

Searchers Seek Four Missing In Crew Of Ill-Fated Bomber

CUMBERLAND, Md. (UPI)—Searchers struggled through knee deep snow in a desolate mountainous area of western Maryland today in search of four missing crewmen from a Strategic Air Command (B52) jet bomber.

The crewmen bailed out of the plane which was carrying two unarmed nuclear bombs shortly before it crashed in a snowstorm about 40 miles west of here early Monday.

The pilot, Maj. Thomas W. McCormick, 42, of Yawkey, W.Va., made his way safely to a farmhouse about 10 miles from the crash site Monday night and reported he was all right.

McCormick said he thought he was the last of the five crewmen to bail out of the bomber before it crashed with a loud roar. He was reported in satisfactory condition at a hospital here where he was being treated for exposure.

McCormick, who said he was tired and a bit bruised, had no idea where his comrades were.

Still missing are Capt. Parker C. Peeden, 29, Smithfield, N.C., the co-pilot; Maj. Robert L. Payne, 41, Tulsa, Okla., navigator; Maj. Robert E. Townley, 42, Gadsden, Ala., co-navigator and T.Sgt. Melvin Wooten, 27, Rapid City, S.D., the gunner.

Authorities from West Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania joined military officials in searching for the missing crewmen. Officials feared for the safety of the missing men because of the remoteness of the area and because of near zero temperatures.

Two teams of experts on nuclear safety were en route to investigate the crash. One team of six investigators, headed by Col. Charles B. Stewart, USAF director of nuclear safety, flew here from Kirtland Air Force Base in New Mexico to assist in retrieving the nuclear bombs.

The second team, composed of four men and headed by Col. James W. Tisdale Jr., came in from Norton Air Force Base, Calif.

The Army sent a 15-man team of bomb disposal experts from Ft. Meade, Md., and the Air Force sent a rescue team of 35 men from Andrews Air Force Base, Md., near Washington.

The Pentagon emphasized that an ordinary explosion or crash of a plane carrying nuclear

weapons would not touch off a nuclear blast.

The Defense Department said the unarmed nuclear bombs had been found. A spokesman said there was no radiation danger and the bombs were under guard.

The B52 which crashed Monday took off from Westover Air Force Base, Mass., on a return flight to its home base at Turner Air Force Base near Albany, Ga. It lost radio and radar contact with the Washington radar center about 1:40 a.m. Soon after the Maryland state police barracks here was flooded with calls of a plane crash.

The wreckage was spotted by Jesse Green, who lived about three-quarters of a mile from the area on Elbow Mountain near Savage River State Park in Garrett County, Md.

Five troopers and a Maryland road commission snow plow were dispatched to the scene to seal off a 1,500 foot area. However, they had difficulty reaching the wreckage because of the deep snow.

McCormick said he had been walking in the snow and deep underbrush for about eight hours before he reached the home of Robert Warnick.

"It was a real rugged area where I came down," McCormick said. "The snow was two to three feet deep the whole way and the area was heavily wooded."

He said he spotted what appeared to be a light when he came down but was unable to explain why he waited to start for safety until 10:30 a.m.

"I don't know why I waited," McCormick said. "I must have been suffering from slight shock."

"I tried to rig up snow shoes with branches and the line from my chute, but they didn't work out too well."

Monday's crash was the eighth announced involving nuclear weapons since an unarmed bomb was accidentally dropped near Florence, S.C., in March, 1958. The TNT explosion caused no nuclear danger although six persons were injured.

The last previous crash was on March 14, 1961, involving a B52 from Beale Air Force Base in California.

Athletic Budget Due At School Board Meet

Roseburg High School Athletic Director Al Hoffman and other school athletic officials will present an athletic budget for the coming year at Wednesday night's School Board meeting.

Such budgets are presented to the school board, then later brought before the District 4 Budget Committee for a hearing.

A revised budget for the Park School for retarded children will also be discussed at Wednesday night's meeting. The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the school administration office on W. Harvard Boulevard.

Canyonville Lions Promote Projects

Canyonville Lions at their recent dinner meeting discussed the need for community action on two upcoming events and made plans to encourage citizen participation.

According to Mrs. R. E. Proctor, correspondent, the group has been active in promoting interest in the water resources meeting to be held tonight at 7:30 at the Canyonville Youth Center and is also calling attention to the school reorganization election to be held Jan. 21.

On this latter date, the Canyonville and Myrtle Creek school districts will decide whether or not to combine into a single administrative district.

Tonight's water resources meeting will include discussion on both the proposed Tiller dam and the Galesville dam. Corps of Engineer and Reclamation Bureau officials will be present, along with county officials.

Reports from both the eight committee and the Boy Scout committee were heard. The club noted that membership now totals 32, showing the greatest percentage of growth in the zone, Mrs. Proctor reports.

Official Inspection Set For Commandery

An official inspection of the Ascalon Commandery No. 14, Knights Templar of Roseburg, is scheduled tonight at 8 p.m. in the Masonic Temple.

