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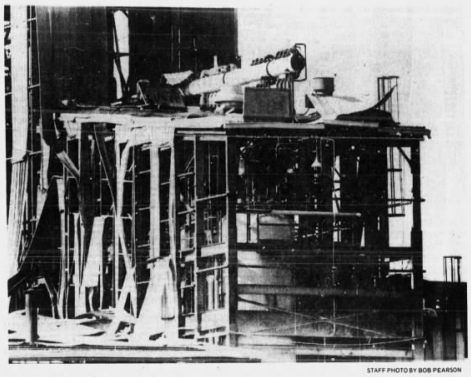

STAFF PHOTO BY BOB PEARSON

An explosion, believed to involve hydrogen gas, caused extensive structural damage at Lincoln's **Archer-Daniels-Midland** plant at 78th and Thayer streets Friday evening.

Explosion damage at ADM plant here is still being assessed

By Bill Kreifel

The full extent of damage sustained in an explosion at Lincoln's Archer Daniels Midland soybean processing plant Friday evening was still being assessed Saturday.

But Jim Yates, ADM's general manager, said, "We just thank the Lord" that no one was hurt. "It could have been very serious."

The blast, which Fire Chief Dallas Johnson and Yates say probably involved hydrogen gases, occurred shortly after 7 p.m. It sheared metal siding from parts of the three-story plant and caused substantial structural and stairway damage to the central portion of the huge facility.

Yates and Johnson said that exactly what triggered the explosion has not yet been determined.

According to the two, no one was seriously hurt in the incident, although one employee suffered a cut but refused medical treatment. The blast shook the Havelock neighborhood in the area of the plant, and windows were broken at the Hurlbut Cycle Shop at 7331 Thayer, according to police.

Johnson said it's believed that the explosion involved hydrogen gas which is a by-product of natural gas used in the process of cracking soybeans to extract and refine their oil. And Yates said extensive damage was done to the plant's computer instrumentation utilized in doing that job.

Yates said that only about 10 percent of the plant was hurt structurally. And while no figure has yet been put on total damage, he said it will undoubtedly run into hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Likewise, Yates says it's too early to tell how soon the plant might be able to resume normal operations, "although it's possible that we might be pretty well geared up again within 30 days."

Johnson, who said the ADM plant has one of the most sophisticated fire protection systems in the state, said about 25 workers were on duty when the incident occurred.

Yates was complimentary of the Fire Department's action in response to the explosion: "their cooperation was super."

Smallpox study expert is found with throat cut

BIRMINGHAM, England (AP) — A world authority on smallpox was found Friday with his throat cut after medical experts reported his laboratory may have been the source of Britain's first case of the disease in five years.

Police said foul play was not involved in the injury to Prof. Henry Bedson, 49, who was found at home by his wife and was hospitalized in critical condition.

Police would not say Bedson's wound was self-inflicted, but colleagues told reporters he had been under "considerable stress."

A regional health department spokesman said a team of four medical detectives stated in a preliminary report Wednesday that Bedson's virology lab, where he led a three-man smallpox research team, might have been the source of the infection.

Macaw back in zoo; court appearance set for woman, 19

A $1,000 blue and gold macaw stolen from the Children's Zoo a week ago has been recovered, and a 19-year-old southeast Lincoln woman was arrested in connection with its theft, according to police.

Detective Kenneth Ideen said officers found the bird in a cage at the woman's home after the department received a tip about its whereabouts. He said the 1-year-old macaw has been returned to the zoo, and the young woman was released to an attorney. She is to appear in court on Tuesday.

Officials had expressed concern about the rare bird's welfare after it disappeared from the Children's Zoo on Aug. 23. They said it needed special care and could not survive in the wild.

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Sunday: Sunny, hot
Sunday's high 92 (33C), low 65 (18C)

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A judge delayed ruling on a motion that the arrest of a man in a murder case should be thrown out **because the arresting officer says the victims ghost told him who to book. Page 3.**

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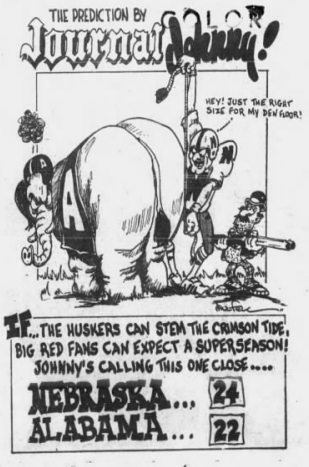

Fair schedule

Sunday, Sept. 3

10:15 a.m.: religious services, Protestant, Open Air Auditorium.

11:45 a.m.: religious services, Catholic, Open Air Auditorium.

1, 7:15 p.m.: Nebraska Czechs Spectacular, Exposition Building.

1 p.m.: tractor pull, Grandstand.

6, 8 p.m.: Kool-Aid Circus, Grandstand.

8 p.m.: Ronnie Milsap, Sports Complex.

Judging

Open Class: 8 a.m., beef cattle, Coliseum; 9 a.m., pigeons, Bird Barn; 2, 7:30 p.m., Appaloosas, Coliseum.

4-H: 8 a.m., market heifers and crossbred steers, 4-H Arena, breeding ewes, market lambs and sheep showmanship, 4-H sheep arena.

Monday, Sept. 4

Watermelons 99¢ ea.
Coke 4 Qts. $1, Mr. B IGA, 27 & Hwy. 2, 48 & Van Dorn.—Adv.

