

Weather

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	50	34	.01
Portland	50	34	.02
San Francisco	54	43	.00
Chicago	42	34	.43
New York	42	31	trace

Willamette River -1.0 feet.

FORECAST (from U. S. Weather Bureau, McNary Field, Salem): Cloudy with rain until this afternoon becoming snow by evening. High today, 48 to 50, low tonight 40 to 42. Temperature at 12:01 a.m. was 41 degrees.

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History's Costliest Plane Wreck Kills 84 in Washington

Ike Drafting Major Speeches, to Talk With Key Officials

By MARVIN ARROWSMITH
NEW YORK (AP)—President-elect Eisenhower will meet Monday with four key officials of the new administration and representatives of an organization created to alert America to the threat of Communism.

Eisenhower headquarters Saturday announced plans for the conference as aides reported that the general has started drafting two major messages which will set forth in general outline his domestic and foreign programs.

The first is the speech the President-elect will make inauguration day, Jan. 20.

The other is the state of the union message he will give to Congress shortly after he takes office. He probably will go before the lawmakers to deliver that message personally.

The inauguration speech is likely to deal mainly with Eisenhower's general philosophy of government and the broad objectives of the first Republican administration in 20 years. The message to Congress will contain his legislative program.

On Monday Eisenhower will lunch at his Commodore Hotel headquarters with members of the Committee on the Present Danger, headed by Dr. James B. Conant, president of Harvard University.

Sitting in with Eisenhower and Conant will be John Foster Dulles, secretary of state-designate; Herbert Brownell, who will be attorney general; Harold E. Stassen, director of the Mutual Security Agency in the new administration; and Roger M. Kyes, general secretary executive, whose selection as deputy secretary of defense was announced by Eisenhower. Kyes will represent Charles E. Wilson, the secretary of defense-designate, at the conference.

Also scheduled to attend are Gen. William (Wild Bill) Donovan, who headed the Office of Strategic Services during World War II, and Tracy M. Voorhees, New York attorney.

James C. Hagerty, Eisenhower's press secretary, said that Dulles, Stassen, Donovan and Voorhees are members of "The Committee on the Present Danger."

The committee was organized two years ago to alert Congress and the general public to the threat of Communism, both at home and abroad, and to spur military preparedness. Hagerty said the conference will deal with those subjects.

The committee, which describes itself as a non-partisan organization, has about 50 members throughout the country.

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Hubbard Youth Killed as Car, Train Collide

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
HUBBARD — Dwight Marcus Connelly, 16, Hubbard Avenue 1, was killed when the northbound Shasta Daylight struck the car he was driving at a Canby grade crossing shortly before midnight Friday.

The train hit the rear of the car, dragged it 76 feet and demolished it. The boy's body was thrown 112 feet.

Connelly, a junior and honor student at Canby High School, had just dropped the car keys at their homes in Canby and was en route to his own home in the Hawthorne district. They had been attending the Willamette Valley League basketball jamboree at Molalla High School.

The victim was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Connelly who live east of Hubbard. He had lived in this area the five years.

State police said Connelly apparently failed to heed the wig-wag signal which was in operation.

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Panty-Maker Convicted on Piracy Charge

By JOHN RODERICK
TANGIER, International Zone, Morocco (AP)—A U. S. consular court sentenced a nylon panty manufacturer from Jersey City Saturday to three years imprisonment in a high seas piracy case—the hijacking of \$100,000 worth of American cigarettes from a Dutch vessel.

Sidney H. (Nylon Sid) Paley, 32, who said he hates the sight of the sea and is frightened by guns of any sort, was convicted of helping mastermind the armed attack on the 300-ton Dutch motorship Combatic in the Mediterranean off Spain Oct. 4.

Consular Judge Milton J. Helmick returned the verdict in the case, the Barbary Coast's first reported piracy since World War II and the first ever to be handled by an American consular court.

Overruling his two civilian associates, Judge Helmick found Paley guilty on two counts of aiding and plotting the piracy with a fugitive New York adventurer, Elliott Forrest, 29.

Forrest was named as the leader of the attack, staged by six hooded men with machineguns from the chartered motorship Esme.

