

Last Survivor of Union Army Of Civil War Dies in Minnesota

Duluth, Minn.—(U.P.)—Albert Woolson, 109-year-old lone survivor of the Grand Army of the Republic, died today at St. Luke's hospital here.



ALBERT WOOLSON
Death Comes at Age 109

Death came at 7:45 a.m. (PST). He never regained consciousness after lapsing into a coma early Saturday morning. The former drummer boy, the last soldier of "Abe Lincoln's Army" in the Civil War, had

last Memorial Day, had been in an oxygen tent for several days and was given nasal oxygen and intravenous injections after his relapse Saturday. He had been hospitalized six times during the past two years for treatment of lung congestion. Doctors had to remove fluid from his lungs because his aging heart could not pump the fluid out.

Burial will be at Parkhill cemetery. The time and place for funeral services were not announced.

Despite his hospitalization, Woolson's spirits remained chipper.

On his 109th birthday last Feb. 11, Woolson puffed on a few cigars which he enjoyed daily and spent a quiet day reading some of the hundreds of birthday cards and greetings he received.

With Woolson's death, the Union Army passed into history. Three Confederate soldiers remained. Walter Williams, 113, of Texas, William Lindy, 103, of Florida, and John Salling, 110, of Virginia.

After the Civil War, the surviving Union soldiers formed the Grand Army of the Republic and held annual encampments to talk about old times. At the last GAR encampment in 1949, Woolson was named national senior vice commander. Then he became the GAR's senior officer when the commander died and in recent years was the only survivor.

Woolson's father lost a leg while fighting as a Union Army soldier at Shiloh. Young Woolson took his place by enlisting in Company C of the First Minnesota Heavy Artillery on Oct. 4, 1864, when he was 16 years old. Under the leadership of Col. William Colville, Woolson's unit left for Tennessee where he served as a drummer boy in various garrisons.

Woolson was mustered out Sept. 27, 1865, and returned to Minnesota. Two weeks later his father died of complications from his Civil War injuries.

450 Riddle Smelter Workers on Strike

Roseburg — (U.P.) — About 450 employees of the Hanna Nickel Smelting company at Riddle went on strike at midnight Tuesday. The employees are members of local 5074 of the United Steelworkers of America.

Yesterday only the technical and supervisory staffs reported for work at the plant.

A picket line at the only entrance to the Hanna plant was observed by 50 other men, mining nickel ore for a subsidiary company.

The workers went on strike when the contract between Hanna Nickel and the union expired at midnight Tuesday, and negotiators failed to settle on a new contract.

Showers Drench Much of Nation; Mercury Drops

By UNITED PRESS
Extensive showers and thunderstorms drenched much of the nation Wednesday night and early today, with up to two inches of rain falling on parts of the Midwest.

Cooler air also accompanied the storms in the Northwest, dropping temperatures about six degrees below the previous 24 hours. The cooler air covered an area from central California to western Montana, and was to move slightly eastward today.

Lashed by Thunderstorms
Thunderstorms lashed at sections of western Montana westward to the coast, from western Texas to eastern Arizona northward to the Dakotas and southern Minnesota and then east-

ward through the Ohio Valley to northern Virginia. Some showers also were reported on the Gulf Coast.

Precipitation was usually below one inch, but many cities reported rainfall over an inch. Lamoni, Iowa, reported two inches; Kirksville, Mo.; 1.25 inches; and Louisville, Ky., 1.05.

Authorities at Council Bluffs, Iowa, began searching Wednesday for two small boys believed drowned in a rain-swollen stream by a "wall of water" after a resident said she saw the unidentified youths carried downstream by the raging waters.

Lowest Temperature
Early today Mullen Pass, Mont. reported the lowest temperature at 40 degrees while it

was 41 at Grand Marais, Mich. At the same time, Needles, Calif., reported a 93 degree reading.

Other early morning readings were New York, 72; Washington, 72; Miami, 76; Dallas, 80; Den-

ver, 63; San Francisco, 54, and Seattle, 55.

Fair weather was forecast today for the Great Lakes eastward to the Atlantic Coast and in the Southwest. Elsewhere widely scattered showers and thunderstorms were expected.

