

Plane Crash Kills 4 From Cottage Grove

Red-Held 3 to See Mothers

NEW YORK, Dec. 29 (AP)—Three American mothers departed early Sunday morning on a pilgrimage of love to the sides of their three sons, imprisoned for years in Red China.

As they travel halfway around the world, the mothers will carry in their hearts a wistful hope that somehow mother love and determination can soften Communist rulers and earn the release of the sons.

"This will be the happiest New Year of my life," said one mother, Mrs. Ruth Redmond, 58, of Yonkers, N. Y.

With Mrs. Mary V. Downey of New Britain, Conn., and Mrs. Jessie Fecteau, 58, of Lynn, Mass., Mrs. Redmond will leave Idlewild Airport by plane at noon New Year's Day.

Paried Six Years None of the women has seen her son in at least six years—since they were imprisoned as civilians in 1951 on spy charges brought by their Chinese captors.

The trip to China was made possible by the recent reversal of State Department policy allowing relatives of imprisoned Americans to visit them there.

Mrs. Fecteau's imprisoned son is Richard, 30, one of twin boys in a family of four children. Her husband, Philip, is a retired General Electric Co. foreman.

Mrs. Downey is a widow who teaches in a New Britain elementary school. Her son, John, 27, also was a civilian Army employee. He was sentenced to life in prison.

Mrs. Redmond is a dietitian in the Yonkers school district. Her husband is ill and unable to work. They have one other child, a daughter.

The son, Hugh, 38, represented an American import-export firm in Shanghai when he was imprisoned for life.

Driver Saved in California Hill Hit By Family

ly was knocked unconscious after his vehicle careened out of control and dived over a 15-foot bank into the swollen creek about 1 a.m. He lay helpless in several feet of water until frantic efforts of rescuers pulled him from the vehicle.

Hobbs, who suffered head lacerations, did not regain consciousness until taken by Wiltonville ambulance to Salem General Hospital. He later was released.

Clarkson said accounts of witnesses indicated Hobbs, traveling northbound alone, lost control of his vehicle when pulling back after trying to pass another car.

California Hill Hit By Family

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Dec. 29 (AP)—Four members of a Cottage Grove, Ore., family were found dead today in the wreckage of a small plane on Spring Hill near Weed, a Northern California town.

They were Robert Beach, 41, a Cottage Grove lumberman, his wife, 46, and their two sons, Rex, 19, a student at San Jose (Calif.) Bible College, and Vernon, 15.

The plane, owned and piloted by Beach, apparently crashed at about noon yesterday, shortly after taking off from Mott Field, between Dunsmuir and Mount Shasta. A blanket of fog covered the area at the time.

Hears Radio Reports The wreckage was spotted by Walter Cook who lives in rural Mount Shasta. He had heard radio reports of the plane being missing and saw the wreckage of it from his hillside home after the fog lifted this morning.

The Beches had flown to Mount Shasta earlier in the week to spend the Christmas holidays with a daughter, Mrs. D. L. Ratley. They were en route home when the plane crashed into the low hill, killing the four outright.

The plane did not burn, Siskiyou County sheriff's deputies said. Mother Reports Plane Mrs. Beach's mother, who also lives at Cottage Grove, reported the plane overdue last night. It was reported missing by the Fourth Air Force Search and Rescue Unit at Hamilton Field, Calif., at 1:33 a.m. today.

A search was organized early this morning. Sheriff's deputies said Cook told them he had heard an explosion about noon yesterday from a same general area in which the plane crashed.

Hope Sends Laughs From 17,000 Feet

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 29 (AP)—Bob Hope, back from an 18,000-mile tour of Far Eastern bases, today told of putting on a special show for a Coast Guard weather ship from a plane 17,000 feet overhead.

The comedian and his troupe of entertainers were on the last leg of their holiday trip when the Air Force plane passed over the weather ship, November, midway between Hawaii and California.

Hope went on the plane's radio and beamed a rapid-fire series of gags to the 150 men floating below, then put on the other stars of his show, including Jayne Mansfield, Jerry Colonna, Erin O'Brien and Carolee Jarvis.

Those aboard the plane swear the tiny weather ship visibly rocked when Miss Mansfield cooed over the intercom: "Boys, I'd like to be your house mother down there."

The Hope troupe put on more than 30 shows during its whirlwind tour to bring Christmas cheer to GI's over seas.

When the comedian returned to his home he found a Christmas present from his wife—a huge globe with the message, "I see the world from a rocking chair."

Young Singers Wed in Nevada

(Picture on Wirephoto Page) LAS VEGAS, Nev., Dec. 29 (AP)—Singers Eydie Gorme and Steve Lawrence, who met four years ago when they appeared on Steve Allen's "Tonight" television show, were married today. Both are 22.

