

YALE STUDENTS, 3 PILOTS DIE IN FLAMING CRASH

16 Others Get Free of Plane At Seattle

Craft Hits Revetment At Boeing Field After Takeoff Against Orders

SEATTLE, Jan. 3.—A chartered plane carrying vacationing Yale students back to school crashed and burned last night, killing 11 students and three crewmen.

The two-engine CD-3 piled into a hangar revetment at Boeing field a few seconds after its takeoff—a takeoff a Civil Aeronautics administration official said was made against control tower orders.

There were 30 aboard when the non-scheduled transport, hired by 27 Washington and Oregon Yale students to take them back to New Haven, Conn., sped down an icy runway at 10 p. m. Sixteen escaped, some badly burned.

R. D. Bedinger, regional administrator of the CAA, said the pilot, William Chavers of Seattle, was warned twice that conditions were "below minimums" required for takeoff. Witnesses said the field was glazed with ice and there was a light fog.

"Both visibility and ceiling were below the minimums required for a takeoff," Bedinger said. "This was told to the pilot when he asked for clearance to taxi for a takeoff. That was tantamount to telling him the field was closed."

Witnesses said the big plane had barely risen from the ground when a wing dipped and scraped the concrete runway. Then the ship tipped the other way, dragged its left wing and veered into a Boeing Airplane Company experimental hangar at 80 to 100 miles an hour, and burst into flames.

Witnesses said they crawled on hands and knees through the flames to reach the door, their hair and clothes afire.

Field attendants and Boeing and United Air Lines employees rushed to the scene to rescue survivors. Others aided passengers leaping from the door.

Some of the victims, too seriously hurt to move after plunging into the concrete runway, lay motionless until helped or carried from danger.

William J. Leland, head of the air charter service which owned the plane, was among those who lost their lives.

The survivors included John Roderick, Seattle, star end of Yale's 1947 football team. He left the crash scene unaided.

An investigation started today. Leon D. Cuddihy, regional director of the Civil Aeronautics Board, said it was too early to determine the cause, but "apparently there was no explosion" before the plane hit. Several witnesses reported it exploded upon striking the revetment.

Although a full night shift was at work in the Boeing hangar, none there was injured. In the hangar was a new Boeing Stratocruiser, loaded with 2,000 gallons of gasoline. It was quickly towed from the danger area.

All Once Left Craft

There were tragic ironies. A passenger, Thomas H. A. Andersen, 19, of Spokane, Wash., said all students left the craft when the field was fogged over.

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Passerby Save Three From Burning Home

PORTLAND, Jan. 3.—A mother and her two small sons were rescued from their burning home today by two passersby who noticed the flames.

Harold Erickson and Walt Clement broke open the front door of a burning house early this morning. Inside they found the occupants—Mrs. Fern Campbell, Peter Campbell, 9, and Duncan Campbell, 4—all asleep.

Cause of the fire was not determined. The flames were extinguished after causing about \$4,000 damage.

Gen. Cowgill's Wife Dies On Wedding Anniversary

PORTLAND, Jan. 3.—Mrs. Mildred Edith Cowgill, wife of Brig. Gen. Ralph P. Cowgill, died yesterday in a hospital here of a cerebral hemorrhage. Her husband was wartime commander of the Oregon state guard.

Her death came on the couple's 36th wedding anniversary.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Among glad words that come to pass,

With New Year's advent, for the consumer class,
None are more glad
Than these in the ad:
You can buy it now for just one-half.

Paul L. Moen Appointed First City Building Inspector Under Budgeted Amount for Current Fiscal Year

Paul L. Moen has been appointed Roseburg city building inspector starting Jan. 1. Announcement of the appointment to fill this position created in the 1948-49 city budget was made today by City Manager Matt Slankard, who stated also that a new building code will soon be ready for presentation to the City Council for final adoption.

Fire Chief Glenn Taylor in the past has served as building inspector, but there has been no recent inspection of electrical and plumbing work by a city inspector. The budget committee last spring set up a figure of \$3600 for this office and wages of an inspector. Since the office was not filled as early as had been expected, any funds remaining in this budget amount at the close of the fiscal year June 30 will revert to the general fund.