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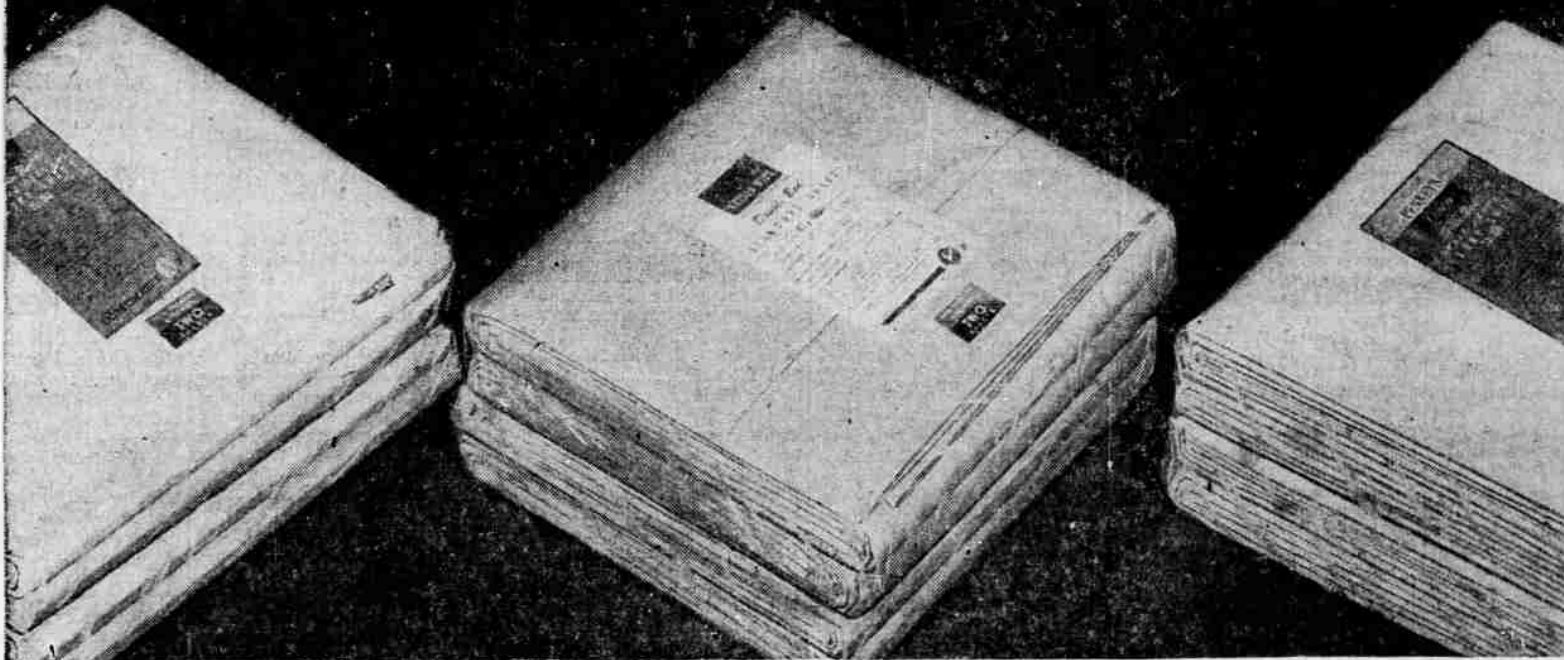
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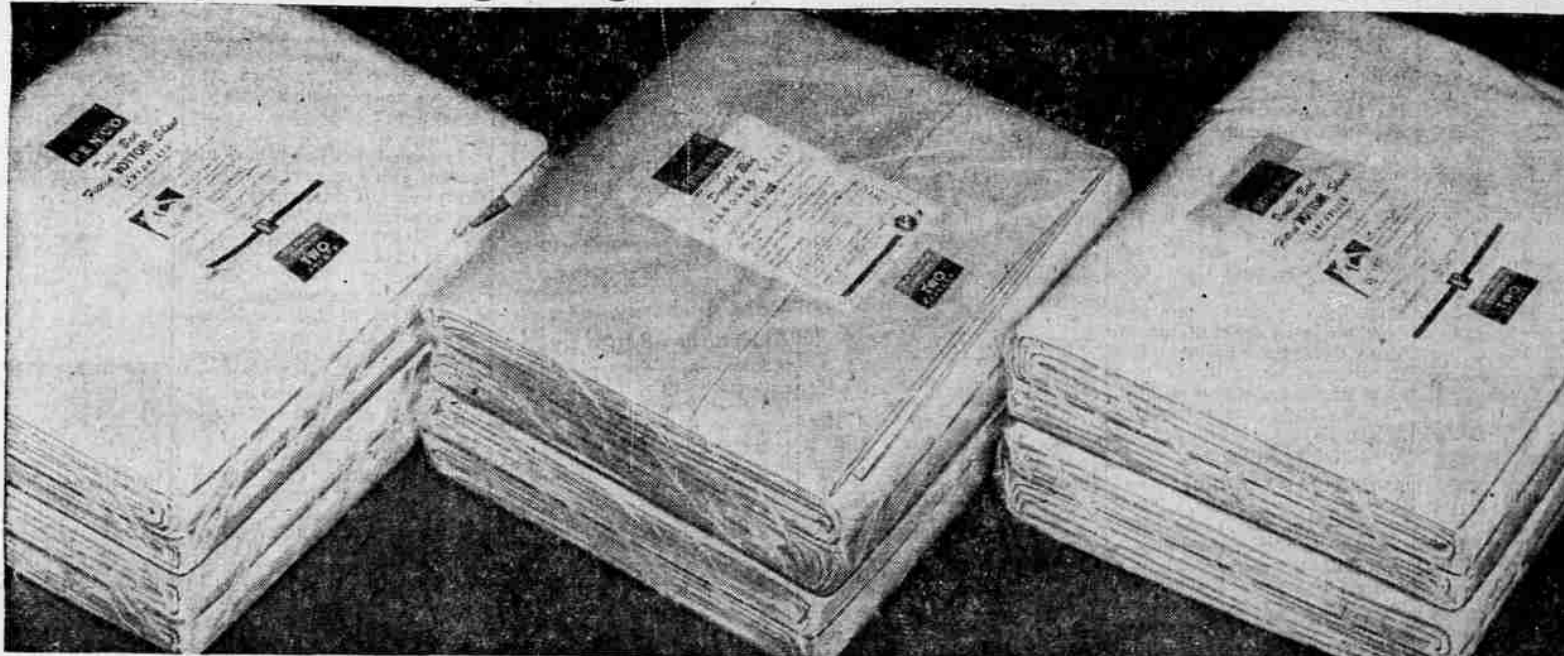
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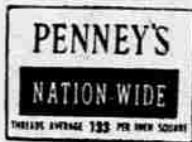