Although Paley took no part in this action, the law holds him equally responsible. Judge Helmick sentenced him to three years on each count, but ruled the sentences should be served concurrently.

Judge Helmick's civilian associates in the court—Thomas Greenish of Mackay Radio and Charles Lichtensteiger, a banker—dissented. Although this did not alter the judge's verdict, it automatically appealed the case to the American minister here.

There is some confusion now whether it will be reviewed by the successor to John Carter Vincent, suspended as minister to Tangier by the State Department, or the next in command in the ministry.

Vincent was suspended Dec. 15 after a Loyalty Review Board ruled that "there is reasonable doubt as to his loyalty." The State Department summoned him home.

Under rules governing consular courts, the minister has three choices. He may uphold the sentences, call for a new trial or retry the case himself.

Aumsville Marine Wounded in Korea

An Aumsville Marine, PFC Billy J. Webb, was wounded in action in Korea, the U. S. Department of Defense announced Saturday.

The dispatch listed Webb as brother of Mrs. Bobbie L. Dunham, Aumsville Route 1, Box 185.

Dog Fails in Try To Swim Channel

CALAIS, France (AP)—A dog tried to swim the English channel Saturday but had to give up.

It followed its master aboard the Dover-bound mail steamer and was chased off because the French owner knew his pet would not be allowed to land in England.

When the steamer drew away the dog sprang into the water swimming strongly in its wake.

It was picked up, exhausted, by a fishing boat more than a mile from the shore. Saturday night it was back in Calais, tied up awaiting its master's return.

Services for Justice Hay Set Monday

Services for Justice Arthur D. Hay of the State Supreme Court, who died Friday afternoon following a heart ailment, will be held Monday at 2:30 p.m. in St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

The Rev. George H. Swift will officiate and interment will be at Belcrest Memorial Park. The casket is to be open to friends until 1:30 p.m. Monday in the Clough-Barrick Chapel.

Honorary pallbearers will include supreme court justices James T. Brand, George Rossman, Hall S. Lusk, Walter L. Toozee, Earl Latourette and Harold Warner, and Arthur S. Benson, supreme court clerk.

Active pallbearers are Gene Vandeneynde, Duane Gibson, Theodore Brabec, Wallace Carlson, Harvey Shafer and Charles H. Heltzel.

Flag on the supreme court building was at half mast Saturday.

Besides his widow, Edith Mary Hay, he is survived by two sons, John N. Hay, member of a Portland law firm, and Douglas Hay, Salem Municipal Judge, and a brother, Ralph Hay, London.

Stayton Area Home Burns

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
WEST STAYTON—The residence of Lester Dowe, located south of Stayton on the Stayton-Marion Road, burned to the ground Saturday while most of the family was Christmas shopping in Salem.

Cause of the fire was laid by Stayton firemen to a newly installed circulating heater which overheated. The one-story frame house, just recently remodeled, was to be uninsured.

Mrs. Dowe and four children, including a son home on furlough from the Army, his wife and small child were shopping leaving two school-age children and one two-year-old child at home. None of the home's furniture was saved from the blaze. No one was injured.

MORE KOREA CASUALTIES
WASHINGTON (AP)—The Defense Department Saturday identified 60 Korean War casualties in a new list No. 714 which included 13 dead, 42 wounded, two missing and three injured.

Clouds Mark Winter Debut

The first official day of winter today in the Salem area was slated to be one of cloudiness and showers, according to predictions by officials of the U. S. Weather Bureau at McNary Field.

Highest temperature Saturday was recorded at 50 degrees with a low at 34. Similar temperatures were expected for today. The statewide forecast indicates a new storm is heading toward the mainland from the Pacific with continued precipitation expected.

The Highway Department continues its advice for all motorists to carry chains when travelling to the mountainous passes surrounding the Willamette Valley.

Brodie Siamese Twin Said Responding Well

CHICAGO (AP)—Rodney Dee Brodie, the Siamese twin the surgeons gave the best chance to survive, perked up considerably Saturday, grabbed for a yellow rubber lamb and asked "What is this?"