The inspection will be made by Sir Knight Ray E. Allen of Eugene, past grand commander and inspector general of the Grand Commandery of Oregon. Sir Knight Roland G. McBride, eminent commander of Ascalon Commandery is planning the program for the evening. All knights templar are invited, reports Max Cogdill, member of the Public Relations Committee.

George Grimm

George Claude Grimm, 46, former resident of Roseburg, died Friday at a Portland hospital following surgery and after a long period of illness.

Funeral services were scheduled to be held at 1 p.m. today at Jacobson's Family Funeral Home in Portland with interment to follow at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland.

The deceased was erroneously identified as George Claude Graham in an obituary notice in Monday's News-Review. He was an Army veteran of World War II and during the time of his residence in Roseburg was the owner of Grimm's Grocery which was located on SE Jackson St. He was a member of the Laurel and Scottish Rite Masonic lodges, the Odd Fellows, the American Legion and the Elks Lodge, all of Roseburg.

Survivors include two sons, Daniel Royce Grimm and Patrick Claude Grimm, both of Roseburg; and one sister, Mrs. Fletcher (Mildred) Gardner of Eugene.

The family suggests that anyone who wishes to give a remembrance may make a donation in Grimm's name to the local chapter of the American Cancer Society.

Water Survey Report Slated At Canyonville

The long-heralded progress report meeting on Umpqua Basin water surveys is scheduled tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Canyonville Youth Center.

Representatives of the state Water Resources Board, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will be on hand to make reports. Also expected is a report on the recent U.S. Soil Conservation Service's Sutherlin watershed project.

Erie Mouchett

Mrs. Erie Mouchett, 58, former resident of Glendale, died at a nursing home in Springfield Sunday, according to word received in Glendale today.

Mrs. Mouchett was born Feb. 18, 1905, in McHenry, Miss. She moved to Glendale in 1934 and lived there until 1951.

She is survived by her husband Reuben (Ben), of Springfield; one son, Rueben Jr.; one granddaughter; and five sisters, all residing in the south.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the United Presbyterian Church in Springfield. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park in Eugene.

The family suggests that any remembrances be made in the form of contributions to the memorial fund at the United Presbyterian Church.

Riddle Area Station Entered By Burglars

State police are investigating a reported burglary at the Shell Service Station located at the Riddle Junction with Highway Interstate 5.

The station was entered at sometime between midnight and 6 a.m. today. An undisclosed amount of money was taken.

Faulty Chimney Blamed

The Roseburg Rural Fire Department answered a call Sunday morning at the home of Robert Morrison, 2338 SW Castle, to extinguish a wall fire.

Cause of the fire was listed as improper chimney insulation. Damage was estimated at \$50. The house is owned by Albert Keith.

Coin Dealer's Wife Held Up

SHERWOOD, Ore. (UPI)—Two gunmen held up the wife of coin dealer Frank M. Alberts Monday night and escaped with a collection valued at more than \$30,000.

Mrs. Ruth Alberts and her two children were alone in the home about 8:30 when the men walked in, one of them carrying a .45 caliber automatic.

They forced her to open the safe where the coins were kept and then bound her wrists, ankles and mouth with tape and put the telephone out of service by removing the hearing element, police said.

Mrs. Alberts used her teeth to cut the tape and ran to a neighbor's house to call police. The children, watching television in the living room, were not harmed.

Alberts was attending a coin dealers' meeting in Portland.

The gunmen wore white scarves over their faces and apparently knew exactly where the coins were kept, Mrs. Alberts said. Her husband confirmed that they took only the most valuable sets.

He said he had no insurance to cover the loss.

It was the second coin robbery in the Portland area in a week. The home of Lester Halpin, radio station KOLN news director, was entered last week while the family was absent and a \$2,000 collection taken.

Alberts said the coins taken from him included 20 complete sets of Lincoln pennies dated from 1909 to 1940 and a "fairly complete" set of U.S. half dollars dating from 1795. Halpin's collection was of Canadian, provincial and Newfoundland coins.

Thornton Seeks His Fourth Term

SALEM (UPI)—Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton announced today he will seek re-election to a fourth term as Oregon's chief legal officer.

Thornton, 53, a former Tillamook lawyer, legislator and city attorney, was elected attorney general in 1952.

Thornton said that if re-elected he would again press for adoption of his experimental program for the prevention of crime and delinquency which failed to pass the legislature.

Thornton said he expected to make "a forthright campaign to keep the office of attorney general strong and independent, elected by and responsible to the people."

"As head of the State Department of Justice, the attorney general is the people's lawyer," Thornton said.

Thornton, whose actions have sometimes been a thorn to the Republican-dominated Board of Control and Land Board, said in 1960 he blocked the attempted lease of Oregon's beaches and submerged coastlands to one oil company without competitive bidding and without safeguards to protect scenic and recreational features.

Thornton said in 1963 he pushed through a law to provide for supervision of tax-exempt foundations and trusts.

Also in 1963, Thornton said, he was one of the chief architects of Oregon's new subdivision control law directed at putting an end to the sale of remote lands at inflated prices.

Labor Report Shows Jobless Aren't Necessarily Loafers

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The typical unemployed American is not a good-for-nothing loafer who would rather live off jobless benefits than hold down a steady job.

