

36 DEATHS IN PLANE CRASH

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Wreck Toll Climbs To 198 Killed

TACOMA (AP) — A four-engine military transport from Alaska crashed in the fog a mile short of its destination here shortly after midnight and 36 of the 39 aboard died in the explosion and flames.

The passenger list of servicemen and dependents included seven women and nine children. The only survivors, were two airmen and an eight-year-old boy. Two of the women killed were in the military service. Several of the children were babies.

An Air Force information officer from McChord Air Force Base, where the big C-54 was preparing to land, said the hospital expressed the belief the three survivors have a good chance to pull through.

Sgt. Raymond Smith, who was reported to have been stationed at McChord Base, died of head injuries after being taken to a hospital.

At least two witnesses to the tragedy said the plane was afire as it "whooshed" down to a tree-lined field about a mile from its destination at McChord Air Force Base.

Hit Tree

Capt. Jack Easley, public information officer at McChord, said early reports to the base indicated the plane struck a tree while coming in through the heavy fog for a ground-control approach landing.

All but a section of the tail was destroyed in the resulting fire and explosion. Bodies were scattered over 200 feet from the wreckage.

The crash added to the toll of a disaster three weeks for military transports aviation around the North Pacific rim.

If the death toll stands at 36 in Friday's crash, it makes a total of 198 dead or presumed dead along the arc from Korea to Alaska to McChord and Montana. The total includes 91 on three big Korea transports in Alaska, 55 in two Korea crashes, eight in Montana and eight in a Canadian crash on Vancouver Island.

McChord Base reported the transport, a C-54, was circling for an approach to the field when disaster struck.

Art Getchman, 18, who was driving nearby, and Phillip Bolden, a McChord taxi driver, who said the plane flew low over his home, were the witnesses who said the plane appeared to be afire.

Getchman thought there was fire in an engine on the left side; Bolden said it "looked like the entire right wing was afire."

VERY LOW

Both said the plane was extremely low.

Getchman told a reporter: "I couldn't hear the motors; it was just a big whoosh."

"I thought it was a meteor," he added. "It just seemed to slide into the ground."

The manifest listed 18 military

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Wily Winnie Ruth Judd Escapes For Sixth Time

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP) — The out-gang-in-gang trunk murderer, Winnie Ruth Judd, led searchers a baffling chase today after her sixth escape from the State Hospital for the Insane.

Red-haired Winnie squirmed out through a sawed window screen last night.

With her customary craftiness, she left nothing to show just how she circumvented the many precautions taken to keep her in.

It was her second escape this year from the hospital where she has been confined since 1933. In 1931 she killed two girl friends and shipped their dismembered bodies to Los Angeles as baggage. She was sentenced to be hanged but was found insane just 72 hours before she was scheduled to go to the gallows.

Her flight last night set off a frantic search only for 48-year-old Winnie but for an unknown accomplice or accomplices.

"She had help some way or other to make the escape," said Dr. M. W. Conway, hospital superintendent. Sheriff's Lt. Frank Mitchell agreed. "She definitely had help," he said.

Death Claims Back Grigsby

A lifetime resident of Oregon, and of Klamath County for 75 years, Basil Sinclair (Back) Grigsby, 89, died Thanksgiving Day at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Ida Grimes, 1937 Portland Street. He had been seriously ill for the past three months.

Grigsby, born Jan. 26, 1863, at Central Point, Ore., was the son of pioneer parents, Henry Anderson and Ann Mariah Grigsby, drawn to the West coast in 1833 from Missouri by the lure of helping build a new land. They crossed the plains by ox team and settled at what is now Central Point, in 1840.

The family moved to Klamath County in 1878 and young Grigsby attended public school in Linkville, herded sheep and rode the cattle ranges, becoming a recognized expert in the handling of horses and cattle.

