

No Plan To Probe Plane Wreckage Story Until Mid-September

Phoenix—Federal officials indicated today they would wait until mid-September to investigate first hand reports by a Colorado river adventurer that he had found human remains among wreckage from the 1956 Grand Canyon airliner collision.

At the same time, a college professor said he believed the rings Robert Billingsley, 39, Ajo, Ariz., brought back with him were those of a California woman killed in the June 30, 1956, accident, worst in history of commercial aviation. A total of 123 persons died in the collision.

Exclusive Interview

Billingsley told Bill Close, news director of radio station KOY, Phoenix, in an exclusive interview Tuesday that he found enough human remains to fill "10 or 12" burlap sacks. He brought back rings he said he found on a "mummified" hand at the site of wreckage from what appeared to be the crash.

John McLaughlin, superintendent of Grand Canyon National Park, said he did not expect to speed up plans to enter the canyon about Sept. 16 with an airliner representative. The park has reached agreement

with the airlines on having the wreckage removed, although there was no talk prior to Billingsley's story of seeking more remains. Army and civilian personnel had scoured the wreckage for bodies and parts of bodies for seven to 10 days after the accident.

Rings Believed Identified

Wednesday night, Glenn D. Overman, dean of business administration at Arizona State College at Tempe, said he believed the rings Billingsley found belonged to Mildred Wallace Hatcher, a passenger on the TWA Constellation. The woman's body was never identified, although that of her husband, William, was identified.

The rings still had not been definitely identified as of this morning. The Hatchers, survived by three children, lived in Ventura.

Boy Extricated From Narrow Well On Arcata Farm

Arcata, Calif.—A 3-year-old boy was extricated Wednesday from a narrow well into which he had fallen feet first while playing with other children.

The boy, Michael Swenson, and his companions were playing near a newly dug well which had been covered with boards. Becoming curious, the children pushed the boards aside and peered down the 15-foot-deep well.

Little Michael, unaware of the danger, tumbled too close to the side. Before he knew it, he had plunged to the bottom of the dry well even though it was only seven inches in diameter.

Buckling Feared

The danger was that the sides of the well might buckle, burying the child in an avalanche of sand.

Michael began to wail. His companions called for help. A telephone call brought sheriff's deputies from Eureka and firemen from Arcata to the scene, a farm on a road between Arcata and Samoa.

The rescuers lowered a rope with a loop into the well. They pulled Michael up, but just as he reached the top, he slipped back down. This happened three times.

"Don't be scared," the rescuers called down to Michael.

They lowered the rope again. This time it caught. Holding their breaths, they carefully pulled Michael to the top, and to safety.

Firemen took him to a hospital but he was unhurt.

Bruce Manley Opens Cave Junction Office

Cave Junction—Bruce Manley, a Medford attorney, and one of the directors of the Nickel Corporation of America, has rented offices above the Western Auto Supply store in Cave Junction.

It is reported he plans to spend three days of each week in the valley.

ILLINOIS VALLEY IV Chamber Slates Picnic

By HELEN BOTTEL

Cave Junction—Cole Rivers, of the Oregon Game commission, will speak at the annual Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce picnic, Sunday at Gray-back Forest camp.

The construction of fish ladders at the Illinois river falls will be discussed by Rivers in conjunction with his talk on commission policies.

Proposed several years ago as a step in the improvement of salmon and steelhead spawning in the Rogue basin, the fish ladder project has been pushed by the local Chamber. Recently the board made a formal request to Rivers that every effort be made to speed up the work.

New secretary for the Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce is Allan Markley, news editor of the Illinois Valley News. Markley was appointed recently to replace William J. McLean, who offered his resignation at a meeting of the board of directors.

The sale of the 283-acre ranch adjoining the Holland store has been announced by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Floyd and Mrs. Saidie Smock. New owners are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sells of Santa Susanna, Calif., who plan to run it as a cattle and stock ranch.

Errol Woodbury of Cave Junction has been hired as the manager by Mr. and Mrs. Sells, who do not expect to live in the valley at present.

Mrs. Errol Stephens, 25, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter B. Freeman of Cave Junction, is recuperating from polio at Portland Isolation hospital. Her doctors reported Saturday that Mrs. Stephens was out of danger and would suffer no paralysis from the disease.

A nurse at Portland Veterans' hospital, Mrs. Stephens had received her Salk polio vaccine shots a few months ago. She was taken to the hospital last Wednesday.

Entertainment at the Illinois Valley Grange meeting last Thursday was provided by Oliver Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilson, and Jean Beem, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Beem.

Mrs. Oris Seat, teacher at Evergreen school, is home from summer school at Southern Oregon college, where she participated in two workshops.

Guests at the Marshall Burrows home last week were Mr. and Mrs. Leo Elssesser of Ojai, Calif.

In serious condition at Josephine General hospital is Harvey Smith of Grants Pass, who lived in the Illinois Valley 25 years before he and his wife moved last fall. Smith recently underwent surgery at the Sacred Heart hospital in Medford.

The Zuleima Illinois Valley Nile club entertained husbands and families at a potluck chicken dinner Sunday at the Bunch-Floyd mine on Caves creek.

Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Tillert, Mr. and Mrs. Hal Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ollis, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Burr and son, Alan, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Piper and children, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Floyd, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kellert and granddaughter Joy Parkinson, and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Blue.

and family arrived from Garden Grove for a few days visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Davis have sold their property south of Cave Junction to Ray Eckhardt, an employee of the Southern California Gas company. The Riverside, Calif., man came to the Illinois Valley as a result of the advertisement appearing this spring in the Los Angeles Examiner. He and his family plan to move here when he retires from his present work.

Carl Spieth Real Estate Agency made the sale.

Recuperating from minor surgery is Ralph W. McKinstry, state forestry department of Selma, who returned from a Medford hospital last week.

At the Leonard Johnson home at Twin Pines motel for a month this summer were Miss Carol Smith of San Diego and Miss Georgia Podane of Oxnard, Calif. The two left for their homes last week.

Guests of the three Castleberry brothers last week were their sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. George Elliott, of Oregon City.

First to receive his pin for making ten visits to the Kerby Branch library this summer is Larry Welsh of Kerby.

Mrs. Arthur Cribb, librarian,

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announces nine other youngsters also won pins last week. They are Debbie Milner, Roxie Milner, Kay Welsh, Mike Milner, Dorothy Wylie, Mattie Wylie, Shirley McNeil, Anita White and Carrie Brownson.

Mrs. Marvin Cross left Friday for Oak Harbor, Wash., where she will attend the wedding of her daughter, Lylabelle, Aug. 9. Mr. Cross will join her later this week.

Attending a reunion, which has been a custom in the family for more than 100 years, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Freeman spent a recent week end at McMinnville, Ore., at the home of her brother, William Perry.

Portland Families Face Evacuation for E-R Site

Portland — Portland Housing Authority officials said today more than half of the families now living at the site of the proposed Exposition-Recreation center here have no relocation plans.

Plans call for the proposed center to be located on a 25-acre site on the east bank of the Willamette river between the Broadway and Steel bridges. Clearing is scheduled in six months.

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