

81 Die in 2-Plane Mishap

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Camp Co. at White Sulphur Springs, W.Va. They were to leave the plane at Roanoke, Va. Piedmont serves 10 states and the District of Columbia on its 7,000 miles of routes. This was the third fatal crash in its 18-year history.

The Boeing 727 had gone into service for Piedmont only about 29 months ago. It was being leased by Piedmont from Boeing at \$1,000 a day.

It was almost three hours before rescue workers could get into the airliner wreckage. A nearby high school gymnasium

was taken over to serve as a morgue. McNaughton, who had served three years as assistant secretary of defense for international security affairs, had been appointed by President Johnson to succeed Paul H. Nitze as Navy secretary.

The Federal Aviation Agency said the smaller plane, a twin-engine Cessna 310, was owned by Lansair, Inc., of Springfield, Mo. The company identified the pilot as Dale Addison. The two passengers were not immediately identified.

Clarence Huder, a sign painter who lives nearby, said he saw the big jet circling near the Asheville airport shortly after take-off.

He said he had seen the small plane hit the airliner.

"It looked like the small one hit the bottom of the big plane," he said. "In about a second there was an explosion."

Huder said it appeared the pilot of the airliner tried to straighten the craft, but then there was another explosion.

"A thousand pieces fell from the plane," he said.

The two planes were about 2,000 feet in the air when they collided, Huder said.

Huder said he had heard two other explosions as he drove toward the scene.

Another witness, Thomas A. Conner, 39, said his son Alden, 12, yelled: "Look, daddy, that little plane is going to hit the big one."

Conner said the smaller craft appeared to rise directly up from underneath the airliner and hit it "nose to nose." The airliner then made a sharp turn, Conner said, as if trying to reach Interstate Highway 26, which runs alongside the crash area.

"He was about leveled off," Conner related, "when he exploded."

The wreckage of the airliner fell near a summer camp for boys, some of whom were playing volleyball a short distance away. None of the boys was injured.

Counselors at the summer youth camp acted immediately to get their charges out of the crash area.

Program director Marvin Nockow, 50, of Miami, and other staffers moved the children to the opposite side of the camp area and had a songfest.

The National Transportation Safety Board in Washington sent an investigation team to the scene.

A spokesman for the board said the airliner left Asheville on an instrument flight plan, and two minutes later reported leaving the 5,000-foot altitude to climb to a flight altitude of 21,000 feet.

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Weather observers said the area had broken clouds at 2,500 feet, with a visibility of four miles in haze.

The McNaughtons had come to North Carolina on Monday for their son, who had spent five weeks at Camp Sequoyia near Weaverville, just west of Asheville. Another son, Alexander, 18, is on a trip to Europe.

A native of Indiana McNaughton was long a close associate of Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara, who relied heavily on him for advice on day-to-day problems involving international defense matters.

WINSTON - S.A.L.E.M., N.C. (UPI)—Piedmont Airlines Wednesday night issued the following list of passengers aboard its 727 jetliner which crashed earlier in the day at Hendersonville, N.C., killing 78 persons.

They were:

Boarding in Atlanta:

1. J. M. Chidsey, Rome, Ga.

2. E. Parker, Griffin, Ga.

3. M. and Mrs. P. R. Brown, Lexington, Va.

4. W. Boone, Roanoke, Va.

5. J. Farmer, Roanoke, Va.

6. R. Little, Roanoke, Va.

7. C. Geiger, Albany, Ga.

8. B. MacKendree, Albany, Ga.

9. G. Lewis, Albany, Ga.

10. T. R. Bolton, Huntsville, Ala.

11. John Price, Athens, Ga.

12. D. Hutchinson Sr., Columbus, Miss.

13. D. Hutchinson Jr., Columbus, Miss.

14. C. L. Hutchinson, Columbus, Miss.

15. W. Simpson, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

16. J. W. Segars, Mobile, Ala.

17. C. T. Hardee, Jacksonville, Fla.

18. T. W. Holt, Jacksonville, Fla.

19. R. J. Ward, Tampa, Fla.

20. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Green, Lakeland, Fla.

