

## Odom Talked Over Mistakes With Turner

Flier Admitted Thompson Race Was for the Strong

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CLEVELAND, Sept. 6—Air race pilots and the management of the National Air Races will meet today to determine whether the famous Thompson Trophy Race, which yesterday cost the life of Bill Odom, round-the-world flier, will ever be resumed with souped-up obsolete fighter planes participating.

Just prior to the event, air race officials indicated that the contest would be held once more. After Mr. Odom crashed Jacqueline Cochran's F-51 Mustang into a home near Berea, O., on the second lap, it was decided that the race pilots should give the answer today.

Just before the race, Mr. Odom spoke to Col. Roscoe Turner, three-time Thompson winner. Mr. Odom had won the Sohio race at a speed of 388.393 miles per hour.

"I made a few mistakes, Rose," he said. "It was my first closed course race and it takes a strong man. I'm not strong. But I'm going to correct those mistakes in today's race."

"He only made one mistake," said Col. Turner later. "That one was fatal. That's usually the case on a fast race of this kind."

Jets Steal Show

As predicted, the jets stole the three-day show. The Indianapolis-to-Cleveland-Allison-National Guard F-80 Jet race winner turned in a record of 594.8 miles per hour. He is Lt. Walter C. Rew of the 196th fighter squadron, California National Guard.

Performance of the piston-engined racers on the first day convinced race officials that the Thompson Trophy Race could be staged at least one more time.

Lack of development and construction money has made it impossible for racing pilots to obtain sponsors who would put up the big money to produce new-type racing planes.

As a result, obsolete World War II fighters have been used. Pilots "souped" them up—and last year—all of the fastest racers were eliminated from the Thompson by mechanical or fuel trouble.

Invade Jets Speeds

Race officials and pilots expressed the opinion that the reciprocal-engine division of the Thompson (the original Thompson) would never be staged again. They decided to give it one more try, however. To their surprise the old wartime planes turned in speeds that previously had belonged to jets only.

F-51 Mustangs and F-22 Corsairs whose top military speed ranged from 300 to 350 miles per hour, began racing across the country and cutting the previous at 396 to 470 miles per hour.

For example Joe DeBona of Beverly Hills, Cal., won the California-to-Cleveland Bendix race in Jimmy Stewart's F-51 Mustang fighter at 470.136. B. W. McIlroy Jr. of Wiloughby, O., won the Tinnerman race at 384.069, in a tuned-up Navy F-22 Corsair powered with a Pratt & Whitney standard reciprocating engine.

Capt. Bruce Cunningham, winner of the Thompson jet race, set a new closed course record for jets with his 586.23. He did 630 on one lap. He is a veteran of nine years in the Air Force.

**Hotel Guest Injured In Second Story Fall**

Henry Hines, 77, of the Craig Hotel, 332 E. Washington St., suffered a fractured leg late Sunday night when he fell from a second floor fire escape in the rear of the hotel.

Police found Mr. Hines and Howard L. Clark, 43, of 1821-8 State St., in the alley behind the hotel on investigating a complaint. Clark was booked for being drunk and Mr. Hines sent to the hospital.

## Odom's Death in Air Classic Stirs Up Protest



Flames devoured the home of Mrs. Bradley C. Laird, Berea, O., after it was struck by the souped-up fighter plane piloted by Bill Odom in the Thompson Trophy Race yesterday. Mrs. Laird was killed, as was Capt. Odom. Her son, Craig, 13 months old, died of critical burns.



Capt. Odom is shown being congratulated by Jacqueline Cochran whose plane he flew to win the Sohio Trophy Race at Cleveland Saturday. It was the first closed race ever flown by the round-the-world flier and long distance flierholder.

**Grill Burglarized For the Second Time**

For the second time in four days the Red Dot Grill, 3802 E. 30th St., was burglarized sometime Monday night and \$30 in and a smaller amount of change cash, a gold watch valued at \$84 and merchandise taken.

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## Third 'Big Blow' Perils Bermuda

### Bolstered by Winds Of 120 Miles an Hour

MIAMI, Fla., Sept. 6 (UPI)—Bermuda was advised to take hurricane precautions today as the season's third big blow drifted menacingly toward the British island accompanied by winds of 120 miles per hour or higher.

At 5 a. m. (Indianapolis time) the Miami Weather Bureau placed the hurricane center about 390 miles south-southwest of Bermuda and some 800 miles off Florida.

The storm's forward movement was extremely slow, estimated at four or five miles per hour. But the whirling blow was picking up both power and size.

### Course Uncertain

Its slow movement made predictions of its course unusually uncertain.

The Weather Bureau described the hurricane as "large and severe."

Strongest winds were estimated at "120 miles per hour or higher" and winds of hurricane force extended 100 miles to the east and 50 miles to the west of the storm center.

Gale winds extended as far as 150 miles from the center, in all directions.

### Woman Reports Attack by Robber

Mrs. Brana Gann, of 245 W. 44th St., told police she was knocked to the sidewalk at 422 St. and Boulevard Place, early today by an unidentified man who snatched her purse.

Mrs. Brana said she was waiting on a bus when the man approached from behind. The purse contained \$1, a bank book and planning a hunting trip, young Tompkins said.

### Elwood Youth Killed By Accidental Shot

ELWOOD, Sept. 6 (UPI)—Jerry D. Wheeler, 16, was killed last night when a gun held by a friend discharged accidentally.

Police said Max Tompkins, 13,

told them he was trying to re-

move a shell from a shotgun

the late night division shift be-

cause of his knowledge of the

locations of the various automatic

signals and call boxes.

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Michigan St.

Despite his unwavering smile

he had advanced through

the ranks from patrolman in

1943.

An expert on Indianapolis traf-

fic, he was placed in charge of

the late night division shift be-

cause of his knowledge of the

locations of the various automatic

signals and call boxes.

His hobbies, his wife, Mae Han-

ley, said, were listening in the

afternoon to baseball games on a

small radio in the kitchen and

just "making friends."

Services at 2 p. m. Thursday in

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Besides his wife he is survived

by a son, Fred S. Hanley, a sister,

Mrs. Mattie Aippersbach, and a

grandson, Jack W. Hanley, all

of Indianapolis.

## Fred L. Hanley Passes Away Two Persons Shot In Accidents

### Suffered Heart Attack in Office

A legend of cheerfulness and charity in the face of overwhelming odds came into being early this morning as Fred L. Hanley, police Gamewell Division operator, died in Long Hospital.

Mr. Hanley, who lived in 1727 Montcalm St., suffered a heart attack in the office of the captain, police headquarters, shortly before reporting for night duty late Saturday.

Sgt. Edward Higgins and members of the emergency squad kept Mr. Hanley alive in the ambulance en route to Long Hospital. He had been unconscious and under oxygen since his entry to the hospital. He was 70.

### Delivered Groceries

Born in Rush County, Mr. Hanley had lived in Indianapolis since early childhood. Before joining the Indianapolis Police Department he delivered groceries in a horse-drawn wagon on the North Side.

"Gov" Hanley, as he was called by his countless friends, was widely known as the happiest man on the force. His whole life seemed devoted to making friends and spreading cheerfulness, they said.

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