This was one of the major conclusions reached today in a special Labor Department study-in-depth of nearly 10 million persons who were out-of-work for a month or more in 1961.

The first detailed survey of the unemployed ever conducted in the United States indicated that the jobless, as a rule, were less educated than the average worker and more likely to be in less skilled, lower paying occupations.

It also showed that the average amount of unemployment compensation received by these workers in 1961 was about \$275, or 12 per cent of their average annual income of \$2,300. Millions of them had to withdraw hundreds of dollars in savings or borrow \$300 or more that year to meet living expenses, the report said.

Glide Board Gets Report On School

During the regular Glide School Board meeting Monday night, Supt. Donald Fluke gave a report on the first few days of operation of the new grade school building, which was occupied for the first time Jan. 2.

At the same time, plans were made to put a thick layer of wood shavings on the grounds around the school to allow for a play area.

Supt. Fluke also reported a rise in absences among both pupils and teachers because of influenza.

In board action, a new custodian was hired for the high school. He is Diebert Johnson.

The next board meeting will be Jan. 27.

Casts Different Light

In commenting on the report, Labor Department analyst Robert L. Stein said these new facts make it more difficult to "cling to extreme positions" about the unemployment problem even though there was still room for wide differences in interpretation of the statistics.

"The unemployed were found to be a very diverse group of workers with significant variations in financial resources, need for work, attachment to the labor force, and qualification and prospects for steady employment in the future," Stein said.

"In general, they cannot be regarded as personally responsible for their own difficulties, unwilling to accept suitable jobs, more or less voluntarily unemployed and only casually interested in an occasional job," he added.

Parolee Is Ordered Returned To Prison

Donald Thomas Cantrell, 21, Dallas, has been committed to the Oregon Correctional Institution by order of Circuit Court Judge Charles S. Woodrich as a probation violator.

Cantrell, convicted of forgery on a plea of guilty June 13, 1962, was sentenced at that time to 18 months in the correctional institution, but execution of sentence was suspended and he was placed on probation for three years.

Reasons for revocation on recommendation of the district attorney and his probation officer were that he had not complied with his probation terms by committing forgery in Benton County.

Files For Bankruptcy

Paul Arnold Fugate of 1300 W. First Ave., Sutherlin, has filed for bankruptcy in U.S. District Court in Portland. The Sutherlin millworker reports debts totaling \$2,314.93.

Influenza Incidence Shows Gain In County

Douglas County during the first week of January ranked high in the numbers of reported cases of influenza, according to the Oregon Communicable Disease report.

Only three counties reported more than the 37 listed for Douglas County. They were Multnomah with 79, Clackamas with 51 and Yamhill with 43.

The fear of a measles epidemic still had not materialized, but appears to have moved from Lane to Coos county. Coos reported a total 96 reported cases for the week. Douglas County had four, and Lane county's figure had dropped to four new cases.

Frank Albro

Frank Henry Albro, 74, Winchester, died Monday evening. He was born May 11, 1889, at Cow Creek, Ore., was a veteran of World War I and had lived in the Winchester area for the last four years. He is a lifelong resident of Douglas County.

He was married Aug. 22, 1920, at Roseburg to Edna Ellen Williams. Albro was a member of Masonic Lodge 202 of Sweet Home.

Surviving are his wife of Winchester; three daughters, Mrs. Courtney (Alice) Muetzel of Winston, Mrs. Gilbert (Bethel) Horkey of Farwell, Neb., and Mrs. Maury (Arbutus) O'Connell of Sutherlin; a son, Chauncey with the U.S. Air Force at Baker; 14 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services are scheduled Thursday morning at 11 at the Long & Shukle Memorial Chapel. The Rev. Donald Smith of the Westside Christian Church will officiate. Ritualistic services will be conducted by Roseburg Laurel Lodge 13, AF & AM. Vault interment will follow at the Roseburg Memorial Gardens.

Garage Fire Doused

Firemen from the Roseburg City Fire Department answered a call Sunday at the home of F. A. Carter, 1237 SE Cobb St., to battle a garage fire.

Reports indicate that the possible cause of the fire was a wood stove in the garage which was left burning. Damage to the building and its contents was estimated at \$750.

Driver Blames Sleep For Loss Of Control

Hubert John Willis, 56, of Rt. 4, Box 1028, was on his way home from work at U.S. Plywood mill at 1:25 a.m. today, when, he told city police, he must have gone to sleep.

His car, traveling west, left the street at W. Harvard Blvd. at W. Ball Street. It struck a power pole of Pacific Power & Light Co., then traveled about 50 feet and turned over in the westbound lane of traffic.

Willis was cited by police for violation of the basic rule (control).

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Women's Gym Classes To Start Wednesday

Gym classes for women will begin at 8 p.m. Wednesday at Douglas High School with Inga Douglas as instructor. There will be no charge and all interested women are invited. The hour-long exercise period will be held on a weekly basis, according to Phebe McGuire, Winston correspondent. Music will be provided to accompany the exercises, Mrs. McGuire said.

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