

PLANE CRASH SURVIVORS ADMIT:

'Somebody Upstairs Was Looking After Us'

(Editor's Note: How resourcefulness and courage against tremendous odds enabled two young plane crash survivors to stay alive six days on jagged, wind-swept Mt. Hozomeen, Wash., is revealed in the following dispatch.)

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As Told to The United Press

Vancouver, B. C., May 10 (UP)—I never knew why I carried matches until now. Neither Sheila nor I smoke.

When we took off from Princeton Monday evening, we really thought we had good weather. We headed for Coquihalla pass but had to change our course an hour later when we ran into a snowstorm.

We headed south trying to circle the storm and that's when we really got worried for the first time because we knew we were close to some pretty high peaks.

I climbed to 7,500 feet. Wings, struts, and prop started to ice badly. We started losing altitude and I knew we had to go down. I remember seeing some trees. I pulled back the stick, kicked the rudder, shoved her nose up—and we hit.

I banged a knuckle and Sheila had a torn fingernail.

We climbed out and looked at the plane. One wheel was broken, the propeller was smashed and the right wing was damaged.

The nose of the plane had left a big ditch in the snow when we hit and I figured we might as well hole up there. Mrs. Cure, Sheila's mother, had given her daughter some drapes before she left Cardston. We wrapped them around us and huddled in the snow waiting for dawn.

Next morning there was eight inches of snow over us. We dug out and began planning our descent.

I took all the heavy clothing we had, a compass, rear view mirror for signalling, two cushions, one newspaper for fires and fuselage fabric. We jammed the stuff into a suitcase.

I used a rope from the plane to tie around our waists.

Halfway across a 50-foot sloping glacier, the avalanche started. It carried us down more than 300 feet. When I found Sheila, only her head and one foot was sticking out of the snow.

By Tuesday night we had descended over 2,000 feet.

Wednesday, we began getting weak from lack of food. There's one thing I'm doggone proud of, though. I used only one match per fire.

We began feeling pretty low Thursday morning. We rationed ourselves to one square of chocolate a day from the five bars we had.

Thursday afternoon when Sheila and I didn't think we



Oldtime Schoolmates Guests Dencer Home

Liberty—Mrs. Emma Dencer entertained in her home with a surprise party honoring her sister, Mrs. R. A. Lathrop of Seio. Guests invited were all former schoolmates of Liberty grade school in the old one-room school house. Many of the guests had not met the others there for over 30 years.

Ethel Dove Walling won a prize for the most grandchildren. Three of the women never married and each was presented a consolation prize.

The evening was spent playing games and Mrs. Emma Dencer served refreshments at a late hour assisted by Mrs. Lucy Dorman Weller. Others present were Clara Hardwick Rees, Ellen Batt Godfrey, Rena Willard, Dot Dove Walling, Edna Dencer Rains, Blanche Dove Walling, Florence Hensley Jory, Katie Batt Elgin, May Cleveland, Mary Davidson Bishop, Mabel Cleveland Elgin, Ethel Dove Walling, Hattie Dorman Lathrop, Minnie Willard MacLennan, Katie Lathrop Inman, Adeline Cleveland Free, Stella Hardwick, and Mary Hayes Haskell.

taken off about 4 p.m. (PST) from the west side of the lake, near Summit Lodge, and lost altitude in attempting a turn. The plane hit the water about 300 yards from shore.

(A) Bend, the forest office reported the pilot was touring the lakes with the foresters prior to starting an air trip service for San Francisco fishermen to Oregon lakes.)

Pilot Killed in Plane Crash

Klamath Falls, May 10 (UP)—Crash of an airplane into Odell lake claimed the life of a San Francisco pilot yesterday. Three federal foresters escaped a similar fate.

Klamath county Sheriff Jack Franey said Pilot P. David Puspescu failed to come up with the others when the amphibious craft plunged into the lake just after taking off.

Saved were Ralph Crawford, Bend, Deschutes national forest supervisor; Newell Corey, Crescent, Ore., forester; and Allen Boetcher, Bend, recreational director of the Deschutes forest. None of the three was seriously hurt.

Both Crawford and Corey were unconscious after the crash, however, and Boetcher held them on a floating wing until rescued by persons from shore.

The sheriff said the plane had

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Logger Killed Near Valsetz

Dallas, Ore., May 10—John L. Crossman, 40, of Falls City, head rigger for the E. T. Cone logging company operations near Valsetz, was killed instantly Monday when he was caught between a rolling log and a snag.

Crossman was crushed by the log which broke loose while being pulled by cable and rolled around 50 feet, witnesses said.

Crossman is a veteran of both World wars and is survived by his widow; step-daughter and step-son. The remains are in charge of the Henkle and Bollman mortuary here.

The superstition that finding a horseshoe and nailing it over the door brings good luck appears to be merely a modification of a belief in early times when horseshoes were rare and were believed to have a protective charm.

Attorney Kills Wife; Shoots Self

The Dalles, Ore., May 10 (UP) Frank G. Dick, 64, one of Oregon's most prominent attorneys, killed his wife and then drove drunkenly toward central Oregon before committing suicide 12 hours later, police said today.

Authorities, piecing together the evidence of the tragedy, said Dick apparently shot his wife, Beulah, 48, with a .38 caliber revolver in their home here early yesterday.

A few hours later, the distinguished lawyer was arrested at Dufur, Ore., 20 miles south of The Dalles, on a charge of drunk driving. City Policeman Del Doss said Dick was taken into custody, booked, and released on bail.

Even today, word reached Dick's son, William, a law associate, that his father had tried to contact the police department.

William became alarmed and rushed to the Dick home. He found his father dying of a bullet wound in the head. In the bedroom, he found the body of his step-mother. She had been dead at least 12 hours.

One Killed in Crash  
Vancouver, B.C., May 10 (UP) Investigating a bush fire on

Vancouver island last night, the pilot of a light plane was trapped in billowing smoke and gas from the flames and crashed into the edge of the fire. The crash killed the plane's only passenger, Lorne T. McLean, 36, a logging camp foreman. Pilot Wally Lutz, 27, suffered fractures of both legs and a dislocated arm. Both men were thrown from the wreckage.

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