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FOUR DIE AS SPRAY PLANES COLLIDE, DESTROY RURAL NYSSA HOME

Three persons died Monday night when two planes spraying farm crops collided over a farm home, killing both pilots and a woman in the home.

A fourth person died on the way to a hospital after suffering a heart attack at the scene of the accident.

One plane carried the wing and burning motor of the other plane into the Ray Schulthies farm home, and the home and plane were consumed by flames. The other plane came to rest, completely demolished in a field about a fourth mile from the Schulthies home.

The dead include both pilots, Ross Allen, 39, Ontario, and William Pierce, 33, Mountain Home and Mrs. Evelyn Schulthies, 44, wife of Ray Schulthies, of Route 1, Nyssa. Schulthies and other members of the home escaped uninjured.

A neighbor of the Schulthies, Mrs. Dewey Garner, 61, died enroute to Malheur Memorial Hospital of an apparent heart attack.

A fifth person was hospitalized for treatment of a possible heart attack. This was Carl Simpson, 65, on whose farm Pierce was spraying. He was released Tuesday morning.

Schulthies said Mrs. Schulthies had trouble sleeping because of the oppressive heat and had moved from the bedroom to the living room in the front portion of their home. This is where the plane struck.

The Federal Aviation Administration Tuesday ordered

autopsies on the bodies of the pilots as the investigation continued with the assistance of the Malheur County Sheriff's Department and other law enforcement officers.

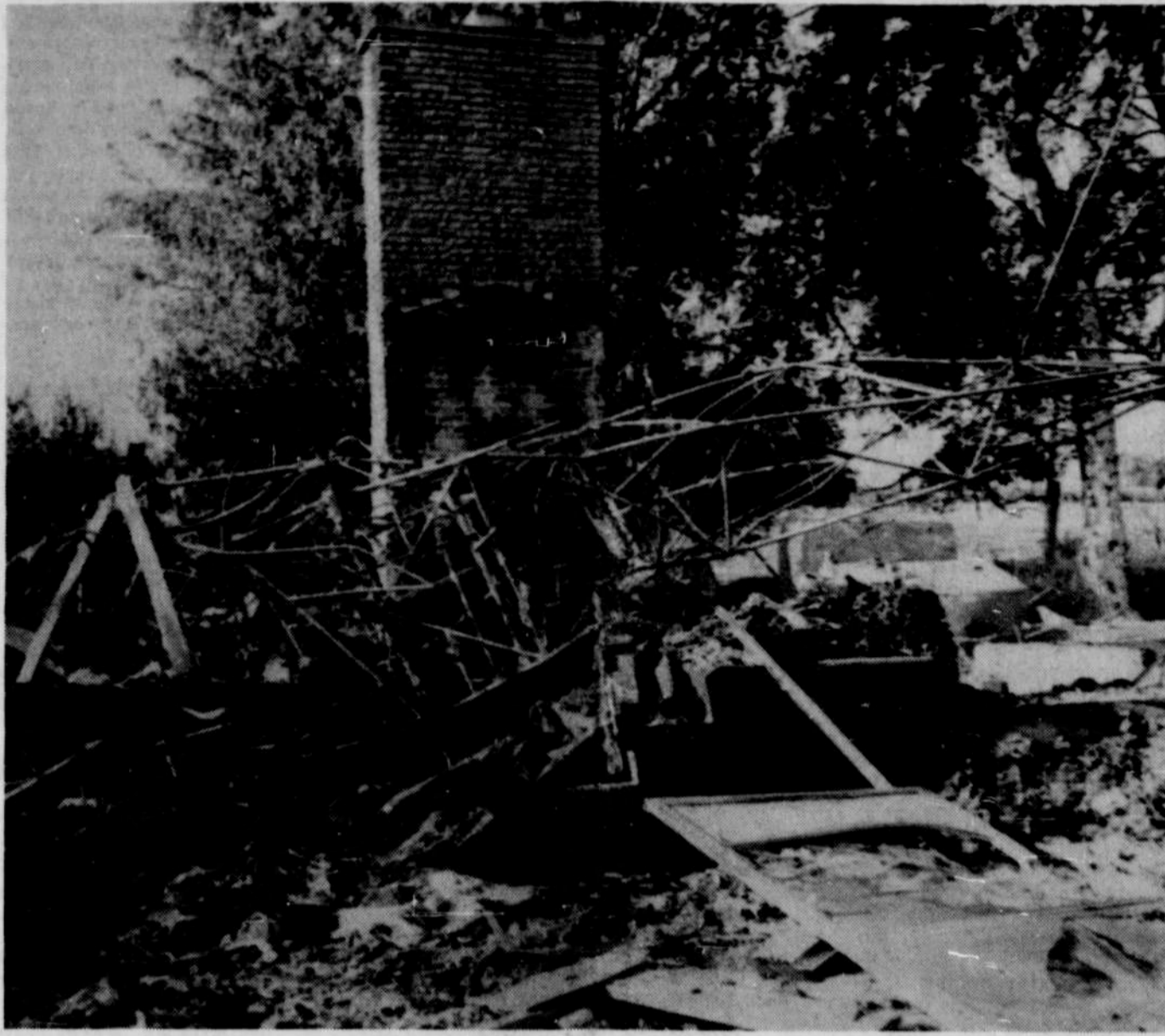
The Nyssa Fire Department quickly responded to the call but were unable to save the farm house, which was destroyed. Deputies said that Allen, an employe of Ontario Flight Service, was apparently about to land at the Folkman Air Strip a quarter mile south of the Schulthies farm, and indications were that Pierce was turning for a spraying pass at a field when the accident occurred.