He was married in 1884 at Medford to Emma R. Faith. To this union were born four daughters, Mrs. Jim (Ida) Grimes, Mrs. Henry (June) Grimes, both of Klamath Falls, Mrs. O. L. (Ada) Brown, Cleone and Mrs. Elizabeth Saunders, Portland.

Grigsby devoted his entire life to farming and stock raising and accumulated extensive business and farm property in Klamath County. He was known throughout the Klamath Country as a man whose word was his bond and he leaves a wide circle of friends in Southern Oregon.

Surviving in addition to his four daughters are a half brother, Charles W. Thomas, Winlock, Wash.; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren, also a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements are in charge of Ward's Funeral Home and tentative plans are for services Monday, 3 p.m.

Court To Rule On Governor

SALEM (AP) — A court test to decide who will be Oregon's new governor will be filed about Dec. 5, sources close to Gov. Douglas McKay revealed Friday.

The governor, who will become secretary of the interior Jan. 20, will leave for Phoenix, Ariz., the night of Dec. 5, to attend the Convention of Western Governors.

When he leaves, Senate President Paul L. Patterson, Hillsboro, will take over the office to serve while the governor is in Phoenix.

Friends of the governor and of Patterson will bring a suit either in Circuit Court or State Supreme Court to contest Patterson's right to serve as governor.

This suit will decide if Patterson is next in line of succession to the governor, and thus also will decide if Patterson would become governor when Gov. McKay resigns to go to Washington.

There is some question whether Patterson or Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry should take over the governorship, although Attorney General George Neuner has ruled that Patterson is the successor to McKay.

Neuner ruled that while terms of legislators expired on election day, the terms of the President of the Senate and speaker of the House don't end until the new Legislature meets on Jan. 12.

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Purge of Jews Behind Iron Curtain Indicated by Czech 'Treason' Trials

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Eleven former Czechoslovak Communist leaders — including architects of the coup that swept their country into the Soviet orbit — today faced death on the gallows as confessed traitors.

Bedrich Geminder, 51, once the Kremlin's agent in Prague and former head of the Communist party's international affairs section; Andre Simon, 57, former editor of the party newspaper Rude Pravo; and Lt. Gen. Bedrich Reicin, 41, former deputy defense minister.

The prosecution had demanded the death penalty for all 11. All had confessed at length to charges in a 14,000-word indictment and were convicted of planning "to liquidate the peoples' democratic system, to restore capitalism, tear Czechoslovakia from its firm alliance with the Soviet Union and take it into the camp of imperialism."

The convicted men accepted their sentences. This indicated they would not appeal and the 11 soon would be hanged in Prague's grey-walled Fankrao Prison.

President Klement Gottwald still must approve the sentences but since the prisoners allegedly plotted his murder, Gottwald is not expected to show mercy.

Throughout the trial, the alleged plot was described as "Zionist-inspired," leaving the obvious implication of a still wider crackdown on Jews behind the Iron Curtain.

The Israeli Parliament has denounced the trial and Western Jewish organizations have expressed resentment.

Of those sentenced to be hanged only Clementis, Frank and Svab are non-Jews.

Western diplomats suggested that the trial set the stage for similar proceedings in other Soviet satellite countries, Romania's Jewish former foreign minister, Ana Pauker, or Poland's former Deputy Premier Wislawa Gomułka were mentioned as possibly the next principal defendants.

These diplomats said the Communists, in staging the trial, apparently aimed at winning friends for the Soviet world among the Arab people through the attacks on Jews and the state of Israel.

The court proceedings also served as a warning to Communists everywhere that the Kremlin will not permit the slightest deviation from its policies and warned thousands of Jews in high posts in other Red satellite nations to watch their step.



THIS GIANT CHRISTMAS tree, mounted in front of the Courthouse this morning, represents real cooperation. Weyerhaeuser Timber Company supplied the tree, the California Oregon Power Company set it up and 20-30 Club spearheaded the idea.