Slankard reported the city attorney is drafting a new ordinance replacing the existing old ordinances regulating electrical and plumbing work within the city. Roseburg, he said, is the largest city in Oregon without adequate inspection of such building operations.

Hereafter, before new construction or remodeling is done in the city, a permit will have to be taken out from the office of the inspector for all contemplated work. The inspector's office will be in the recorder's room at the City Hall, said Slankard. The city will operate under the present laws until the new ordinance is adopted.

The new ordinance when presented to the inspector for operation will include the following purposes:

1. To furnish in one ordinance.

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Five-Year-Old Minister Officiates at Wedding

LONG BEACH, Calif., Jan. 3.—A 5-year-old minister officiated at a wedding ceremony today after being married by a five-year-old minister.

The preacher, Marjoe Gortner, who was ordained last October by the Old Time Faith Church, performed the rites yesterday. His father said he has been preaching since he was three. He was assisted at the wedding by his two-year-old brother, Pat.

Married were Raymond Miller, 23, attached to the USS St. Paul, and Alma Brown, 21, Long Beach.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

DISPATCH from Washington

"People on BOTH SIDES of the labor-management fence are predicting that the 81st Congress (the new Congress that is about to assemble) will make the closed shop legal again."

WELL, why not?

What's wrong with a closed shop if both sides voluntarily agree to it in a give-and-take process?

The right to make any (legal) kind of business arrangement you can get the other fellow to agree to is about as fundamental in the modern world as anything can be.

FOR many, many years the closed shop was accepted generally throughout the newspaper industry (or business, whatever one chooses to call the newspaper).

During those years, the newspaper unions said to newspaper employers: "If you'll agree to employ only union members, we'll agree to furnish workers who you need them. We will employ these workers carefully, so that you can be sure of getting good, efficient men. If anything slips and we CAN'T (at the moment) supply well-trained union men, you can go out and hire

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Peace Talk Spreads in China While Nationalist Leaders Ignore Chiang In Efforts to Negotiate With Reds

By HAROLD K. MILLS

NANKING, Jan. 3.—Peace talk, sweeping all China like wildfire, was brought into the open tonight at a dinner given by Gen. Chang Chih-Chung, cabinet member, for several hundred educators and public officials.

(The Shanghai city council openly petitioned the Communists for a cease fire order and discussions of peace. The plea went to Yenan, Communist capital, in a radio message. Other Chinese city and provincial governments were asked by the Shanghai council to join in the peace efforts.)

While the Nanking officials feasted, some Nationalist generals in north China were believed by many sources to be trying to effect a separate peace agreement with the Communists besieging Peiping and Tientsin.

Associates of General Chang, minister without portfolio, said the dinner was "in celebration of efforts toward peace."

Chang declined to discuss politics at the dinner but urged his guests to "forget this situation

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The Weather
Clear and Tuesday except for a few clouds. Low temperature, 20 degrees. Sunset today 4:49 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow 7:46 a.m.

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Demo-Ruled Congress Opens

First Session Sees Political Maneuvering

Sen. Taft Triumphs In Power Test; McKellar Is Senate President

By JACK BELL
WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—The new Democratic-controlled Congress convened today and headed quickly toward a test of President Truman's influence on Capitol Hill.

The issue shaped up from a proposal by Democratic leaders to change House rules and ease the way for controversial labor and social measures—such as Mr. Truman campaigned for—to come to the House floor.

Republicans decided in a pre-session conference to fight the rule change. They hoped to win enough support from Southern Democrats to beat it in a House vote with 262 Democratic members and 171 Republicans. The House has one American-Labor Party member and one vacancy.

The result could be the tip-off on what chance there is for a coalition of Republicans and Southern Democrats to beat some administration measures in the House.

Taft Defeats Revolt
On the Senate side, pre-session maneuvering gave that chamber's "old guard" Republicans a crushing victory over a group of self-styled GOP "liberals" senators.

