routes, McCracken said. At present, the aerial surveyors are working on the Salt Lake City to Los Angeles leg of the transcontinental route, the Chicago to Dallas lane and a new route between New York and Boston, which will later be a part of the proposed "Atlantic Airway," running from Boston to Miami, Fla.

U. S. to Extend Aid
When the reports of the experts are received, McCracken said, plans will be drawn to extend government aid in marking the commercial air lanes. This aid will consist of placing beacon lights for night flying, markers to keep pilots on the lanes in cloudy weather and in establishing emergency landing fields. Stations will be established to broadcast weather forecasts.

"At first we will take care of the routes actually flown over now," said McCracken. "That means we will make commercial routes out of the air mail service lanes. We intend to keep the air mail going first, and later on, we will extend our routes into all sections where commercial aviation will follow us."

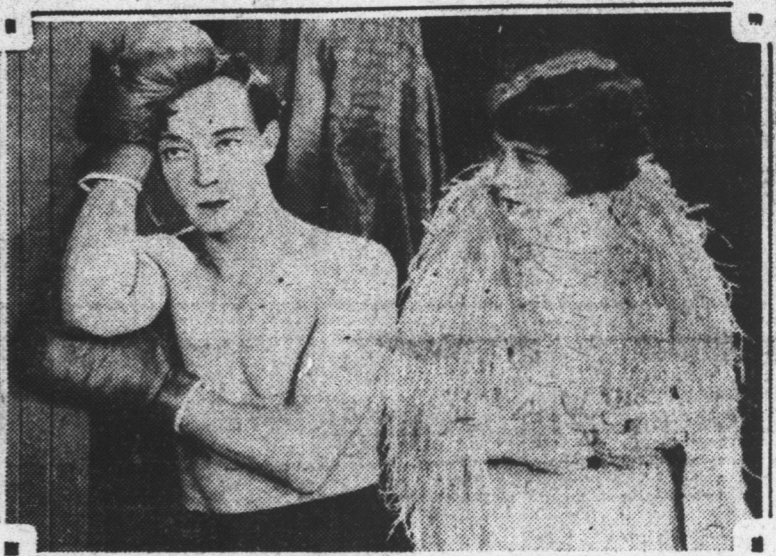
Under this program, the following two routes will be "commercialized" first:
Transcontinental route, from New York, via Bellefonte, Pa., Cleveland, Chicago, Iowa City and Des Moines, Iowa, Omaha and North Platte, Neb., Cheyenne, Wyo., Salt Lake City, Reno, Nev., and Sacramento, to San Francisco. At Salt Lake City, a leg will extend southwest to Los Angeles.
The "Southern Airway," from Chicago, via St. Joseph, Mo., Wichita, Kans., and Oklahoma City, Okla., to Fort Worth and Dallas, Tex.

Next Air Routes
The next two Government routes to be established, McCracken intimated, will be the Boston to New York leg of the "Atlantic Airway," and a "Pacific Airway," from Seattle to Los Angeles. The "Atlantic Airway" ultimately will run through Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Richmond, Va., Raleigh, N. C., Columbia, S. C., to Atlanta, where it will connect with the present air mail route from Atlanta to Miami, Fla., via Jacksonville, West Palm Beach and Tampa. The "Pacific Airway" will go through Portland, Ore., Sacramento, Concord, San Francisco, Fresno and Bakersfield, en route to Los Angeles.

Cairo Camels a Problem
CAIRO, Aug. 18.—The army of unemployed camels is becoming a national problem. Fifteen thousand automobiles are now plying over desert routes, leaving some 20,000 camels idle.

Nosiree! Not Dempsey!

HERE'S BUSTER KEATON in "Battling Butler," his new comedy feature! After a round with sweetie. In connection with the showing of the Keaton feature The Washington Times is encouraging pugilism. READ THE DETAILS IN THE SPECIAL STORY ON THIS PAGE.



Newsboys Get Chance In Boxing Tourney

Great news for the newsies!
The Washington Times-Herald, always having the interests of the newsboys at heart, is going to conduct a boxing tournament among the boys.

The winner of the tournament will be awarded a beautiful cup presented by Buster Keaton, the frozen faced screen comedian. At the conclusion of the tournament the boys will be paraded in a body to Loew's Palace Theater to witness Buster in his latest super-comedy sensation, "Battling Butler."

