



"And this is a pot I won at that deer camp in Michigan last fall!"

Student Pilot Survives Five Days On Desert When Plane Runs Out Of Fuel

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP)—Five days without food or water. That's the story of a young pilot who hiked out of the desert after search planes had almost given up.

Just "an unpleasant experience," said 19-year-old John De Castro, who was strong enough to lift his young niece and nephew and hug them as he arrived home yesterday.

The handsome student pilot took off from Phoenix last Monday on his first cross-country solo flight to Tucson. That afternoon he ran out of gas and landed on a desolate Air Force gunnery range at the other end of the state, hopelessly lost.

For the first three days he just "sat and waited." Overhead—high to see his bright red Aerona—jet planes fired rockets and machine guns.

"The desert floor all around me

was covered with their bullets, shell casings, rockets stuck in the ground and tow targets," he said.

How did he manage to stay alive as the desert sun beat down? "The first two days were the hardest. I was hungry—boy, I was hungry. But I never did get terribly thirsty. I did have to learn to breathe through my nose after my throat and mouth dried out."

"I looked everywhere for water. I dug in the sand, searched for barrel cactus that might have water, and scoured around in the mountains for any sign of water."

And what happened when the temperature slid into the 30s at night?

"There still was about a quart of gas in the plane, so I used a dime to unscrew the spinner cover from the prop hub, put about an inch of gas in it, hooked it to the engine cowl and unhooked a sparkplug wire. Then I started the engine and the sparkplug wire ignited the gas."

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Eisenhower Takes It Easy On Last Visit To Farm; Will See AEC Chief Today

By ERNEST B. VACCARO

GETTYSBURG, Pa. (AP)—President Eisenhower, heartened by the latest reports from his doctors, maintains an easygoing schedule today while winding up his final 1955 visit to his Gettysburg farm.

He had a date with Chairman Lewis Strauss of the Atomic Energy Commission at the family home three miles from here, but President Eisenhower's Secretary James C. Hagerty said it was principally a "social visit" with a few official items thrown in.

Tomorrow, the President probably will drive in to his office in the Gettysburg post office to confer with Dillon Anderson, his special assistant for national security matters.

Otherwise his Gettysburg schedule is free of official callers. He will confine his duties to telephone consultations and dictation of mail.

He goes back to Washington Wednesday to spend Christmas with Mrs. Eisenhower, their son and daughter-in-law, Maj. and Mrs. John Eisenhower, and the three Eisenhower grandchildren.

A fourth is expected shortly. After Christmas, Eisenhower will fly South, probably to Augusta, Ga., to seek the warmer weather the doctors prescribed Saturday.

They said they want him to get more exercise, including some golf practice shots, than has been possible in the climate here.

His confidants, White House staffers who see him from day to day, profess to be as much in the dark as the general public on whether he will seek a second term.

A weekend examination brought word from the doctors that Eisenhower, 65, has made "excellent and encouraging progress" toward recovery.

But his top medical consultant

agreed with the President's personal physician, Maj. Gen. Howard M. Snyder, that it will be at least mid-February before it will be known how the President's damaged heart stands up under increasing mental and physical activity.

Dr. Paul Dudley White, the Boston heart specialist, told a news conference Saturday, "It is possible for the President to live for years and be fully active." Yet he added that "the future is in the lap of the gods."

Reporters who observed Eisenhower yesterday thought he looked more cheerful and alert than for several weeks.

That was when he drove to Gettysburg College with Mrs. Eisenhower to voice his Christmas greetings to the nation and press a golden key lighting the national Christmas tree at Washington.

The situation today, the President told his radio-TV audience, does not measure up to the hopes of the free world.

But, he said, this Christmas is "brighter in its background and its promise for the future than any we have known in recent years."

The President will meet with the National Security Council Thursday afternoon at the White House, his first such meeting in Washington since he was struck by a heart attack Sept. 24. There will be no Cabinet meeting this week, since many of the members will be going home for the holidays.

The date for the President's flight South has not been announced. His doctors want him to go immediately after Christmas. If he gets away, he will return to Washington briefly for the Jan. 3 opening of Congress, then return to remain until about Jan. 9.

The President will send his State of the Union message to Congress rather than deliver it in person, but Hagerty said that was not a medical decision.

The reopening of Congress will offer an opportunity for the doctors to observe his reaction to the strain a session normally imposes.

They are advising "steadily increasing activity, both physical and mental" as he approaches the strains of "his full job."

They want to wait until he is tackling this job on a day-to-day basis before he makes his decision whether to try for a second term.

Eisenhower is "out of danger" from the September attack, Dr. White said.

P.T.A.

By NORMA WEBER

Joseph Conger PTA met for its regular session November 30 at the school.

Following the flag salute led by the Brownie Troop 3, whose leaders are Mrs. Richard Suber and Mrs. D. R. Phillips, reports were made by Mrs. Ethel Robinson on the school PTA treasury; Mrs. G. H. Hicks reported on the financial success of the school carnival held October 28 at the school and thanked parents, teachers and guests for their cooperation which resulted in the success of the fundraising project.

Mrs. Donald Parks reported on the saving stamp program, and Mrs. Richard Suber on the school census.

Mrs. Harvey Brannan reported on the results of the membership drive.

The room count prize was awarded to June Potter's first and second grade.

Mrs. Lorn Dalcour won the special prize.

In the absence of the Reverend Dwayne Proett, a film, "Is Your Home Fun?" was presented by Margaret Sheridan, who also spoke on the Child Guidance Clinic.

James Scott, Conger principal, expressed his appreciation for the cooperation on the part of the parents and teachers toward the Thanksgiving program presented November 22 at the school.

Refreshments were served by the six and seventh grade room mothers following the meeting.

