

Passenger Plane Crash In Texas Kills 34!

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Ship Goes Down Like Meteorite

BUFFALO, Tex. (UPI) — A Lockheed Electra plane, bound from Houston to New York, exploded in the air late Tuesday night, sailed across the sky like a flaming meteor and crashed in a scrub oak thicket.

All 34 persons on board — six crew members and 28 passengers — were killed. They were bound for Dallas, Washington and New York. Recovery crews found bodies and parts of bodies hanging from the oaks.

A state Department of Public Safety patrolman thought the falling Braniff International Airways plane was a meteor as it fell.

A man and his wife, who live near where the main body of the wreckage fell, heard debris falling in the yard and then the impact and blast of the wreckage hitting the ground.

"Wreckage, bodies and mail are scattered over an area a mile square," B. H. Pickens, 49, who runs a feed store at Buffalo said. "There are just pieces of bodies. I had just gone to bed (when the plane crashed)."

"I raised up and saw a light in the east and heard a terrible explosion. I thought maybe he had hit the ground, but the wreckage looks like it exploded in the air. It must have happened in the air, because it blew all over the countryside."

Looked Like Meteor

The Texas Department of Public Safety said one of its patrolmen also thought the plane exploded in the air. He thought at first it was a flaming meteor going down.

The Civil Aeronautics Bureau ordered four men, headed by John Zirochi of its Miami office, to investigate the crash. In view of the explosion-in-air reports, it was understood that they will look for signs of sabotage.

Set Booster Meeting At Imbler Hall

IMBLER (Special) — Pleasant Grove Grange is holding its "Booster Night" meeting Saturday evening at the grange hall. There will be a potluck supper at 6:30 and a short program will follow. Guests for the evening will be the FFA judging team of Imbler High School, the faculty and their families. This is an open meeting and the public is invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Gibson of Brinton, Calif., are here visiting her mother, Mrs. Della Rollins, and other relatives. Sunday they drove to Moses Lake, Wash., taking Mrs. Rollins and Miss Ruby Rollins with them to visit Mr. and Mrs. Pete Havakost and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Cantrell have moved into their new home south of Imbler. They have been doing extensive remodeling to the house and building new mink pens and sheds.

Young George McDonald met with an accident while at play on the school grounds Monday afternoon. He suffered a broken arm. He was taken into town to the doctor. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harley McDonald of Pumpkin Ridge.

Eight Pupils Die When Bus Is Hit

BARK TAKEN FROM DOG

LONG STRATTON, Eng. (UPI)—Miss Mary Helen Grace said Tuesday she would submit her prize-winning Cocker Spaniel to a "de-barking" operation rather than give them up.

Miss Grace, who raises cockers, was fined five pounds (\$14) after three neighbors complained the dogs were making too much noise.

Miss Grace had pleaded innocent but she was fined anyway and the judge reminded her she was liable to a penalty of two pounds a day while the barking continued.

Miss Grace said she had consulted a veterinary surgeon who told her about a new operation for "de-barking" dogs.

COOPER, Tex. (UPI) — A truck heavily loaded with salt crashed into a busload of Texas junior high school children on a curve Tuesday night, killing eight and injuring 20.

The victims included Mount Vernon Junior High School Principal Jack Henry, 45, and his son, Billy Max Henry, 11. Henry was driving the bus on a football trip. Also killed outright were Mrs. Melba Meeks, a teacher at the Mount Vernon school; and three students, Zach Taylor, 12; Kenneth Hightower, 14; and Rex Weatherford, 12, all of Mount Vernon.

Two girls, Audrey Turner, 12, and Juaquita Rainey, 12 or 13, died later at a Cooper hospital.

Lex Weatherford, Rex Weatherford's identical twin, was injured. "There's a bunch of broken noses, bones, and cuts," highway patrolman Max Womach said. "The seats all tore loose when they hit."

DEADLY DISEASE TOLL UP

NEW YORK (UPI) — Thirteen persons are dead in New Jersey of a highly fatal virus disease whose outbreak is so rare that New York City health authorities said they would consider one case an epidemic.

A total of 23 cases of eastern equine encephalitis (EEE) have been reported in six southern New Jersey counties, most of them in children.

About 75 per cent of infected persons are expected to die, and most who survive will be permanently impaired in mind or body.