21. R. W. Stephens, Tampa, Fla.

22. Gus Jimenez, Tampa, Fla.

23. A. Mr. Stewart, Memphis, Tenn.

24. T. C. White, Memphis, Tenn.

25. L. O. Philiber, Dallas, Tex.

26. V. L. Patterson, Dallas, Tex.

27. R. M. Laughlin, Dallas, Tex.

28. A. Morgan, Birmingham, Ala.

29. R. Williamson, Los Angeles, Calif.

30. Mrs. E. W. Ford, New Orleans, La.

31. D. F. Vaughn, Savannah, Ga.

32. M. Daye, Miami, Fla.

33. A. Mr. Krauel, Miami, Fla.

34. Mrs. T. Freeman, Birmingham, Ala.

35. J. M. Berman, Lexington, Miss.

36. Mrs. W. Love, Jackson, Miss.

37. L. Love, Jackson, Miss.

38. E. Love, Jackson, Miss.

39. W. Love, Jackson, Miss.

40. M. Feingerts, New Orleans, La.

41. Miss S. Tergeon, Houston, Tex.

42. Mrs. D. Tergeon, Houston, Tex.

43. B. Lambert, Wichita, Kan.

44. J. Cutliff, Wichita, Kan.

45. Don Benson, Oklahoma City, Okla.

46. Carl Gilmore, Oklahoma City, Okla.

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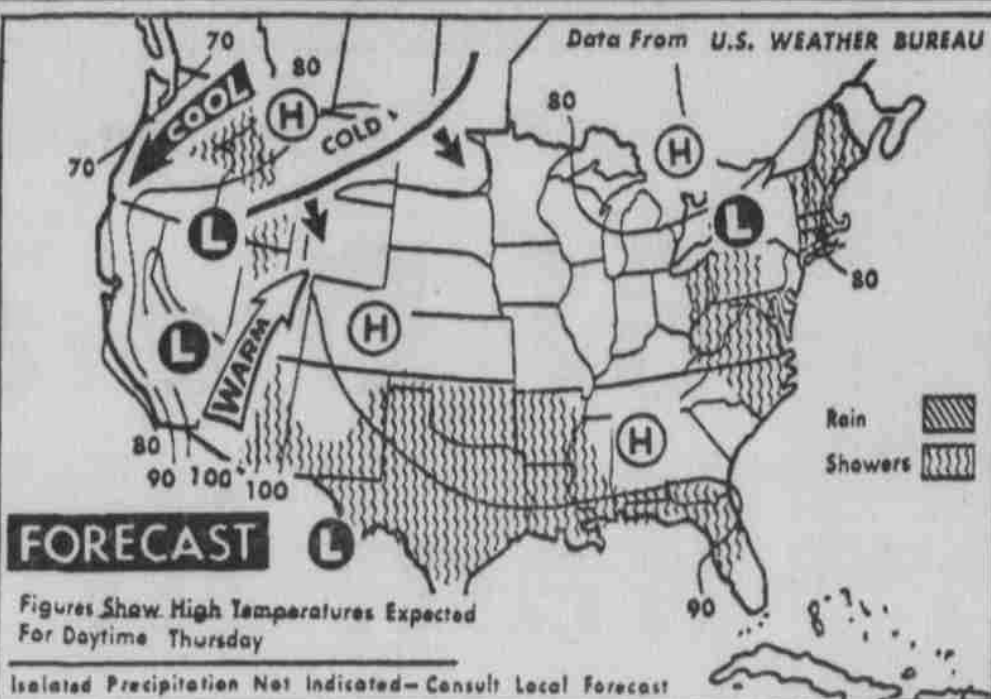
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Shower and thundershowers are expected Thursday in New England, the lower Lakes region, Ohio Valley, Carolinas and from Gulf coast region into southern Plains and portions of Plateaus and Pacific Northwest. Elsewhere clear to partly cloudy skies are expected. It will be warmer in central Plateaus and cooler along Northern Pacific Coast.

Jet Fighters Clash But None Is Hit

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Homme Richard reported inflicting heavy damage at a petroleum dump 27 miles northwest of Haiphong.

In South Vietnam B52 jets bombed suspected troop concentrations in War Zone C, the Viet Cong sanctuary 70 miles west of Saigon and near Khe Sanh in the extreme northwest corner of South Vietnam.