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Ice, Snow Clutch Oregon; Traffic Warning Issued

(By The Associated Press)
The new year laid a sheath of ice and snow over Oregon today, endangering traffic, closing schools, killing one motorist, and sending the mercury to a season low of 31 below zero at one point.

The icy Oregon Trail highway claimed the life of Leonard J. Felling, 40, "the Dalles, whose car skidded over a 20-foot embankment just east of the Dalles. He died instantly.

Ice and snow blanketed most of the state today. The State Highway Commission looked over frozen roads, and appealed to motorists not to drive anywhere unless it is essential.

Estacada schools did not open this morning. School officials, afraid school buses could not negotiate the slick roads with safety, decided to extend Christmas vacation until a thaw comes.

The highways on both sides of the Columbia river were ice-glazed, and several rural schools in Clark County, Wash., remained closed.

Cold, cold weather was forecast for both today and tomorrow in Oregon. High valleys in eastern Oregon were to have the worst of it. The temperature there was expected to plummet to 10 to 20 below zero at night, and not go higher than 25 above zero even at midday.

Oregon's coldest point today was 31 below—recorded at Quartz Mountain on the Klamath-Lakeview highway. Chemult was 22 below.

Other lows, as reported by the weather bureau this morning: Baker 14; La Grande, 10; Prineville, 7; Madras, 5; Redmond, 4; Meacham, 2; Lakeview, 1; Klamath Falls, Medford 16 above; Eugene 20; Portland 22; Roseburg 25; Salem 26; North Bend 28; Newport 29.

Temperatures of 20 below zero were common in Idaho and East Washington today.

Power Service Halt Due To Break in California

A break in the circuit of the Cooper system in California caused a temporary interruption of power service here this morning. Company officials said the break occurred when an "oil switch" opened up. They explained that an "oil switch" is a large switch capable of breaking a transmission line circuit when opened. They did not know the reason for the opening of the switch nor its location.

'Cycle Crash Kills Navy Man, Native of Eugene

NEWPORT, R. I., Jan. 3.—Mervin G. Atwood, 20, a Navy Electrician Mate 3rd Class, was injured fatally yesterday when a motorcycle he was riding skidded and crashed into a pole.

He died a half hour later in the naval hospital. A native of Eugene, Ore., Atwood was assigned to the destroyer Borde-

Reedsport Youth Drowns, Hunting

The body of 16-year-old Robin Gay of Reedsport was found in Schofield Creek at Reedsport Saturday, after a search had been carried on for him by Coast Guardsmen and state police.

He had been reported missing Friday, when his kayak was found floating empty in the creek. He had gone hunting about 1:30 p. m. Thursday, saying he would return at 3:30 p. m.

When the youth failed to show up, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Gay, and friends started looking for him. It was then the boat was discovered. At that point, it is reported tide-waters are active.

Coast Guardsmen and state police continued to look for Gay Friday, after calling off the search late Thursday night. The youth had been last seen near the Reedsport Lumber Co., about 3 p. m.

Young Gay was a junior in high school and a member of the Reedsport Sea Scouts. He was an only son.

Traffic Crash Sends 2 Men To Hospital

A patient at the Roseburg Veterans Hospital will remember 1948 for the two serious neck injuries he suffered in traffic accidents. State Police Sgt. Lyle Harrell gave his name as Monte W. Guy, 29, who, with Delbert F. Wright, 29, also a Veterans Hospital patient, were in a New Year's Eve highway accident 21 miles north of here.

Sgt. Harrell said that Wright, who was driving the automobile in which both were passengers, suffered a broken shoulder and back injuries. He said the car was proceeding south and went into a ditch about 90 p. m. when it failed to make a curve in the highway.

Coming in the opposite direction was a State Police car driven by Officer Joseph Haystead, recently transferred to Roseburg from Coquille. Haystead swerved to avoid striking the car operated by Wright, Sgt. Harrell said. The police car was struck by a third automobile coming from behind.

Sgt. Harrell said the third car was operated by Douglas Eden of Portland. His car was damaged by its impact with the police car. Neither he nor the officer were injured.