At least four state departments have joined local health authorities in attempts to destroy the mosquitoes which carry the virus from infected birds to horses and men.

One community has declared itself in a state of emergency with three suspected cases. Panicky residents have kept children home from school inside screened houses, or have fled to other areas.

Resort hotels booked solid for two coming week ends of Jewish holidays have reported mailbags full of cancellations even though some are as much as 10 miles from the nearest reported case.

Gov. Robert B. Meyner has said the situation is "serious" but has warned against "undue alarm."

Can the deadly disease be expected to break out in other communities? Theoretically, yes. But medical history and local health authorities say not likely.

'Gracie' Ebbing; 2nd Blow Builds

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (UPI) — Tropical storm Gracie, weakened but still a flood threat, moved up the eastern seaboard today, after spreading death and widespread damage through the Carolinas and Georgia.

Gracie was barely getting out of the way ahead of her sister, Hannah, a storm that had built up a 100-mile an hour punch in the Atlantic 900 miles east of Palm Beach, Fla.

Two deaths were directly attributed to Gracie's power, which reached 140 miles an hour at the height of the blast Tuesday. Ten others were indirectly caused by the storm. They included two persons washed off a fishing jetty by a huge wave, seven traffic deaths on rain soaked roads and one traffic fatality when a car hit a fallen tree.

A weather advisory this morning said Gracie would sweep through North Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia during the day, accompanied by heavy rain, and would swing into south-central Pennsylvania Thursday morning.

Western and central Pennsylvania could expect a deluge of rain tonight and low areas were cautioned of a flood threat.

Winds from the storm, which swept into Charleston, S.C. Tuesday with a blast of 125-140 miles an hour, were down to 35 miles an hour and were considered no threat to life or property.

Two Towns Still Isolated South Carolina took the brunt of Gracie's power. The communities of Walterboro and Beaufort still were isolated this morning.

State Civil Defense Director Charles B. Culbertson and Deputy Director A.V. Thomas left Columbia by helicopter to inspect the areas.

Beaufort sent a radio message to Red Cross Headquarters that 3,000 persons still were housed in emergency shelters there. About 300 national guardsmen were on duty at the coastal town.

At 8 a.m. p.m., hurricane Hannah's highest winds were 100 miles an hour near the center and hurricane force winds were 80 miles ahead of the storm and 25 miles to the south of it.

During the next 12 to 24 hours, Hannah was expected to continue toward the west-northwest at about 12 miles an hour with little change in size or intensity.

Hannah was following in general the path of its predecessor.

Plan Ear Tests For Students

Oregon State Board of Health workers are in La Grande today to prepare a series of ear testings for all grade school youngsters tomorrow.

All Union County grade schools are included in the testing program, according to Barbara Beaver, state health official.

She stated that the national and state averages disclose that four per cent of school children have a hearing defect. The test planned for the county throughout the month of October will reveal any hearing deficiency. Children with hearing losses are referred for medical treatment.

The testing program tomorrow will begin at 8:30. All schools have been notified of this program, it was stated.

Imbler FFA Boys Receive Recognition

IMBLER (Special)—Members of the Imbler chapter of Future Farmers of America received Greenhand and Chapter Farmer Degrees at county-wide initiation ceremonies at La Grande High School.

The ceremonies were conducted by state officers of the Oregon FFA.

Three Degrees The Greenhand Degree is granted to any boy enrolled in vocational agriculture, has \$25 invested in a project, and is familiar with the FFA. The boys who received the Greenhand Degree were Darrell Gorham and Leland Fries of Summerville, and Galon Clipston of Imbler.

The Chapter Farmer Degree is granted to boys who are enrolled in vocational agriculture, and have \$50 invested in a project and are able to lead a discussion for 15 minutes.

The Chapter Farmer Degrees were granted to Fred Behrens of Summerville; Wayne Brookshier, Albert Johnson, and Carl Johnson, all of Imbler.

Steelman, Union Chiefs Agree To Ike 'Strike Break' Attempt

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Both sides in the deadlocked steel dispute agreed under President Eisenhower's personal urging today to resume negotiations immediately.

The President promptly issued a statement expressing hope that an "agreement can be initiated" before he returns next week from his California vacation. Union leaders said they hoped they could report a settlement to the President tonight.