In the same jungle area of War Zone C, U.S. spokesmen reported, Army helicopters battling a nightfall deadline Tuesday rescued a force of about 100 South Vietnamese militiamen and their American Green Beret advisers. The allied troops were surrounded by 600 Viet Cong guerrillas.

The U.S. command said the helicopters flew in support of troops and ammunition and raked the Viet Cong lines with rockets and machine guns. They evacuated the wounded, then provided cover while the militiamen and U.S. Special Forces advisers moved to safe ground.

"It was a close one, all right," said Maj. Richard B. Schaefer of Coronado, Calif., commander of the 173rd Assault Helicopter Company whose helicopters pulled out the last wounded man just as it turned dark. "We couldn't possibly have made it in or out of that landing zone again until morning."

In North Vietnam, U.S. jets striking in two waves smashed several mobile launching pads for surface-to-air (SAM) missiles hidden in a soccer stadium midway between Hanoi and Haiphong.

In a series of ground clashes along the northern coast of South Vietnam American troops of "Task Force Oregon" killed

the rest of the 34 persons aboard their large cruiser bus when it flipped off the winding dirt toll road on famed 14,110-foot Pikes Peak.

The bus driver, Merel O. Woods, 36, of Denver, who had a good driving record over 10 years with the Colorado Transportation Co. busline, was among the seriously injured still in three Colorado Springs hospitals Wednesday.

Killed were Miss Marian Elizabeth Gangler, 3, and Mrs. Lester L. Banks, both of Baltimore.

Mrs. Banks was tossed out of the vehicle when it tumbled about 60 feet down the mountain of "Pikes Peak or Bust" gold-rush fame in the 19th century. Mrs. Gangler's body was found near the front of the bus, where she had been sitting.

"We were all coming down from Pikes Peak and everyone was having a good time, laughing and joking," said Eugene Martin, 66, of Baltimore, one of the passengers. "We hit a soft shoulder, then crashed into a pine tree after rolling over."

"We were coming around the curve and I guess the driver went a little too close to the edge," he said.

The coast-to-coast tour was sold to the Maryland party by Monumental Motor Tours, Inc., of Baltimore, for \$850 per person.

The company's brochure said, "This is a journey of a lifetime."

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Reduction in Tax Proposed for City

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fort for economy in government.

Two new agencies are budgeted this year for the first time. The promotion commission would get an appropriation of \$116,000. But this is less than the total of \$122,263 that the city appropriated this year for the various functions that will be taken over by the commission.

These include the Municipal Advertising Board, Convention and Visitors Bureau, Fiesta of Five Flags, and Christmas lighting.

The Historical Advisory Committee, which received little more than a token appropriation this year, will get \$50,000 under Law's proposal. The committee already has been granted a \$200,000 appropriation by the Florida Legislature.

Of the four loans Law is recommending, \$600,000 would be for buying pipe and other materials for the water department and a like amount for the gas department.

These are recurring capital expenses paid for from gas and water revenues.

Another \$1 million that Law wants to borrow would be to lay a sewer main from the sewage treatment plant now being built on Main Street north to the vicinity of Fairfield Drive.

This main was given top priority by the city's consulting engineers, Hinson and Flood.

Both attempts failed. But in an earlier interview with Capt. C. E. Acree of Camp 12, the camp official denied that such smuggling was done.

"Now you really don't believe that was going on, do you?" the captain asked.

A journal spokesman responded. "We really don't believe anything. That's why we're asking."

Mrs. Ard, a widow who lives alone, said, "I can't stand that, the way they're slandering him (her son) and saying he burned this or burned that."

Ar. 28, and two other convicts, Earl F. Hoffman, 41, and Joseph E. Wynder, 31, were identified by a coroner's inquest as the ones who started the fire with newspaper and toilet tissue.

All three died in the blaze. "He's dead," Mrs. Ard said of her son. "He can't defend himself. My boy hasn't done what they say he has done."

Mrs. Ard said reports to the cabinet by State Fire Marshal Broward Williams that her son has been suspected of previous arson were untrue.

"He never set no fires, not ever in the world," she said. "Thomas was too good of a boy."

Ard, who was married and left a son, 3, and a daughter, 2, was serving a one year sentence for breaking and entering and a one year sentence for escape.