Guy's neck was in a cast from a previous accident, which occurred recently on the Garden Valley Road near the Veterans Hospital entrance. Sgt. Harrell said Guy's neck was broken in that accident when he was riding a motorcycle. His neck received a new break in the New Year's Eve accident. Both he and Wright

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Son Returning to U. S. As Mother Faces Prison

FRANKFURT, Germany, Jan. 3.—Six-year-old Jimmy Ybarbo is returning to the United States tomorrow to live with his aunt. His mother, Mrs. Wilma Ybarbo, of Malden, Mass., is under sentence of 20 years in prison for killing her husband, Sgt. John Ybarbo. She is appealing the sentence.

But little Jimmy will not wait for the outcome of her legal battle. The U. S. Army completed arrangements today for his return to Massachusetts by air.

He will live with Mrs. Ybarbo's sister, Mrs. Ruth Hunt of South Dartmouth, Mass.

Corvallis Youth Killed In Shotgun Accident

CORVALLIS, Ore., Jan. 3.—James W. Heins, 17, route 2, Corvallis, died in a hospital here Sunday, victim of a shotgun blast received in a duck hunting accident Saturday.

The fatal shot was fired by Clarence Venell, 21, route one. The two had started home from hunting, spotted a duck and Heins knelt down to use a duck call.

He then rose up just as Venell fired, the shot hitting him in the back of the head.

Young Heins was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Heins.

U. S. National Bank Purchases Bank of Amity

PORTLAND, Jan. 3.—The United States National Bank of Portland has purchased the Bank of Amity.

Blizzard Takes Toll in Great Plains Region

Crops, Livestock Suffer; Southern California Is Lashed by Heavy Winds

(By The Associated Press)

Truck growers in the Florida everglades surveyed frost wrought damage to their crops today as a whistling blizzard harassed livestock producers over most of the high great plains region.

With reports still incomplete on the extent of the frost and freezing temperatures in Florida Saturday night, it is known to have been heavy in many sections.

Warren O. Johnson, chief of the federal-state frost warning service, said some crops of corn, sweet potatoes, squash and new beans were killed and that lettuce, cabbage and other crops were damaged, some extensively.

The blizzard which came out of the Rocky Mountains into Western Kansas, Western Nebraska and Western Oklahoma last night is of the solid variety which might carry with it a blizzard effect into the citrus fruit belt of the Rio Grande valley and Texas Gulf Coast, said W. M. Percy, federal forecaster at Chicago.

Percy said the heavy snow in the plains would be whipped into drifts by strong winds throughout most of today and that visibility was at or near zero. The winds were lashing along at up to 45 miles an hour in Western Oklahoma, Kansas and Nebraska to as high as 60 miles an hour in the western Dakotas.

Most of the area already had received from one to four inches of new snow. The cold wave is expected to hold temperatures near zero in Western Nebraska, 5-15 above in Western Kansas, and 5-10 above in Northwestern Oklahoma.

Meteorologists Stranded
Snow was falling as far south

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4-Hour Air Trip Here Better Than Ox Team Journey

When Mr. and Mrs. George Goodman went by ox team to their present home on Dawson Creek in British Columbia in 1914, the trip required six months from the nearest major settlement.

Coming to Roseburg for the holiday season to visit with Mr. Goodman's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Richter, they flew from their home to Vancouver, B. C., in four hours. Within a few more months they will be able to travel by modern highway between their home and Vancouver in from eight to ten hours.

When they went into the isolated area in 1914 to homestead rich Canadian land, they traversed hundreds of miles of virgin country and were separated by many miles from their nearest neighbor. The new Alcan highway now runs only a short distance from their farm, where they produce clover seed and grain.

Mr. and Mrs. Goodman will spend several weeks here before returning by plane to their home. A commercial airfield now is located only a few miles from their home.

Good Crops, Increased Production Enable Western Europe to Reduce Request for Marshall Plan Help

PARIS, Jan. 3.—Western Europe can take a 10 per cent cut in United States aid for 1949-50 and still eat better.

This is the gist of a report put out by 19 Marshall plan countries. The information was gathered by the organization for European Economic Cooperation.