In an adjoining bed, his brother, Roger Lee, remained in the deep coma he has been in since the 15 months old head - joined twins were separated in a 12 hour and 40 minute operation Wednesday.

"Roger certainly will be in the miracle class if he pulls through," a spokesman said.

A hospital bulletin Saturday night gave the most encouraging report on Rodney since the operation.

"Rodney — is responding well. There may be some definite indication tomorrow whether he can be taken off the critical list."

"Roger — still very precarious." The spokesman said if it were not for the fact that a portion of Rodney's brain is exposed, he might be considered "making good progress."

During the operation doctors found only a single brain drainage vein serving both twins. They gave it to Rodney because he was the

stronger and deemed most likely to survive.

Doctors said the operation deprived portions of Roger's brain of an adequate vascular blood system — probably accounting for the long period of unconsciousness.

The vital brain centers controlling heart beat and breathing still are functioning, however.

In Greenwood, Miss., four-month-old Siamese twins, joined at the head in almost the same manner as the Brodies, died Saturday.

Although still on the critical list, Rodney was more alert Saturday than at any time since the operation. He smiled more, talked a little, and played patty-cake with his nurses.

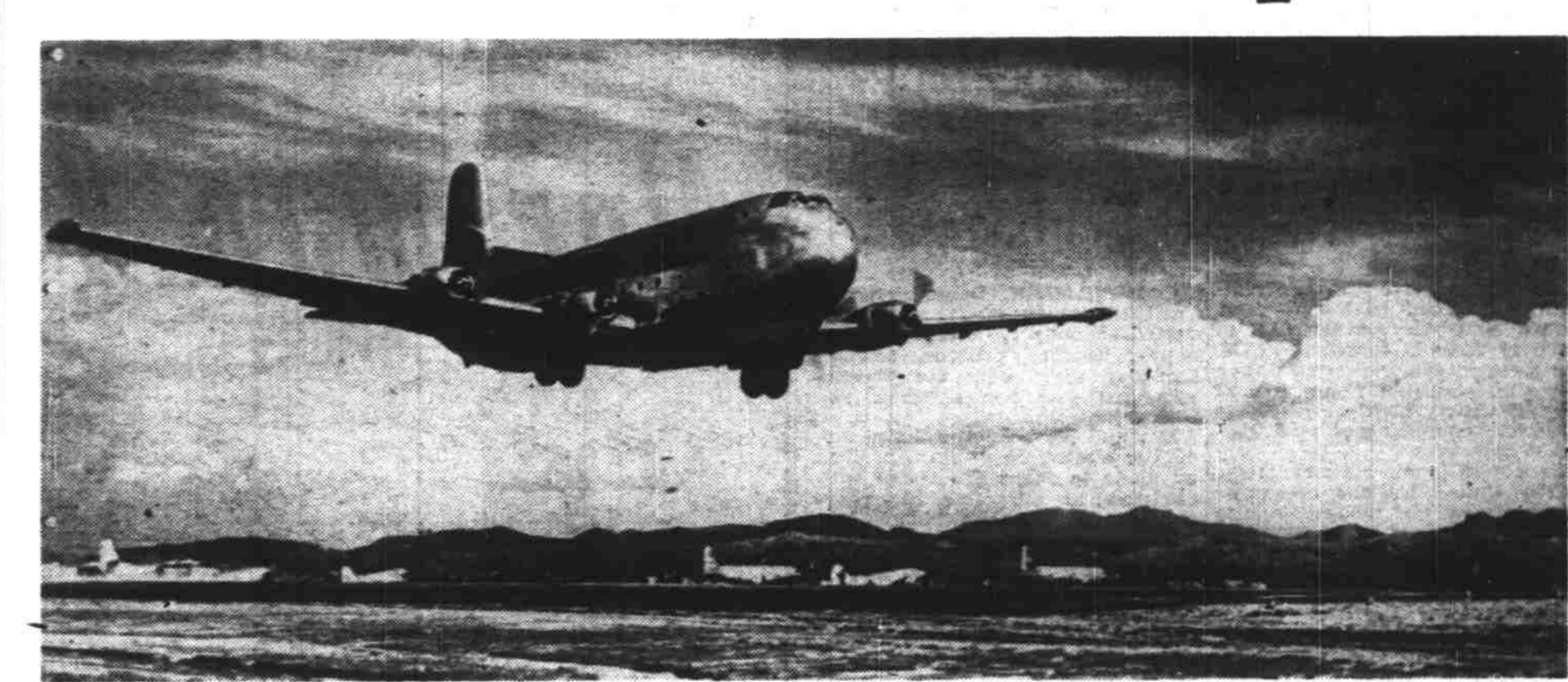
Doctors said that although both have experienced "continuous complications" requiring special attention neither has had a critical turn since Roger developed breathing difficulties a few hours after the operation.