Boxing contests among the boys will be held throughout the city. The winner in each district will appear in the finals.
Goldie Ahearn, popular local boxer, will referee the various bouts and present the winner with the Keaton trophy at Loew's Palace Theater next Monday morning, at which time the boys will be assembled to witness a showing of Buster in his latest comedy.

Wanted to Be Fighter
Buster Keaton had a youthful ambition to be a prize fighter. Since the age of three, when he began touring the world with his father and mother in a vaudeville act, the youth regarded a cauliflower ear as a badge of honor ranking with the Congressional Medal.

Now he's glad his father dragged him back to the stage every time he tried to sneak away and fight preliminaries. Actual experience has taught the frozen faced screen comedian that professional boxing is all right for somebody, but not for him.

For Keaton has made a picture of love and the prize ring. It is "Battling Butler."
And there's the rub. The comedian, when he started the picture, promised that he would train faithfully. He recruited a corps of pugilists from Los Angeles and San Francisco and took them on a location at Kernville, Calif., and then to Santa Ynez, where the exteriors were completed before the company returned to the studio in Hollywood.

Roughed Him Up
Keaton swore off all pastries, coffee, cigarettes and other things he was accustomed to. Then he instructed his trainers to treat him like a fellow member of the boxing craft. They did.
The actor-fighter accumulated a flock of black eyes in rapid succession. What with a yearning for Lady Nicotine, deep apple pies and slabs of Swiss cheese, Buster says he became a nervous wreck.
But he stuck to his diet, finished the picture like a real pugilist, and then broke training with a bang.

President's Own to Meet

The President's Own Navy Band, No. 104, Army and Navy Union, will meet tomorrow night at 8 p. m. in the District Building board room.

MOTOR BUS QUIZ NEARS END

The investigation the Interstate Commerce Commission is making indicates that Congress will be called upon to work out a number of intricate problems involving the rapidly developing bus and truck competition railroads are facing, it was learned today.

Several members of the commission are conducting hearings at various places to end the September 29. The commission will then formulate its report to Congress.

At the last session of Congress an effort was made to enact legislation providing for control of highway transportation by the Interstate Commerce Commission. Much opposition developed because of the drastic provisions of the proposed law. One provision in particular caused widespread dissatisfaction.

It provided that bus or truck companies setting up an interstate service must secure a license from the commission or from the State commissions a certificate of public necessity showing that the communities or the territory traversed was not at the time adequately served by existing facilities, either rail, water or highway.

THROWS BRAVE WET DAY FOR OLDTIME TOURNEY
Knights and their ladies thronged Marshall Hall today for the forty-second annual grand tournament. Tilted begins at 2 p. m.

Tonight the successful knight who outrides and outtills all others will crown his "lady fayre" queen at the grand ball at the pavilion. All knights and ladies will be in costume.
Knights from all nearby counties of Maryland and Virginia and the District of Columbia will enter the tilting contests. Galloping on horseback, the riders will attempt to put the point of their lance through a one-inch ring. In the event of a tie, one-half inch rings will be used for the run-off. One hundred dollars in gold will be divided in prizes as follows: First, \$40; second, \$30; third, \$20, and fourth, \$10.

WOODMEN OF WORLD TO PICNIC AT BEACH

More than 2,000 members and friends of the Woodmen of the World will visit Chesapeake Beach tomorrow on the annual outing of Cedar Camp, No. 15.
M. I. Ryan, of Upper Marlboro, Md., chairman of the arrangements committee.

Down for the Week-End



MAYORESS BERTHA K. LANDES, of Seattle, took a ride in the submarine S-24, during the visit of the fleet to Puget Sound. Capt. H. I. Nelson assisted her down the hatch.

U. S. TRAVEL PAY INCREASED

Government clerks will be allowed a daily traveling allowance of \$6 instead of \$4 after October 1, Brig. Gen. Herbert M. Lord, director of the Budget Bureau, has announced.

Increased allowances will go into effect along with a complete set of new regulations covering all Government departments. Heretofore each department has had its own set of travel regulations. For the first time in many years, as a result of the new allowance, Government clerks will be able to "break even" on their travel expenses.