British TV Not For Morning Hours

LONDON (AP)—Britain likes commercial television—but not in the morning.

Admitting a major defeat, the commercial TV bosses are fading out their before-noon shows and switching them to midafternoon.

Neither viewers nor advertisers are supporting the morning programs and the losses on them reportedly run about 1,000 pounds (\$2,800) a day.

Commercial TV began here Sept. 22 in competition with the government-owned British Broadcasting Corp., which has no morning shows and no advertising.

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Runaway Jet Plane Has Wild Time; Three Killed

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP)—A Navy jet fighter plane, warning up on the flight line, ran suddenly wild under full power at the Lincoln Air Force Base yesterday.

The result:
—Three Navy men killed.
—A huge wooden hangar levelled by fire.

Six aircraft destroyed completely, another damaged.
—Losses running into the "millions of dollars."

One of the dead was the jet plane's pilot, Lt. (JG) Vernon R. Chapman Jr., 25, of Grand Island, a Korean war veteran but of late a "child warrior" as a Navy reservist.

The other victims, whose bodies were recovered from the hangar ruins, were:
Air Controlman I.C. Kenneth C. Newman, 24, of Lincoln.

Air Controlman 3.C. Hubert Lee Tracy, 29, of Lincoln.

The F-4 jet fighter plane with Lt. Chapman in the cockpit struck three aircraft in its wild, careening run outside the hangar. With its exhaust still spewing flames at full force, the craft plowed its way inside the hangar, crashed through another aircraft and into still another.

The hangar suddenly became a holocaust of flame and more than 50 men inside the huge structure, many of them in the operations office and other offices located inside the building, ran for safety.

In its tempestuous trip, the jet

Cuban Parents Have Two Gift Giving Opportunities

HAVANA, Cuba (AP)—Cuban parents face two present-giving holidays during the Christmas season. Children receive gifts from Santa Claus on Christmas and from the Three Wise Men Jan. 6.

Until recent years most Cubans followed only the Latin-American custom of showering toys on their children Jan. 6, the feast which commemorates the Three Wise Men's presenting gifts to the Christ Child.

Traditionally, Christmas in Cuba is a religious and family celebration. Members of the family gather late Christmas Eve, known as "Noche Buena" or the Good Night, for a feast of young roast pig, black beans and rice and fried bananas.

Then off they go at midnight to an old cathedral or to a modern air-conditioned church to attend the Misa del Gallo or the Mass of the Rooster.

Before the last war only the more wealthy among Cubans had adopted the United States-type Christmas. Now it has spread to others. As early as mid-November Christmas decorations go up in stores, and shop windows are filled with a gift suggestions. Imported evergreens are sold from sidewalk stands.

The Cuban government this year will distribute 200,000 food packages — each of which will include \$1 — so the poor can hold their family dinners on Christmas Eve. The dollar will be used to buy a young tender pig for roasting.

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OVER THE GARDEN GATE

ALTURAS GARDEN CLUB

Mrs. Phillip McKenney was hostess at a beautiful afternoon Christmas party on Thursday, December 8. Twenty-four members of the garden club accepted Mrs. McKenney's invitation. She received her guests in her home seasonally decorated for the occasion. There was a gay Christmas tree, garlands of evergreens, bright touches of red here and there to set off the charm of the native juniper berries.

A short business meeting was held with President Mrs. Guy Young presiding and Mrs. Ralph Laird acting as secretary in the absence of Mrs. Fred Ash. "Christmas Wrapping" was the theme of the program, and many and varied were the 24 gorgeous packages.

Mrs. Robert Edgingfield acted as judge. The prize went to Mrs. Guy Young for a gold chest decorated with bands of red ribbon and hand-painted pine cones. Honorable mention was given to Mrs. Paul Decker for her pert and saucy "Snowman".

Mrs. Kenneth Plourney for her package wrapped as a shirt; Mrs. Ash for her Santa Claus, reindeer and sled; Mrs. Wardwell for her green package with silvered juniper foliage and berries, and Mrs. Walls Gloster for her clever adaptation of Santa Claus.

Admiration of the wrappings was enthusiastic and genuine and indicative of the fact that the members had gone "all out" in their efforts.

The ten table in the dining room added to the gaiety of the party with a center piece of huge red carnations and soft red tapers. All of the traditional goodies were present: open faced sandwiches, bonbons, fruit cake to complement the bowl of delicious eggnog.

The January meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Warren Cantrell on Thursday, January 12. The program will be on house plants and dish gardens.

GAL WANTS MAN

COLDWATER, Mich. (UP)—The following ad appeared yesterday in the Coldwater Advertiser: "An attractive gal who gets paid on Friday and is broke by Tuesday wants to meet a man who gets paid on Tuesday and is broke by Friday."

INSPECTION

TEHRAN, Iran (AP)—Adm. Arthur Radford, chairman of the U.S. joint chiefs of staff, arrived here on a three day official visit to inspect U.S. and allied military installations and to discuss with Iranian officials increased U.S. military aid to Iran.

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Too Far Away, So Suit Filed

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP)—Mrs. Ulrich B. Busch, 51, has filed suit for separate maintenance, claiming her husband, a member of the St. Louis brewing family, left their Brentwood home last May saying: "I'm going so far away it will take a \$10,000 postage stamp to find me."

The complaint charged extreme cruelty. In an accompanying affidavit, Mrs. Busch said she had been informed her 62-year-old husband traveled to New York and Cuba with a woman, not identified.

FOUND

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP)—A "missing" pilot re-established radio contact with Bowman Field yesterday just in time to head off a search. He explained he had to make an emergency landing for gasoline—on Indiana Highway 135.

THEFT

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP)—Two young men drove up to Emanuel Episcopal Church's Christmas tree sale and made off with a paper-mache display Santa Claus. Police were looking for them.

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