At that time surgeons made a slit in the windpipe to facilitate breathing.

Doctors drew a measure of hope from the fact both twins are maintaining their hold on life.

"They definitely have not slipped backwards," a spokesman said.

115 GI's Aboard 'Yule Special' C-124



MOSES LAKE, Wash. — A C-124 Globemaster military transport, similar to the one shown, crashed and burned on takeoff at Larson Air Force Base at Moses Lake Saturday, killing 84 of the 115 aboard. The plane, bearing home-bound GI's for the Christmas

holidays, was bound for Kelly Air Force Base, San Antonio, Tex. A flurry of wet snow shortly after the crash delayed recovery of bodies and injured. (AP photo, courtesy the Oregon Journal.)

10th in Series Of Air Crashes; Probe Sought

By ELTON C. FAY
WASHINGTON (AP)—Stirred by a plague of plane crashes, military leaders dispatched another party of investigators Saturday to seek the cause of the latest and most disastrous accident in aviation history.

The crash of a huge C-124 Globemaster plane at Moses Lake, Wash., Saturday, killing 84 servicemen, came while the Air Force and Navy still were awaiting final reports on the reason for nine other crashes of big transports in the North Pacific and Northwestern United States - Alaska areas. All told the 10 crashes took about 300 lives.

There were signs that the new Congress may look into the series of tragedies after it convenes in January. Rep. Xilday (D-Tex.), a member of the House Armed Services Committee, told a reporter:

"I should think we ought to do something to see what are the causes for the many crashes in the same general area."

Asks C-124s Grounded
Senator Russell (D-Ga.), chairman of the Senate Armed Service Committee, said:

"I think the Air Force should ground these Globemasters until it can be definitely determined whether they are mechanically defective. All of us have been greatly shocked and distressed by this series of air tragedies."

Globemasters figured in two of the 10 crashes.

Rep. W. Sterling Cole (R-N.Y.), a member of the House Armed Service Committee said that in view of the recent series of plane crashes, he "certainly would favor" a congressional inquiry into the situation.

No Single Cause
Air Force officials, noting that complete reports have not yet been received, say no single cause is apparent for the crashes. They seemingly have occurred for a variety of reasons, including bad weather.

Weather, it is said, appears to have been at least a contributing cause in all of the military transport crashes except for one in Montana on Nov. 17 and with the possible exception of the crash Saturday.

Investigators for the U. S. A. F.'s flight safety research, for the Tactical Air Command and the others in the Civil Aeronautics Administration headed immediately for Moses Lake to try to trace the cause of that crash.

Some Struck Peaks
The crash and that of the transport in Montana occurred on flat terrain. But virtually all the others (at least one wreck has not been found) came when planes struck mountains in stormy weather.

As part of the general investigation, to supplement the individual inquiries into particular accidents, the Air Force formed a survey team to analyze adequacy of navigational and communications systems both in aircraft and on the ground.

Moreover, the team is inquiring into the weather flight training programs and the weather "briefings" given air crews just before takeoff.

Wreckage Studied
Plane crash investigations often take months, especially if no sur-



MOSES LAKE, Wash.—Map pinpoints Larson Air Force Base where the huge C-124 Globemaster military transport crashed and burned on takeoff Saturday. Eighty-four of the 115 aboard were killed by the crash. (AP map.)

vivors are left to testify. The wreckage is studied, literally microscopically, for possible failure of engines, plane structure, equipment.

Witnesses, if any, are questioned. Inspectors seek to reconstruct the exact conditions prevailing in the plane in the moments before and after the instant of impact.