Since the war, with high prices and low travel allowance, Federal employees have had to pay some of their travel expenses out of their own pockets.
The new travel regulations were made up by the Federal traffic board through a committee on which there were representatives of every department. They will be distributed in pamphlet form in about two weeks.

Congress has appropriated \$35,314,595.29 for travel expenses for the current fiscal year. This is an increase of \$177,630.65 over last year, but will probably need to be augmented under the new regulations.

MORE SHOWERS FORECAST

With Washington's recent torrid spell definitely broken by the rains of the past three days, the weather here expects continued cooler temperature until probably Saturday, and for today and tomorrow, rain and more rain.

Mooreweightman said today that all indications were that it would be cool, moderately so, until Friday, when it might start to get warmer. On Saturday it will be warm but how high the thermometer will rise he cannot forecast.

There will be frequent light showers today and tonight, he said, and about the same conditions tomorrow.

ANNAPOLIS BOILER BLAST COSTS LIVES OF TWO MEN

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Aug. 18.—The explosion of a boiler at the Naval Experiment Station here yesterday afternoon has claimed two victims, John H. Gray dying in the afternoon and Martin W. Rausch in the evening.

What's Doing Today and Tomorrow

Today
Lecture—Thomas B. Eckloff, at the Larger Life Camp, Mount Washington, 8 o'clock tonight.
City Chiropractors' Association, at 1914 Seventh St. N. W., 8 o'clock tonight.
Study Class—United Lodge of Theosophists, 709 Hill Building, 8 p. m.
Moonlight Excursion—Young Friends Club, steamer St. Johns, leaves Seventh Street wharf, 7:15 p. m.
Excursion—Conies, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Marshall Hall, steamer Charles MacAlister, leaves Seventh Street wharf 10 a. m., 2:30 and 4:45 p. m.
Concert—Navy Band, Navy Yard, 7:30 p. m.
Concert—Army Band, Sylvan Theater, Monument Grounds, 8:30 p. m.
Concert—Marine Band, Capitol, 8 p. m.
Food Show and Carnival—Washington Auditorium, all day and evening.

Tomorrow
Meeting—Washington Review, No. 1, Woman's Benefit Association, Pythian Temple, 7:30 p. m.
Concert—Navy Band, Tuberculosis Hospital, 7:30 p. m.
Golfing—Cedar Camp, No. 15, Woodmen of the World, Chesapeake Beach, 10 a. m.
Excursion—Conies, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Marshall Hall, steamer Charles MacAlister, leaves Seventh Street wharf 10 a. m., 2:30 and 4:45 p. m.
Place—National Fellowship Club, Washington Hotel roof, 9 p. m.
Concert—Navy Band, Navy Yard, 4 p. m.
Concert—Soldiers' Home Band, Soldiers' Home, 8:45 p. m.
Concert—Marine Band, Sylvan Theater, Monument Grounds, 8:30 p. m.
Food Show and Carnival—Washington Auditorium, all day and evening.
Luncheon—Comptolite Club, Lee House, 12:30 p. m.
Luncheon—Kiwanis Club, Washington Hotel, 12:30 p. m.

Greater Movie Season Contest

Name the Star Whose Face Is Missing.



No. 3 Some say she's a boy, some say he's a girl. He (or she) plays in comedies.

Name of Star

Name of Contestant

SPECIAL CLUE FOR No. 14—She went to France to make a picture and met and married a man of wealth and title.

Greater Movie Season Contest Rules

EVERY day for twenty consecutive issues THE WASHINGTON TIMES will print a scene from a different popular motion picture. The face or head of the star of the motion picture will be missing.

Everybody is invited to cut out these scenes and to identify the star and the motion picture. Just fill in the blank, using your knowledge of motion pictures and using the clues that will accompany each picture.

The persons who send in the nearest correctly named and the nearest complete sets of the twenty scenes in accordance with these rules, will be awarded prizes of unusual value. The grand national prize is a trip for two around the world on the Red Star Liner "Belgenland."

Open to All
The contest is open to everybody except employees of this newspaper and persons who are engaged in the production, distribution or exhibition of motion pictures.