The ceremony was performed by Rabbi Bernard Cohen at the home of Beldon Kattelman, owner of the El Rancho Vegas Hotel, where Miss Gorme is booked in a show until Feb. 2, Ken Greengrass, business manager, Fey Lawrence and Miss Gorme, was best man. The bridesmaid was Connie Catron, traveling companion for Miss Gorme.

Lawrence flew here from Miami, where he has been appearing at a night club. He will remain here a week, then go to New York City for another engagement.

Lost Child Found Safe

CHARLESTOWN, W. Va., Dec. 29 (AP)—Three-year-old Shirley Ann Ramsburg, missing for more than 45 hours in the rugged Blue Ridge mountains, was found by a search party today.

The blonde-haired tot was lying beside a tree when discovered by a volunteer searcher, Bill Rogers of Martinsburg, W. Va. Her face was grimy and she had lost her coat, shoes and socks. She began crying when Rogers approached.

The child was hungry, dirty and cold but suffered only from exposure. Dr. Donald K. McIntyre at Charlestown General Hospital said there was nothing else wrong with her.

The hospital said tonight that Shirley Ann's condition was satisfactory. Her father, at his daughter's bedside, said she wanted to go home to her mother.

Dr. McIntyre said the girl's pulse and temperature were normal but he could not be sure what effects the exposure might have had. He said she would be kept in the hospital for a day or two.

More than 100 persons had scoured the rugged mountainsides separating West Virginia's eastern panhandle from Virginia since the child wandered away from her home Friday afternoon.

Sheriff C. A. Heible said the girl was found about two miles from her home in the remote area.

Authorities Survey Cracked Salem Safe



State Police Investigator Lloyd Riegel (left) and Marion County Sheriff Denver Young survey the shambles of a safe which yeggs pried open early Sunday morning at Portland Road Lumber Co., 3545 Portland Rd. NE. Taken from the safe was \$316 in cash. (Statesman Photo.)

Safe Smashed, \$316 Missing

Yeggs took \$316 in cash in a safecracking job early Sunday morning at Portland Road Lumber Co., 3545 Portland Rd. NE., authorities reported.

The 700-pound safe in the firm's office was tumbled on its side and the door pried off, State Police Investigator Lloyd Riegel and Marion County Sheriff Denver Young reported.

Investigation indicated entry into the building was made by breaking open a rear outside door.

Riegel and Young said the safe was moved from a corner and knocked open with tools from a display case. The tools were left at the scene.

Dwight Hout, co-owner of the lumber firm, notified officers after discovering the crime about 9 a.m. Sunday.

A cabinet in the rear of the plant also was forced open but it contained nothing the yeggs wanted, officers said.

Effort required to move the heavy safe indicated more than one person had a part in the burglary, police added.

Names of the crew members a search was launched when the fishing boat Adelina, also of Port Angeles, reported at 6:28 p. m. that the Victoria had taken a breaker and could no longer be contacted.

The spokesman said the wheelhouse of the Victoria, a number of life jackets and other debris was found at about 11 p. m. some 2 1/2 miles south of the Grays Harbor life boat station.

The search was being conducted by the cutter McLean, of Grays Harbor, an Albatross rescue aircraft and a 52-foot life boat, the Coast Guard said.

The regulations were announced in the East Berlin press, East German officials sent notices to the U. S., British and French missions posted here 110 miles behind the Iron Curtain.

Space Trip For Mouse Peters Out

AUSTIN, Minn., Dec. 29 (AP)—The youthful Austin Rocket Society failed today in its most ambitious project so far — to send a mouse to a height of 2,000 to 3,000 feet and bring him back alive by parachute.

A first test rocket, without the mouse aboard, blew up in a cloud of smoke about halfway up the launching stand. The exploding fuel sent the top half of the 5 1/2-foot cylinder whirling about 250 feet in the air while the bottom half remained on the ground.

The second attempt, this time with the mouse aboard, failed when the rocket's ignition system refused to function. It was decided that repairs could not be made in the field in the near-zero weather and further shots were put off to a future date as yet not set.

Steel Pipe Fault Explosion of the first rocket was laid to a fault in the steel pipe used for the rocket body.

The students, along with their adviser, Sister Duns Scotus, a physics and chemistry instructor at Pacelli Parochial High School here, said they will try to obtain new stainless steel for use in making their next rocket. The tubes for today's rockets were obtained from a junk yard.

The mouse, dubbed Ulysses, was taken back to his cage in a high school chemistry laboratory to await the next flight.