Mideast summit is without assurances

By Barry Schweid

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Carter is opening his unprecedented and politically risky Mideast summit apparently without assurances from either Egypt or Israel that it will succeed.

Neither side has telegraphed in advance the kind of far-reaching compromises that could be translated into a peace treaty.

But U.S. strategists, desperate to crack the dangerous deadlock that has dimmed hopes for peace in the volatile region, are confident the Camp David meeting with President Anwar Sadat of Egypt and Prime Minister Menachem Begin of Israel is a gamble worth taking.

The goal is to try to build the basis for an eventual settlement in which Israel would ultimately yield control over the West Bank of the Jordan River in return for security measures to protect its population centers from Arab attack.

"If they go home and start shouting at each other then, obviously, the summit will have failed," said one of these experts, declining to be identified publicly. "But if there is any significant narrowing of the gap that would leave both sides willing to continue negotiations, Camp David could be called a success."

For Carter, a successful summit could yield bountiful political dividends. The president's political stock could skyrocket if he is able to coax Sadat and Begin toward a settlement of the 30-year-old Arab-Israeli conflict.

Foreign policy successes have a way of blotting out domestic reverses for American presidents.

Setback costly

By the same token, a setback at the summit could cost him dearly. Carter's senior advisers privately acknowledged as much when the summit was first set up and he assumed the role of "full partner" to the negotiations.

Carter's involvement will be complete and conspicuous.

The president is prepared to stay with Sadat and Begin in the seclusion of Maryland's Catoctin Mountains however long it takes to complete the talks. That could be two weeks or longer.

No time limit has been set for the summit. Vice President Walter F. Mondale was instructed Friday to handle most other White House business while Carter is at Camp David.

The president will be flown to the presidential retreat at noon Monday, and will wait there for his guests' arrival late Tuesday. He intends to take part in some of their discussions, but also intends to give them considerable time alone.

"He will put forward his own suggestions when it is useful to do so," press secretary Jody Powell said at a White House briefing here Saturday.

STAFF PHOTO BY WEB RAY

Hail that fell in Malcolm Friday looked like snow along East Road Saturday.

Hail-hit Malcolm hoping for dry weekend weather

By Jana Miller

Malcolm service station owner C.E. Lowrey is hoping for just one thing this holiday weekend — no more rain.

Lowrey and several other Malcolm area residents lost the roofs on their houses Friday night when golf ball-size hail blasted the small Lancaster County community northwest of Lincoln.

The National Weather Service said hail in Malcolm was three inches deep in some places with drifts up to 10 inches deep. Rainfall totaled 1.9 inches, weathermen said. Piles of hail remained in streetside ditches Saturday morning.

Lowrey said the hail stripped the asphalt shingles off his two-story house, leaving the bare wood exposed. Other Malcolm residents reported similar damage, he said, adding that they were having difficulty finding roofers to repair the damage during the Labor Day weekend.

Until the damage can be repaired and

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Success allows time to write, relax

Hard work paying off for Dolly Parton

By Joe Starita

Her blond bouffant, soaring voice and million dollar figure have dipped out of the Smoky Mountains of east Tennessee and into every nook and cranny of America this year.

She's a ratings booster for Johnny Carson, has a headlock on the 12th annual Country Music Association awards, will soon tape a winter TV special with Carol Burnett, does 200 shows a year and is the subject of the October Playboy interview.

And three hours before kicking off 10 days of 1978 Nebraska State Fair entertainment, Dolly Parton sits in her air-conditioned, microwave-covered, stereo-equipped bus, drumming a handful of red fingernails on a countertop, wincing at the thought of how chunky she looked on a Tonight Show rerun she had watched the night before.

"I like doing The Tonight Show," says Ms. Parton. "I'm a big fan of Johnny's, but it seems funny to see yourself on the show. All I could think of watching the rerun last night was how fat I looked."

Fat? If Dolly Parton is fat there is no joy in weight-watcher land for any of us. Dressed in sprayed-on slacks and blouse, she looks like she could do sit-ups in an hourglass without skinning a kneecap.

Without dwelling on the rigors of waking up and wondering if you're in Sioux Falls, S.D., or Sioux City, Iowa, Ms. Parton shifts gears and explains how all the hard work is starting to pay off.

The dividends will come home to roost after Thanksgiving, she says — after two more concerts, after taping another Tonight Show appearance Sept. 12 and the TV special with Carol Burnett and after a month-long tour with Neil Young.

By then Dolly Parton will be able to return to the Smokies and do whatever she wants until April 1, when next year's tour begins.

PHOTO BY TED KIRK

Dolly Parton entertained at the State Fair Friday night.

What she wants to do is a little cooking, stroll through the woods now and then with her dogs, sit on the porch and listen to the crickets and do a lot of writing.

"I really want to keep doing some good music. To do that, you have to keep writing and I love to write."

To write good music, you need time and Dolly says she'll be able to carve six months out of every 12 for reading, writing and relaxing.

"I've been working so hard this last year I haven't really noticed where the time has gone," she says, smiling through a set of perfect ivory that matches her flawless white skin. "But I've enjoyed it. The year has been very profitable and I'm now in a position where I can work six months and be off six."

She's quick to point out that her record company (RCA), her public relations agent and the 22-member entourage that travels with her in three specially equipped buses deserve much of the credit for Dolly Parton Superstar.

"We all love each other and are the best of friends. I've spent years rounding up the best people I could find. I've found them and I think it shows in every concert we do.

"You'll have to excuse me now. I've got to get a LITTLE something to eat before the concert tonight."

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