Eisenhower won the agreement after conferring first with industry leaders and then with United

Steelworkers' President David J. McDonald and other union officials. McDonald informed the White House shortly after leaving there that negotiations, which were broken off by the union last Friday, would be resumed in a downtown Washington hotel in an effort to end the 78-day strike.

McDonald said he told the President he hoped he could send him a message tonight that an agreement had been reached.

Industry leaders promised the President to do their best to achieve "a negotiated settlement."

Eisenhower issued a three-paragraph statement a half hour after his meetings with the union and management leaders. He said: "In view of the mounting impact of the strike on our nation's

economy and on the jobs of hundreds of thousands of Americans, I sincerely hope that an agreement can be initiated before my return to Washington next week. "The purpose of the talks today was to help bring about a voluntary settlement of the steel strike which will be fair and just to all parties involved, including the public. I am persuaded that this is the kind of settlement that the American people want. It is the only kind that would be good for all Americans and for our whole economy."

White House News Secretary James C. Hagerty told newsmen that the President "was quite firm in his expressions to both sides."

Portland Man Reports Theft Of Deer Gun

A Portland man reported the theft of a rifle, from his parked car, to La Grande police last night.

C. L. Masters told police that a 30.06 rifle, with scope and case, was taken from his car between 5:30 and 6:10 yesterday evening. Masters' car was parked near the corner of Jefferson and Chestnut Streets.

The rifle had a walnut stock with a deer head carved on the right side with the name "Tex" engraved between the horns. It was equipped with a four-power Texan scope and was in a brown leather case.

The rifle was valued at \$350, police said.

Searles In Resignation From Force

The resignation of officer Gaylen E. Searles from the La Grande police department was announced today by Chief Oliver Reeve.

Searles, who has been with the department for more than two years, plans to enroll at Eastern Oregon College to work on a degree in sociology. After completing a year's work at EOC, he will transfer to the University of Oregon at Eugene.

Searles' letter stated he left the department with regret but planned on returning to police work when he completed his studies.

Chief Reeve expressed regret at losing an experienced officer and stated that he found Searles to be a very efficient policeman during the period he was a member of the force.

Beginning Russian Course Offered At EOC Here

Beginning Russian, a University of Oregon course, will be offered in La Grande through the General Extension Division, according to Charles Ivie, regional representative.

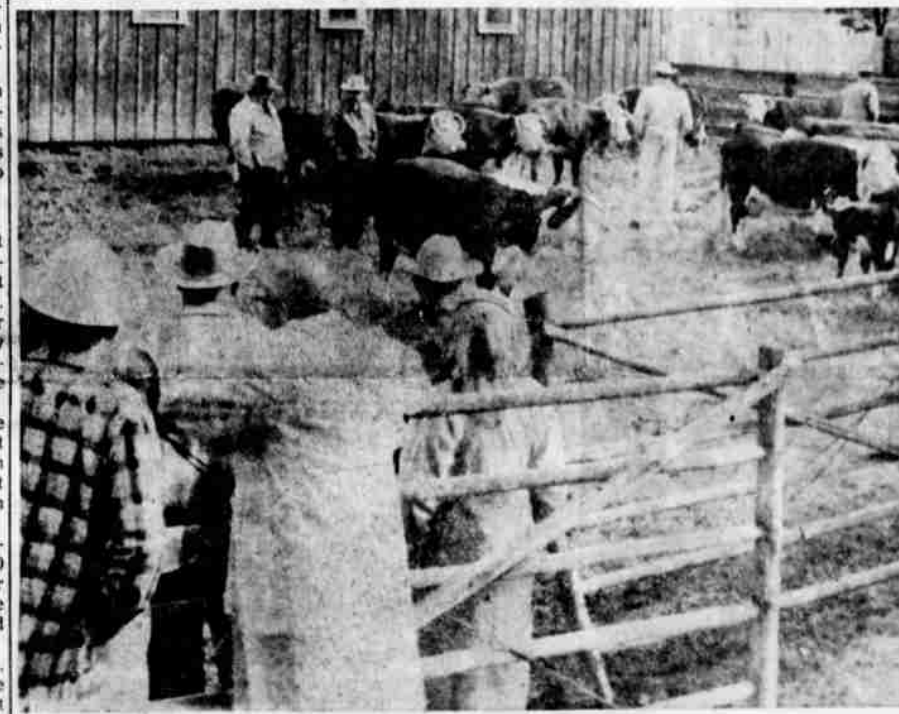
Registration is scheduled for Oct. 7, at 7 p.m. The class will be conducted by Mrs. Lamoreaux of Enterprise. The class is scheduled to meet twice a week in room 23 of the administration building on the Eastern Oregon College campus.