Unearthed Tomb Might Hold King

CINCINNATI, Dec. 29 (AP)—A Cincinnati archaeologist disclosed today that he has unearthed a "beehive" tomb in Greece that may be that of King Neleus, father of fabled King Nestor.

Dr. Carl W. Blegen, professor emeritus of classical archaeology at Cincinnati University, reported to the 50th meeting of the Archaeology Institute of America, meeting in Washington, according to the Cincinnati Enquirer.

The report, given by proxy because Dr. Blegen is still in Greece, also told of finding a new wing of Nestor's 3,000-year-old palace near the seaport town of Pylos, Greece.

Large Pottery Jars Dr. Blegen said the 18-foot, beehive-shaped tomb yielded an unusual find—four large pottery jars about three feet tall, each holding a complete skeleton.

He said that this type of urn had never before been found in Mycenaean tombs of this tomb.

The researcher said the tomb, although leveled, had escaped looting.

Burial Customs It contained evidence of burial customs of a well-to-do royal family, including two gold headbands, eight rapiers, a short sword, 16 daggers, bronze cauldrons and other implements, arrowheads, a figurine and other items.

Dr. Blegen said the wing brings the total discovered area of the palace to 127 X 82 yards and said an installation of this kind would be quite fitting for Nestor, who in Homer's "Iliad" was assigned a major role in the Trojan War.

250 Drown in Ceylon Floods

COLOMBO, Ceylon, Dec. 29 (AP)—Ceylon's floods have drowned 250 persons and left 325,000 persons homeless, official reports said today.

Flood waters were subsiding, however, and no rain was reported in the last 18 hours in the northern, north-central, eastern and central provinces.

Only in the capital and its suburbs did flood dangers remain.

Gov. Holmes Arrives for Bowl Game

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 29 (AP)—The governor of Oregon, Robert Holmes, arrived by plane today for the New Year's Rose Bowl football game and predicted an Oregon victory over Ohio State.

"I think the score will be 17-13, in favor of Oregon, of course," said the governor, who was graduated from Oregon in 1932.

Accompanying him here were Mrs. Holmes and Chancellor and Mrs. John Richards of the University. Others aboard the plane were Charles Holloway, head of the Oregon State Board of Education; Willard Gamble, president of the Oregon Club; Oregon alumni and 13 wives of Oregon football players.

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Four Youths Fire Rocket Out of Sight

DECATUR, Ala., Dec. 29 (AP)—Four youths fired a three-foot rocket "out of sight" into the sky today, estimating it traveled 4,800 feet above the ground.

The amateur rocketeers used their own launching ramp and a fuel formula which they developed in three previous unsuccessful firing attempts.

The eight-pound rocket was fueled with a mixture of potassium perchlorate, carbon, sugar and sulphur.

The youths are Bobby Clemons, 18; Mike Clemons, 17, a first cousin; Allen Johns, 19; and Roy Mitchell, 20. The cousins are pupils at Decatur High School, Johns attends the University Center at Huntsville, and Mitchell works.

President Garcia Starts New Term As Filipino Leader

MANILA, Monday, Dec. 30 (AP)—President Carlos P. Garcia, political heir of Ramon Magsaysay, was inaugurated for a four-year term as president in his own right today.

He pledged to enhance the Philippines' historic relations of friendship with the American people.

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Arctic Blasts Hammer Midwest Areas of U.S.

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Arctic blasts hammered temperatures well below zero in upper areas of the Midwest Sunday. The expanding cold front signaled the end of an extended mild spell in the Midwest and Northeast.

The subzero cold, streaming southward from central Canada, covered Minnesota, much of Wisconsin, North Dakota and parts of northeastern South Dakota.

International Falls, Minn., had an overnight low of -17 degrees.

Weather forecasters said the biting cold was expected to engulf most of the Northeastern states by Tuesday morning and spread southward to southern Illinois and southern Indiana by Monday morning.

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Car Strikes Salem Boy on Bicycle; Lad Hospitalized

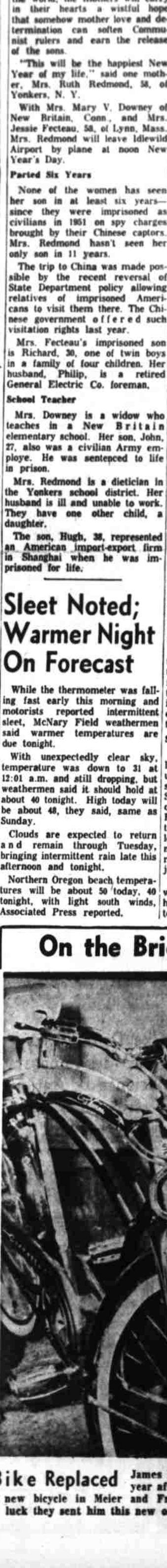
A bicycle ridden by Michael Humphreys, 8, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Humphreys, 3545 Daniel St., was struck by a car about 3:15 p.m. Sunday on rain-slick Silverton Road near Brown Road, state police said.

