

## DUTCH BALLOON

7           In Nijmegen in Holland twelve balloons are prepared for a long distance race in which the oldest competitor is eighty-one.

20           The cameraman went with Mrs. Boesman's balloon to record the flight and took some fabulous shots as the basket swings steadily upwards from the Nijmegen Stadium. All was noise near the ground but soon an uncanny silence set in as a Swiss competitor was overtaken.

48           The idea is to follow the drift of the wind currents as far as possible. This balloon had won the contest in 1955 and 1954 but nightfall brought rain and loss of height. Even so when Mrs. Boesman checked the landing place at Bitburg in Germany she had covered 230 k.m. and secured the first prize for the third year running.

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## BALLOON RACE

In the jet age the last thing you expect is balloons. Nevertheless Nijmegen, Holland, held a race, 81-year-old Frenchman Cormier, the oldest competitor. Holland's champion balloonist, Mrs. Boesman, had our cameraman as passenger and soon the stadium, with some of the 12 competitors not yet away, was ~~was~~ far below. There are still old people who remember the days when there wasn't any flying except in balloons. Nowadays it's quite an experience to be suspended in the air, with no sound but a gentle wind blowing through the ~~hmmmm~~ ropes holding the basket. At one stage Mrs. Boesman pointed out the shadow of her balloon on the clouds below. Daylight was going. After midnight heavy rain made the balloon so heavy it was forced down, incidentally over the German border at ~~Bitburg~~ Bitburg; a winning ~~and~~ flight of 143 miles.

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