These countries are asking Uncle Sam for \$4,347,000,000 for the period July 1, 1949, to June 30, 1950. That is \$28,000,000 less than the current fiscal year.

The report will be used by U. S. officials in asking Congress for additional sums for the European Recovery Program.

Each of the 18 countries put in their own bids. These were studied by the OEEC which cut the individual estimates by \$307,000,000.

Figures the member countries put in called for an average seven per cent increase in the consumption of grain, fat and meat. The OEEC said it would result in a potential saving of \$216,000,000 to the American taxpayer.

Of course, what the OEEC asks, and what Congress appropriates, are well understood here as two

City Council Reorganization Tonight Will See Only One Change in Officials; Sewer Assessment Problem Stated

Reorganization of the Roseburg City Council is scheduled at the meeting tonight at 7:30 p. m. in the council chambers. Mayor Albert G. Flegel and all eight city councilmen will have to be sworn into office, as the election last November covered each position.

Chester C. Morgan, local book store proprietor, is the only new councilman. Elected to this position from Ward 2, Morgan succeeds Hal J. Ayotte. Henry Carstens is the other councilman from that ward. Councilmen from Ward 1 are Frank Ashley and Percy Croft; Ward 3, William J. Adams and John Hart, and Ward 4, George West and Harrison Winston.

Mayor Flegel will announce his appointments to the various council committees. Except for the offices of municipal judge and city manager, all city employees are appointed by the city manager, subject to the council's confirmation.

Important business slated for this first meeting of the new year will be a final hearing on the Kinney's Addition sewer. Several protests were registered as to the method of assessing property holders at the last council meeting. The protests came from owners of abutting property, who claim they are not served by the city sewer.

City Manager M. W. Slankard will have a complete diagram of the area served and other pertinent information to place at the council's disposal in shaping their opinion on assessments.

Commercial Classes For Beginners Slated

Registration for beginners' commercial classes at Roseburg High School is scheduled at 6:45 p. m. Tuesday, Superintendent of Schools Paul S. Elliott reported. The courses, offered by the University of Oregon extension department, will include shorthand and typing.

Although the courses are listed for beginners, Elliott said he understood that those who desire to "brush up" and take additional work may do so in these classes. At the registration period it will be decided what nights each week the shorthand and typing classes shall meet.

Mrs. Robert Irving, graduate of the University of Oregon and commercial teacher of long experience, will instruct the classes. Elliott said he understood that no credits are being offered by the university to students enrolling in these classes.

Five Autos Looted By Prowlers Sunday

Five automobiles in various parts of the city were broken into and rifled of small objects by prowlers Sunday, Chief of Police Calvin Baird reported.

The chief issued a warning that automobile owners should keep their cars locked at all times. He also made the request that the police be notified at once as soon car burglaries are discovered, and to call the police if suspicious characters are seen to be loitering in any neighborhood.

He pointed that speed in notifying the police is an important factor in apprehending car or house prowlers.

George M. Barnard Of Interstate Board Dies

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—George M. Barnard of New Castle, Ind., a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission for more than four years, died suddenly of a heart attack last night. He was 67.

He pointed that speed in notifying the police is an important factor in apprehending car or house prowlers.

W. H. Horning Promoted In Forestry Service

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 3.—Walter H. Horning, for the past two years Northwest regional administrator here for the Bureau of Land Management, has been promoted to head of the bureau's division of forestry with headquarters at Washington, D. C., according to word here.

Horning will be succeeded by Dan Goidy who has been here since July as a special representative of the bureau in expediting operations of Interior Secretary J. A. Krug's new policy on timber sales on O. & C. lands.

One is Robert Marjolin, general secretary of OEEC. He said before he left that the estimates were "rather optimistic." This was due, he said, to good 1948 crops in Europe and increased industrial production.

Most areas asked for more than they got last year. A notable exception was the United Kingdom, the biggest beneficiary on the list. The British asked for \$940,000,000 instead of \$1,263,000,000 allowed for 1948-49.

Others who asked less were Eire, Iceland, and the allied authorities who make up the figures for the Anglo-American zones of Germany and Trieste.



CHESTER MORGAN
Bows Tonight as Councilman