But some crashes leave no survivors and no wreckage. Planes are lost at sea or go down in remote mountain areas where months or years may follow before the wreckage is discovered.

The Air Force declined to say Saturday precisely how many of the C-124 Globemaster planes are being flown.

29 Ordered in 1949
However, the initial order to Douglas Aircraft Co. called for 29 Globemasters. That was in 1949 and it is presumed the majority of that original order has been delivered. The Air Force estimated the cost of a C-124, in fly-away condition, to be \$1,800,000.

The Globemaster is the largest transport plane flown by the Air Force — 173 foot wingspread, 127 feet long, 48 feet high. Its interior space is as great as a five-room house.

Empty, the C-124 weighs 95,000 pounds. Fully loaded, it can take off at a gross weight of 210,000 pounds.

Its speed is over 300 miles an hour and its range up to 4,000 miles.

The Globemaster is designed for a variety of military uses. It can carry almost 200 troops to a war zone. It can bring back, as is done in the case of the Korean War, upwards of 125 wounded on stretchers.

Doors at Nose of Plane
Its yawning cargo hold, entered by clam-shell doors at the nose, can accommodate a light tank, or a 155 - millimeter gun with its towing unit, or trucks and jeeps.

Since it started flying the 124's in 1949, the Air Force has lost

three of the giant planes. The first one disappeared last year while flying eastbound across the Atlantic.

The next one was among the series of crashes in Alaska, during November, that Globemaster flying into a glacier - capped mountain. The third was the crash Saturday.

Air Force records said that in 1950 the accident rate for C-124's was zero. In 1951 the rate was 22 that is there were 22 accidents per 100,000 hours of flying.

An accident in this connection is defined as any mishap in which the plane is damaged.

Officials said some C-124's were grounded for a time last year until certain wing bolts were changed.

Gov. Patterson Grandpa Again

PORTLAND (AP)—Oregon's new governor, Paul Patterson, became a grandfather for the third time Saturday. A son was born here to his daughter, Mrs. John Lane Smithson, Portland.

It was the second child for the Smithsons, who also have a 5-year-old daughter. The other grandchild is the 8-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Patterson Jr.

Snow Piles High In Eastern Oregon

By The Associated Press
Snow piled up in Central and Eastern Oregon Saturday, and the Weather Bureau at Portland said more snow was on the way. Prineville reported its heaviest snowfall in five years, an overnight fall of five inches.

There were three inches at Madras and six inches in eastern Crook County. The new snow brought the total on the ground at Klamath Falls to seven inches.

Three Armed Robberies in State Saturday

By The Associated Press
Armed bandits took approximately \$4,000 in three holdups reported to Oregon police Saturday night.

There was no apparent connection between the robberies at Grants Pass, Coos Bay and Portland.

The biggest haul was reported in Portland where Arthur Grossman, proprietor of the Lucky Loan and Diamond Co., told police that a lone armed thug held up his store and took \$2346 in cash.

He said the bandit told him to wrap the money. But Grossman reported he told the bandit his store did not do Christmas wrapping. He did, however, put the money in a jewelry bag, he said.

George Benjamin Layton was arrested at his home at Grants Pass Saturday night two hours after the Grants Pass Farmers Market had been robbed.

State Police Sgt. C. R. Borgman said Layton was being questioned about the holdup in which about \$1,100 was taken. The money had not been located, Borgman said.

R. L. Bickett, proprietor of a jewelry store between Coos Bay and Empire, reported to police Saturday that three young, unmasked thugs held up his store and took about \$500 in cash from a safe and cash register.

Bickett was tied up and left in a bath room of the store. A clerk Mrs. Mabel Crunk, was left untied. She notified police.

Roof Burns at Four Corners

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
FOUR CORNERS — A fire Saturday afternoon at the home of Clifton H. Erickson, 4260 Auburn Rd., destroyed about seven feet of the roof, estimated at about a \$200 loss.

Four Corners firemen said the fire apparently started near the chimney and charred the attic considerably as well as burning the roof. No serious water damage was reported and the home was said to have been covered by insurance. The dwelling is located on property owned by Harold Goodrich.