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Sports Bulletin

KITTLE MANAGES

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. (AP) — Appointment of Hubert (Hub) Kittle of Yakima, Wash., as manager of the Terre Haute Three I League baseball club was announced Friday. The announcement came from Joe Reardon, director of the Philadelphia National League club's farm organization.

Chemult Has Record Cold

Chemult had the dubious honor this morning of being one of the two coldest spots in the nation. The chilly community near the Cascades summit recorded eight below zero early this morning.

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Although Klamath Falls experienced a new season's low, it was only a comparatively balmy six above. Previous low this winter was Monday morning's nine above.

High temperature here yesterday was 32 at about 1 p.m. From that point the mercury went steadily down until it touched six a little after 7 o'clock this morning.

The weatherman is forecasting a bit warmer weather for the Klamath Country with a low of 20 tonight. But the warmer weather is to bring snow tomorrow, according to the prediction.

Meanwhile, new seasonal lows were being chalked up at many points from the western plains to northern parts of the Mississippi Valley. It was sub freezing as far south as Northern Texas, the Tennessee Valley and the extreme Southern Rockies.

Only mild weather in the nation was reported from Southern California and deep in Dixie along the Gulf Coast and in Florida.

In Buffalo, N.Y., traffic was snarled by an 8-inch snowfall.

Christmas Fete Tonight

Santa is coming to town!

The jolly old gent, complete with whiskers and boots will settle down via helicopter on Modoc Field at the high school tonight around 8 p.m. immediately following a half hour colorful, full-of-surprises, pageant.

The program is expected to be one of the most outstanding ever attempted here for a Merchant's Christmas Opening.

"Christmas Is For Giving" is the theme of the playlet to be presented against a natural backdrop of forest trees and greens.

Well-known Klamath adults and children are cast in the roles of a happy family who think only of their "wants" at Christmas time instead of the happiness that "giving" brings.

Charlie McFarlan will play the part of Father; Minnie Surles, the grandmother; Faith Brock, Mother Dede Biglie, Grandfather; David Reader, Jim; Mary Laurhammer, Betty; Leslie Fleet, Nancy; Joe Betty; Leslie Fleet, Nancy; Joe Betty.

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Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity and Northern California: Increasing cloudiness Friday night and snow flurries Saturday. High Saturday; low Friday night 29.

High yesterday 31
Low last night 6
Precip last 24 hrs 0
Since Oct. 192
Normal for period 2.60
Same period last year 3.50

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Farm Prices In Decline

WASHINGTON (AP) — Farm product prices declined 2 per cent between mid-October and mid-November, the Agriculture Department reported Friday.

This marked the third consecutive month that these prices declined.

Largely responsible for the decline were lower prices for meat animals, cotton, fruit and corn.

A few commodities, principally food grains, poultry and eggs, and truck crops advanced to offset partially the declines in other products.

The department said the level of prices paid by farmers for goods and services used in production and in living dropped one-third of one per cent during the month.



READY FOR WORK this morning were (l to r) Ruby Young, of Hardy's, and Cecil Finney, Sears.

Two Killed In Oregon

By The Associated Press

Two men died on Oregon highways over the Thanksgiving holiday.

One was a motorist who had got out of his stalled car. The other was a pedestrian.

The motorist was Frank Heider, 23, of Klamath Falls. His car stalled Wednesday night 25 miles north of Klamath Falls and he stepped into the path of an oncoming car to flag it down. The car couldn't stop in time to avoid him.

The pedestrian was Morris David Rodgers, 80, who walked across the highway three miles north of Yachats at 5 p.m. Thursday and was hit. The driver of the car which struck him was Erling Moe of Florence. He told state police that Rodgers apparently became confused and stepped back into the car's path.

Moe was treated for a head cut suffered when he slumped into the windshield in swerving and braking to a stop in a vain effort to avoid Rodgers.



BACK GRIGSBY

SHOOTING HOURS

NOVEMBER 29

Open 6:44 A.M.

Close 3:36 P.M.