At the end of the contest we will want you to send with your set of twenty, a short letter telling why you like motion pictures. The sincerity and originality of this letter will count in the final decision, providing the sets are otherwise, in the opinion of the judges, equal in accuracy and neatness.

Get All Answers Together
Contestants may send in as many sets as they wish but no contestant shall be entitled to more than one local prize.
Submit your answers in complete sets of twenty, arranged in order. Do not send your answers until the contest closes. Then mail your set by first class mail, postage prepaid to CONTEST EDITOR, THE WASHINGTON TIMES. Entries with sufficient postage will be returned by the Postoffice Department. All sets must be in the office of the CONTEST EDITOR, Room 8, No. 1000 Pennsylvania Avenue N. W., by August 25, 1926. No entries will be returned by THE TIMES.

2 DEAD, 9 HURT, IN ACCIDENTS

Traffic accidents yesterday and last night resulted in the death of one person, the serious injury of four others and the less serious injury of five more. A second death occurred as the result of an accident on July 25.

When the automobile operated by his father, William H. Moore, 46 years old, of Stewart's Farm, Md., and occupied by himself, mother and sister, turned over after a collision with a bus, Guy Moore, 15, received injuries that resulted in his death last night in Casualty Hospital. He suffered two compound fractures of the skull.

His father and mother, Mrs. Margaret Moore, 42, each suffered fractures of the skull and are reported today to be in a critical condition. The father is not expected to live throughout the day and the mother suffered a relapse after having shown a marked improvement. A sister, Margaret, 15, was cut and bruised, but not seriously hurt.

The accident occurred near Brooke Station, Md., when the Moore automobile skidded into a bus while proceeding down a steep hill.

Wesley L. Parker, 50, 1223 Thirtieth St. N. W., died last night in Gallinger Hospital as the result of injuries received on July 25 when struck by an automobile operated by Norman Beaton, 1307 C St. N. E., at Ninth and M Streets Northwest. An inquest will be held today by Deputy Coroner Herbert E. Martyn.

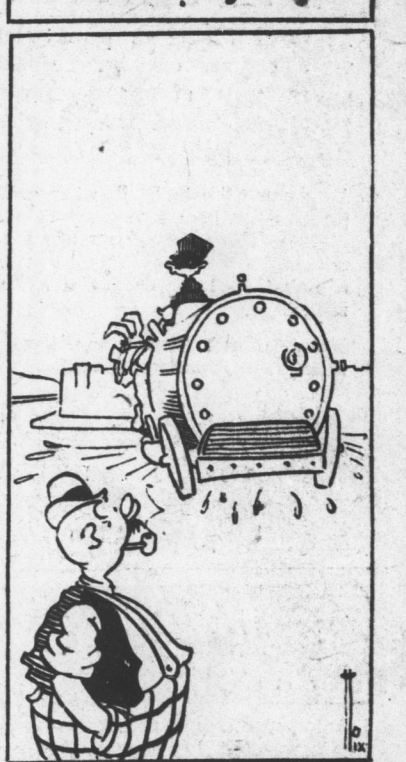
Struck by a street car at Tenth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue Northwest late yesterday, Charles Edward Henderson, 54, 1004 Pennsylvania Ave. N. W., is in a critical condition in Emergency Hospital from skull fracture.

Edmond Funk, 23, 3331 Georgia Ave. N. W., was seriously injured when the automobile that he was driving skidded into a parked car in front of 2215 First St. N. W., early today. He was taken to Emergency Hospital and treated for injuries to the pelvis bone and shoulder.

Policeman William McEwen, of the Tenth Precinct, was injured about the body and legs when knocked off his motorcycle by a "hit-and-run driver." He was treated at George Washington University Hospital.

Others injured were John Mills, 1391 Nevada St. N. W.; Stephen Aubinoe, 43, 1240 H St. N. E.; Ramon F. Sahey, 5 years old, 71 L St. N. E.; and Alvin Smith, 32, 1208 Sixth St. N. W.

Hicks By Hix



Hick—That dumb boob won't have a drop left when he gets home. Just look how the construction's a-leakin'!
Richard L. Counts, of 1378 E St. N. E., gets the "berry" today with the thanks of Hix, who got a hearty laugh. Who'll make sober-faced Hix laugh tomorrow for a dollar?