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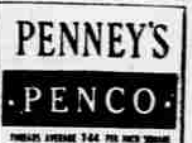


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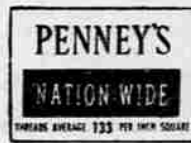


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Reports on Weather Studied for Cause Of Airplane Disaster

Washington — (U.P.) — A blue-ribbon investigating panel turned to weather reports today for clues of the double plane crash

in the Grand Canyon last June 30.

The Civil Aeronautics Board called weather experts and pilots who flew over the canyon on the day of the crash for testimony at its second day of hearings on the disaster that took 128 lives.

The double crash of a Trans-World Airlines Constellation and a United Airlines DC7 was the worst commercial aviation accident in history.

Couple Describes Sight
A young tourist couple who claimed they saw the planes collide testified Wednesday that there were strong winds and heavy clouds in the general area on June 30.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene F. Siefert, Ottawa, Ohio, told the six-man investigating panel they saw two planes fly out of the clouds and "come together" at about 11:30 a.m. (MST). The Siefers and their three children, aged one, two and a half and four and a half, were driving in their station wagon about 15 miles east of Flagstaff, Ariz., at the time.

Both Siefert, 24, and his wife, 25, said the planes approached each other at a 30 degree angle with one slightly higher than the other. Siefert, a mechanical maintenance worker, said the planes hit and "locked together," then followed the same course "as one" until they dropped out of sight behind a mountain.

Their testimony was the first indication of any eyewitnesses to the accident.

Leon D. Cuddeback, CAB safety investigator from Oakland, Calif., testified that a nine-man committee scoured the area near the canyon itself for witnesses to the crash but found none.

However, he said an unidentified visitor to a Grand Canyon forest ranger station reported seeing an "explosive fire" in the crash area shortly before noon on June 30. Cuddeback said a Navaho Indian girl, Yazzie Grayeyes, saw two separate columns of dark smoke rising from the canyon at approximately the same time.

SPELLING TRAPS SUSPECT

Bloomington, Ill.—(U.P.)—Poor spelling trapped an accused cattle rustler Wednesday. Edmund Smith, 26, of Arrowsmith, Ill., told to write the names of early American presidents, misspelled the first one. Washington as Watington. Smith admitted stealing three Angus cattle from his employers when informed of the same misspelling was found on a sales ticket used to sell the cattle.

Court Records

- POLICE COURT**
George Dewey Oliver, failure to stop at stop sign, \$5.
Gale Elaine Wheeler, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Terry Lee Daniels, excessive noise and no registration, \$20.
Earnest Clayton Taylor, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Anthony Brenton Mikacht, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Robert Bruce Turnbull, illegal left turn, \$5.
Bernie George Helms, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Elvin Dean Cackins, failure to stop at red light, \$5.
Jack Wayne Thornton, excessive noise, \$10.
Haskell Lee Stewart, excessive noise, \$10.
Dale Alder Fernbrook, violation of basic rule, \$10.
James Robert Schulz, violation of basic rule, \$15.
Douglas Dale Paul, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Hubert William Hewitt, violation of basic rule, \$15.
Herbert Raymond Phillips, violation of basic rule, \$15.
Charles Menel, no operator's license, \$5.
William Donald McLeod, no operator's license, \$5.
Richard David Hayes, excessive noise, \$10.
Gary Lee Simmonds, excessive noise, \$10.
Harry Downey, failure to stop at stop light, \$5.
Esther Carvena Elston, failure to stop at stop light, \$5.
Lester Lee Lewis, failure to stop at stop sign, \$5.
Sonney Freese, violation of basic rule, \$15.
William Nicholas Kime, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Mildred Bernice Blosser, violation of basic rule, \$15.

- DISTRICT COURT**
Fern Winitred Crispen, no operator's license, \$10, bail forfeited.
James Curtis Donahue, no overdrive permit, \$7.50.
Tom E. McCarvel, overwidth, \$15.
Sidney George Budden, inadequate muffler, \$15.
James Franklin Conless, failure to display license on trailer, \$10.
Peter Thomas Rowe, improper changing lanes, \$7.50.

- CIRCUIT COURT**
Irene L. Wheeler vs. Eugene D. Wheeler, divorce complaint.