Anyone interested should contact the regional office of General Extension located on the college campus.



PLENTY OF FOOD FOR EVERYONE

The "chuck wagon stop" on the Hereford tour yesterday was one of the highlights of the day. Here we see hungry tourists filling their plates at the Henry Heyden place where wives of Hereford breeders had prepared lunch. From left are Mrs. Dale Standley, Pete Ramey, Glenn McKenzie, Ted Sidor, Mrs. Glenn McKenzie and Harley McDonald. (Observer Photos)



AFTER LUNCH—This photo shows a portion of the Henry Heyden brood herd. The Heyden place, north of Island City, was the "chuck wagon stop." Union, Baker and Umatilla counties were represented on the tour.



LOOKING OVER THE STOCK—Roy Baker, Cove, left, and Jim Huber, Union County extension agent, look at Arthur Dhu 10th, owned by Henry Heyden. The bull is being used to sire replacement heifers and sale bulls for Heyden.

DOW JONES AVERAGES
Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 631.68, off 8.42; 20 railroads 157.40, up 0.27; 15 utilities 87.91, up 0.15, and 65 stocks 212.44, off 1.56.

WEATHER
Clearing and colder tonight; mostly sunny Thursday; low tonight 26-32; high Thursday 56-62.

Cuban Press Launches Attack Against Fidel Castro Regime

HAVANA (UPI)—Premier Fidel Castro was under an unprecedented heavy attack from major independent Havana newspapers today for his denunciations of the Cuban press and newsmen who criticized his regime.

It was the first time since Castro led his revolutionary forces into power last Jan. 1 that the press has openly taken such strong exceptions to his remarks.

The war of words was touched off by Castro's criticisms during a long nationwide television appearance Monday night.

There were rumors that the Havana newspaper Diario de la Marina would suspend publication because of the attack by Castro. But spokesmen said the newspaper would publish today and carry a full reply to the Castro charges.

Tired Of Threats In a preliminary reaction, the newspaper termed the Castro attack as "representative of Cuba's worst interests." And in an editorial prepared for publication, it said "we are tired of so many threats, so much intolerance and so many gratuitous accusations and unjustified charges."

It said press freedom existed in Cuba but it was a "very special freedom." It said there were no censors and no agreement by the newspaper not to criticize the Castro government, but it added: "You should know by now that there are two big and shameful facts that damage the freedom of press in our country."

One, it said, was public figures saying one thing publicly and another privately because of "fear and adulation."

"Therefore," Diario de la Marina said, "in Cuba and abroad there are very few who believe

there is complete and full freedom of the press in Cuba."

The newspaper Avance also delivered a strong reply in Tuesday's editions. Castro has accused the newspaper of "working in a suspicious manner" and fomenting anti-revolutionary rumors.

Columnist Augustin Tamargo in an open letter told Castro the charges were "ridiculous and so lacking in foundation" he had to hear them twice before being convinced that the Premier had actually made them.

Limbs eight inches thick broke from trees. They crashed onto roof and car tops, across side-

walks and streets. Power and telephone lines went down all over town. Unpruned shrubbery was flattened.

In the high Rockies, snowslides and snowfalls of as much as 18 inches closed roads. Fraser, Colo., had 24 inches of snow on the ground Tuesday night.

Several mountain areas started up chair lifts and rope tows, as winter sportsmen showed up for their earliest crack at the ski slopes in recent memory.

Highway crews opened a mountain road west of Denver in time for Mrs. Thomas Holbrook, 28, to give birth to a son in a city hospital.

Snowstorm Creates Damage In Denver

DENVER (UPI) — Students eyed ski slopes on the western horizon today, dog tired repairmen were still busy restoring electric service and traffic signals, and homeowners assessed shrub, tree and roof damage which may exceed seven million dollars in Denver, which was caught unprepared for 10.6 inches of heavy, wet snow.

The storm began in the early hours Tuesday. By dawn, every tree and bush in the city drooped beneath the weight of clinging snow.