The guard who was commended by the State Cabinet was A.O. Lovett.

The State correctional officer was hailed for "preserving the lives of many who would have otherwise perished" in a resolution signed by Gov. Kirk and the six Democrats on the cabinet.

Lovett was commended for his "quick action" in the Santa Rosa County tragedy. The resolution said similar letters would be sent to "those others who acted in a heroic manner during the time of extreme stress."

Lovett sustained blistered ears and other minor burns while aiding prisoners and one other guard in pulling some of the 14 survivors through the front door and an axed-in wall of the burning pine building.

The guard was stationed in a caged-in room of the barracks when the fire roared through it Sunday night. Lovett first ran to another building for a shotgun, then returned to unlock the only door.

Meanwhile, the State Road Department announced it plans to hire 20 additional maintenance workers in West Florida to replace the dead prisoners.

The fire's thirty-eighth victim, Copeland, was transferred to Baptist Hospital from Milton Sunday following the blaze.

He underwent surgery early Wednesday. A hospital spokesman said his condition worsened during the morning. Death came at 11:55 a.m.

An autopsy has been ordered by State Atty. William Stafford. Meanwhile, authorities in Milton said Copeland's activities would be investigated. Asst. State Atty. Curtis Golden said there was some evidence that Copeland may have helped set the fire.

That verdict was handed down Tuesday. It named Ard, Hoffman and Wynder.

Golden said the investigation on Copeland's possible involvement would be conducted by the State Attorney's office, the Division of Corrections and the governor's office.

The average gestation period of foxes is 52 days.

School Board Probe Ordered For Grand Jury

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balances in the system's 43 accounts.

It was the third critical audit report in a row. Blame for the situation has been placed on "lack of personnel," change of administration and Supt. J. E. Hall by school board members and county administrators.

It was not immediately apparent when the jurors would begin the inquiry, but a report on their findings is not expected for several weeks, at the earliest.

The auditor's report was for the 1965-66 school year, and Judge McLane said, "citizens and taxpayers are entitled to know what the situation now is."

Apparently taken under consideration Wednesday as the first business by the jury was the criminal case of James D. Tucker, 26, of Springfield, Ill. Tucker is accused of raping a 15-year-old girl as her mother and two younger brothers looked on in a secluded spot near the Muscogee Road-Nine Mile Road intersection in early June.

He also is charged with crime against nature and two counts of aggravated assault. Emerson R. Boner was appointed foreman of the jury and D. R. Bowman Jr. vice foreman.

Rabble-Rousers Now Face Jail

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They said state and local authorities needed help to prosecute hit-and-run troublemakers who inflame tense neighborhoods and then flee when violence begins.

The opposition, however, claimed that poverty and discrimination—not outside agitators—were the real causes of riots.

Moreover, they said that the bill might inflame Negroes even more and that the measure would be found unconstitutional the first time it was tested in the courts.

"Not even the bill's most fervent opponents really believed they had a chance to beat it. The measure passed the House last year as a part of the ill-fated 1966 civil rights bill, and sentiment for it since seemed to have increased, if anything."

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"The urgent need for such a law is apparent not only from the tragedy of Newark, but also from the extreme violence and bloodshed that has been visited upon Los Angeles, Cleveland, Atlanta and many other American cities," Rep. Thomas Kleppe, R-N.D., said.

Chairman Emanuel Celler, D-N.Y., of the House Judiciary Committee, said, "I loathe Stokely Carmichael and his ilk. If I were a hangman or a gravedigger there's no one I would rather serve...But despiteable characters should not goad us into passing a bill of this type."

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Felin Bids Are Asked

Competitive bids for a jet engine test cell building at Elgin AFB are now being called for and will be opened on Aug. 15 at the Army Corps of Engineers district office in Mobile, Ala.

The structure will be reinforced concrete and masonry construction with an air conditioning and heating system; a lighting protection system; fire alarm; fuel, oil and cooling water supply system; and an instrumentation and acoustical system to provide for 100 per cent damping of jet engine noise.

Each of the two cells in the building will be capable of testing engines with up to 36,000 pounds of thrust.

Johnson Named To Committee

A Pensacola man, J. D. Johnson, has been named a member of the Florida State Chamber's nominating committee for the organization's district directors, N.C.

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