Edgar Smith Elected Portland First Citizen

PORTLAND (AP)—The Portland Realty Board Saturday named Edgar W. Smith, chairman of the State Board of Higher Education, as the city's "First Citizen of 1952." Smith, a former insurance agent, until recently was president of the Chamber of Commerce here.

EGG PRICES TO RISE

PORTLAND (AP)—Eggs are expected to go up another 2 cents a dozen on the Portland wholesale market Monday. It will be the second recent boost by wholesalers.

Grade A and AA eggs went up 2 cents, medium and small eggs increased 1 cent a dozen this week.

SALEM PRECIPITATION
Since Start of Weather Year Sept. 1

This Year	Last Year	Normal
8.92	22.06	14.81

Many Crash Survivors on Critical List

MOSES LAKE, Wash. (AP)—A huge Air Force transport plane crashed here a few seconds after taking off early Saturday with a load of 115 service men going home on Christmas leave, killing 84 persons in the world's worst single aviation disaster.

The death toll climbed to 84 late in the day when one of 32 men previously listed as a survivor succumbed to his injuries. Col. Harry Novinger, wing commander of the Larson Air Force Base from which the plane took off, declined to say which of the survivors named had died.

A number of the 31 still surviving are in critical condition. Colonel Novinger said. Many of them ran or were dragged from the wreckage which broke into a searing gas-and-fire fire as the plane crumpled to the ground.

Confusion at Scene
Some of the survivors left the scene of scattered bits of metal and mangled bodies in confusion and shock, leading to day-long difficulty in establishing the true crash toll. The number at one time had been 100, for Christmas.

It was late evening before the toll was fixed at 83 and a short while later it rose to 84 with the death of the injured man.

Can Carry 200
The giant four-engine plane, big as a five-room house and able to carry 200 combat troops, roared off a Larson Air Force base runway at 6:30 a. m. PST. It was snowing lightly, with visibility two miles.

"The plane shook a bit, righted itself, then went into a glide," said Raymond K. Ferguson of Batesville, Ark., a survivor.

"I knew we were going to crash, so I huddled my head down and prayed."

Gasoline from broken wing tanks flared instantly, searing those trapped in wreckage.

An hour after the plane smashed into a flat field just off the runway, there was left only striven, smoldering wreckage and the broken belongings of scores of servicemen who had thought they would be home for Christmas.

The next worst plane crash in world aviation history killed 80 at Cardiff, Wales, in 1950.

10 Plane Crashes
Saturday's tragedy not only topped this toll but it capped a disastrous six weeks for military aviation in which 10 planes crashed or disappeared along the north Pacific rim from Korea to Montana.

Shocked Air Force officials in Washington dispatched the chief of flight safety research, Brig. Gen. Richard O'Keefe, to head an investigation.

Of the crew of 10, only one survived. An engineer, he was to be questioned later. The Air Force said five of the survivors suffered only minor hurts, but they were not specified by name immediately.

Training Flight

The Globemaster, attached to the 62nd troop carrier wing, scheduled the trip as a routine training flight that provided quick transportation home for men with Christmas furloughs.

There was excitement and gaiety as each squadron on the field was allotted proportionate space.

Capt. Richard Rager of Larson base said most of the men aboard were from the south and east. He said the Globemaster was to fly first to Kelly Air Force Base at San Antonio, Tex., then to Stewart Air Base, Tennessee, and to make at least one other stop, at Greenville, S. C. Most of the men, the Air Force said, were from the Larson base.

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Train Smashes Car in Salem

Mrs. Bertha M. Wade and her 16-year-old son Delbert, residents of Dallas, escaped with only minor injuries Saturday evening when their car and a south-bound freight train collided at 12th and Marion Streets.

The auto was carried half a block on the train's catcher before the locomotive could be stopped. Both were in the front seat with Mrs. Wade driving. Their car, a late model Studebaker, was badly mashed on the right side.

The two were treated by first aid on the train's catcher before being taken to Salem General Hospital where a laceration on Mrs. Wade's scalp was checked and the boy's jaw was x-rayed. Both were released later Saturday night.