Pierce was working for Clark's Flying Service of Nampa and was operating from an airstrip nearby.

Deputy Sheriff Tom Boren said he and Sheriff Robert Ingram arrived at about 11:30 p.m. and the Nyssa Fire Department already had the blaze "pretty well cooled down." He said both Mrs. Schulthies and Pierce were burned beyond recognition.

Neighbors were on hand in force Tuesday helping with the farm chores which included the moving of cattle from fields that might possibly be contaminated by the pesticides lost in the crash.

Bishop Farrell Peterson, of the Owyhee Ward, LDS Church, is directing a drive to help the family acquire needed household items and clothing.



The chimney of the Ray Schulthies home and the skeleton of the crop spraying plane piloted by William Pierce, which crashed into it is a grim reminder of Monday night's tragedy. The home was consumed by flames, and Mrs. Schulthies and the two pilots of the planes that collided in mid air died in the accident. A fourth person, Mrs. Dewey (Thelma) Garner, a neighbor of the Schulthies family, died of an apparent heart attack enroute to the hospital.

In the picture at right can be seen the wreckage of the plane owned by Ontario Flight Service and piloted by Ross Allen.

Benefit Dance Called Success

Owyhee Riding Club sponsored a benefit dance Saturday evening, July 31, for the Bud Sappe family who recently had the misfortune of having their house completely destroyed by fire.

A good crowd turned out, not only to have a good time, but also to help the Sappe family. The Riding Club made approximately \$275 for their benefit.

It would be almost impossible to name individuals who donated their services and time to help with the dance but members of the Owyhee Riding Club wished to state that the Twilight Cafe donated "coffee time money" in the amount of \$20.75 plus \$43.88 which was collected in a container at the counter of their cafe.

The M & W Market donated two three-pound cans of coffee; the Grizzlies Bear donated three large pizzas and the Owyhee Beverage Company and the Olympic Club furnished the door prizes.

Owyhee Riding Club members appreciate and wish to thank all those who made the dance such a success.

PUC Blocks Gas Rate Increase

Public Utility Commissioner Diarmuid F. O'Scannlain has blocked a proposed rate increase by Cascade Natural Gas Corporation and has ordered an investigation into the propriety and reasonableness of the proposed tariff filing.

Cascade Natural Gas seeks an increase in rates which would provide additional gross revenue of \$1,270,950. The average increase proposed is approximately 20 percent, though individual increases would vary according to type and location of service.

The Commissioner's order suspends the tariff filing for six months, during which the Commissioner will determine what charges Cascade may lawfully impose.