The boy was taken by his parents to Salem General Hospital, where he was to remain overnight for observation of possible internal injuries.

Driver of the car was Orville Harlan Moe, Silverton, police said. No citations were issued.

On the Brighter Side . . .

By John Erickson



James Beal, 934 Cottage St. NE, figures 1957 wasn't such a bad year after all. Just before Christmas somebody stole Jim's brand new bicycle in Meier and Frank's parking lot. When the store heard of Jim's bad luck they sent him this new one.

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sponauger

This is the day of the Jeremiahs. Edward R. Murrow on Sunday collected a parcel of them from the CBS corps of newscasters from international capitals. In a Sunday rundown they spilled more gloom and doom than we have heard in many a day. The later listing of "assets" proved a weak offset to the portent of calamity they portrayed.

Now there was a great deal of truth in their catalog of losses and liabilities. The Statesman previously has commented on the shock to U. S. prestige from the Soviet technological achievements of the year. But if we look back on the record of the past ten years, as the U. S. News & World Report did in its last issue we have had what it calls a "decade of miracles." They have not included for our country, space satellites, though no one doubts we soon shall have them. Rather they have been chiefly in the area of human welfare.

Which for example would you rather have: the Salk vaccine or the Sputniks? The vaccine has removed most of the menace of poliomyelitis. This was achieved, not by government, but by the free will contributions of millions of Americans in the successive March of Dimes collections.

And what about the decade of full employment, of the construction of millions of homes, of the addition of many thousands of classrooms (Continued on Editorial Page 4)

Slaying Case Suspect Dies In Road Chase

WRENS, Ga., Dec. 29 (AP)—The State Patrol said that Henry Clay Overton, 44, one of two men wanted for slaying two persons in Washington, D.C., was killed in a head-on auto collision during a police chase tonight.

The Patrol said at least one other person is dead and it is thought that there are other fatalities.

The Patrol said a patrol car was chasing a 1958 auto (Buick) believed stolen by the men when it collided head-on with another vehicle near this west central Georgia town.

Overton has been identified, the Patrol added, but positive identification had not been made of the others.

The Patrol said the fleeing auto bore a 1957 West Virginia license, No. 36706.

Overton and Russell Wayne Carpenter, 21, have been sought since they allegedly shot up the Jo-Dee restaurant and bar early last Friday in a dispute over a bar bill.

Afro-Asians Approve Government Property Seizures at Conference

(Picture on page 2.) CAIRO, Dec. 29 (AP)—Nationalization ranked high among topics in the drafting of resolutions at the African-Asian conference tonight.

Strike on Subways Nearing

NEW YORK, Dec. 29 (AP)—The Transport Workers Union voted today to strike the city's subways and bus lines Tuesday midnight when its current contract expires unless a settlement is reached.

The action came only two weeks after the end of a strike by subway motormen which caused the worst transit tieup in the history of New York. Buses continued to run during that eight-day strike.

The TWU, headed by Michael Quill, has threatened to halt subway service many times over the years, but the threat never has materialized.

Almost 5,000 TWU members attended today's meeting and the vote was overwhelmingly in favor of a strike.

The TWU has been asking a 65-cent hourly increase and the Transit Authority, which operates the subways and city-owned bus lines, has offered 10 cents an hour over a two-year period.

The strike threat is also against eight private bus companies and the Yonkers Railroad Co.

The Transit Authority will attempt in court tomorrow to get an injunction against a strike on the publicly owned transit system, but Quill has said he would ignore such an order and go to jail if necessary.

New Blockade Imposed by East Germany

BERLIN, Dec. 29 (AP)—Communist East Germany today imposed travel restrictions on Allied civilians — including diplomats — traveling in and out of isolated Berlin. The Allies planned a protest to Russia.

In an obvious effort to force recognition from the West, the Communist regime announced that effective Jan. 1 travelers must have East German instead of Soviet visas to enter and pass through the satellite nation.

In effect, it is another Berlin blockade with passage of Western civilians in and out of the old German capital possible only by air if they refuse to get East German visas.

The regulations were announced in the East Berlin press, East German officials sent notices to the U. S., British and French missions posted here 110 miles behind the Iron Curtain.

The Communists side-stepped a crisis similar to the 1948-49 Soviet blockade of West Berlin by exempting the Allied military garrisons from the regulations.

The Weather

Today's forecast: Mostly cloudy with intermittent rain late today and tonight. High temperature 48, low tonight 40. (Complete report page 2)

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