Service areas of Cascade Natural Gas include the following communities: Central Oregon -- Bend, Chemult, Crescent, Gilchrist, Madras, Prineville, Redmond, and Sun River. Eastern Oregon -- Baker, Huntington, Nyssa and Ontario, Pendleton area -- Athena, Hermiston, Milton-Freewater, Pendleton, Pilot Rock, Stanfield, Umatilla, and Weston.

Impasse on Draft Causes Uncertainty

Selective Service System Local Board Chairman, Francis R. Chilman, Malheur County Local Board No. 22, Ontario, says the current Congressional impasse over extending the induction authority has created great uncertainty among area draft-age men. "Our local board has been specifically instructed to continue to register and classify men, and to order for preinduction physical examinations those young men who may be needed to fill draft calls.

Men with lottery numbers through 125 were eligible for induction in June in order to fill draft calls. Since then, the Defense Department has asked Selective Service to draft 16,000 men in July-August. This request is pending final Congressional action on the draft bill.

Registrants with RSN 001-175 are now scheduled for preinduction physical examinations. "Many young men," said Mr. Chilman, "seem to think that the Selective Service Act has

permanently expired and that they probably will never be drafted. Some of them also think that the entire system has stopped. They, therefore, may be unintentionally breaking the law by failing to register at age 18, by not keeping their local boards informed of their current address, or by failing to report, if ordered, for their preinduction physical examinations."

Young men who had planned to submit requests for deferments or exemptions are encouraged to do so. "The expiration of the induction authority does not affect our responsibility to classify young men," Chilman added.

Mrs. Ruth Ingebritsen, Executive Secretary, may be contacted at 368 S.W. 5th Avenue, Ontario, Oregon, the office of Local Board No. 22. Office hours are 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Monday through Wednesday; 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 P.M. on Thursday. The office is not open on Fridays or Saturdays.

NEW PHARMACIST AT MICHAEL'S

Chris Cheung is employed as a pharmacist intern at Michael's Pharmacy. He is a native of Hong Kong, where he graduated from high school, and since 1966 a resident of Seattle where his parents live, and where his father is an architect.



Chris graduated from the Pharmacy School at Idaho State University in May of this year, and passed his Idaho State Pharmacy Board exam. He must put in 1750 hours as an intern before he becomes a licensed pharmacist. Oregon and Idaho accept students from the other state on a reciprocal agreement.

Chris worked in a hospital in Stockton, California last summer to acquire some of the hours needed for his license. He lives at 109 N. 3rd Street, and enjoys hunting and fishing. He is a bachelor, girl.

NEW TEACHERS COMPLETE FACULTY

Superintendent W.L. McPartland said today that the Nyssa School faculty is complete with the hiring of two instructors in the elementary school.

New teachers are Nadine Spitze, a Nyssa and OSU graduate and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Spitze; and Thomas W. Bird from Grants Pass and a graduate of Southern Oregon College.

P. Ramirez Returns To Chile July 20

Paula Ramirez, Nyssa AFS student this past year, notified the Carl Linegar family, her host family, telling them that she had arrived home in Chile, July 20.

NYSSA THUNDEREGG DAYS ATTRACTS VISITORS FROM MANY STATES

The Sixth Annual Thunderegg Days program in Nyssa started Wednesday morning, with rockhounds arriving, and registration and visiting taking up most of the first day. Guided tours got underway this morning at 7 a.m. to the three main rock areas.

Visitors had a choice of going after Thundereggs in the Succor Creek area south of Nyssa, to hunt Plume Agates at Graveyard Point near Home-dale, or to search for Petrified Wood in the Bully Creek area near Vale. Guided tours will also leave the park area Friday and Saturday mornings at the same time.

Chairman Wayne Moncur, assisted by Bernard Eastman, has everything in readiness for the visitors, which are arriving in record numbers. Chamber of Commerce members are assisting the committee, and are taking care of the registration booth.

Parking is again around the South Park, with spaces assigned to each party. Visitors are assigned stakes with their names on them when they register, which are used to serve their spaces while out rock hunting.

The event is widely advertised in the Lapidary Journal, Gems and Minerals and the Canadian Rockhounds. Each reaches a wide segment of rock-hunting enthusiasts. As the event grows in popularity we find that many rockhounds hear about Nyssa from visiting with other rockhounds.

The Nyssa Jaycees are again sponsoring a barbeque to be held in the South Park tonight at 6:30 p.m. Doug Patterson is

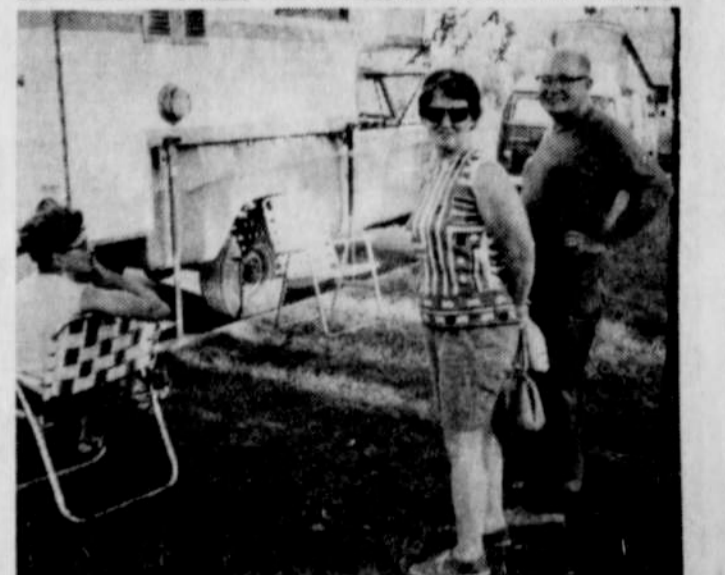
Two TVCC Instructors Resign

Edwin Haynes, Treasure Valley Community College Dean of Instruction, announced at the July 28 Board Meeting the resignation of two vocational faculty members.

Charles Howell has accepted post of Coordinator for Trades and Industrial Training Programs at Western Wyoming Community College in Rock Springs, Wyoming. He had been associated with Treasure Valley seven years in the Mechanical Technology program.

Robert Turpin, welding instructor, has resigned to accept a grant to finish his B.S. degree in Industrial Education at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff. Turpin came to Treasure Valley Community College from Oregon Technical Institute and has taught here two years.

Thunderegg Days Attract Visitors



At top F.A. Hickman of Eddyville, Nebraska is visiting with Byron B. Shipley, Kitchener, Ontario, Canada. Their wives, Edna and Thelma, were busy preparing their suppers. In the bottom photo Mrs. Hester Williams of Akron, Ohio, left, is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Omar J. Mitchell of Philadelphia, Pa. By noon Wednesday over 50 Rockhounds had registered, representing every part of the U.S. and Canada.

Rockhounds Visit Nyssa



Rockhounds started arriving early in the week, and by Tuesday evening they were strung around South City Park in their camping vehicles, as can be seen in the top photo.

In the bottom picture Mr. and Mrs. Tom McMullen of Gardena, California are partaking of an A & W supper while visiting with Byron Horton of Bloomington, California in the background.

VIEWERS IMPEDE FIRE FIGHTERS

City Manager Fred Koch said that persons and curiosity seekers who follow the fire trucks and impede the work of firemen are not only creating a very serious hazard, but make it more difficult for the firemen to fight the fire. He said that friends and neighbors who are actually helping are always welcome, but sight seers must keep back.

A case in point is the Schulthies fire Monday night, when traffic was so heavy that the ambulance could not get through, and in some cases people refused to move. One arrest had to be made, and there will be more in the future if these hazards continue, he said.

The manager said that another hazard is youngsters riding their bicycles at night in the city without lights. City codes require that all vehicles be lighted when operated after dark.

WEATHER

DATE	MAX	MIN
July 28	101	60
July 29	100	62
July 30	103	65
July 31	102	64
August 1	103	65
August 2	102	71
August 3	99	69
August 4		65

Owyhee Reservoir Storage
8/4/71 599,600 Acre Feet
8/4/70 604,890 Acre Feet