

PRIVATE PLANE CRASH KILLS FOUR

Wreckage Is Found At Webb Air Base



Dust Disaster

Four persons died Wednesday morning when their light airplane crashed near a runway at Webb Air Force Base during the sandstorm that reduced visibility to an eighth of a mile.

Burned wreckage of a light airplane and charred bodies of four persons were discovered near the center of Webb Air Force Base this morning about 24 hours after the plane crashed on a flight from Wichita Falls to Midland.

The bodies were identified as those of Dr. Raymond Witt, pilot of Auburn, Mass.; Mrs. Witt, Floyd Belanger, Worcester, Mass.; policeman and Bruce F. Henderson, Worcester bus driver, according to Justice of the Peace Cecil Nabors.

The plane crashed in a blinding dust storm about three-quarters of a mile southwest of the Webb control tower. Visibility at the time was cut to about an eighth of a mile at the field, the Air Force said.

Smoke from the fire apparently became lost in the dust. Webb had suspended all flight operations for the day, due to the sandstorm.

A policeman's badge, from Worcester, also found in the crash area, led authorities to believe Belanger was the third adult in the plane.

Justice Nabors said Dr. Witt's body was identified by means of a metal identification tag bearing his name. Identity of the other two adults is based on the badge and information that they were aboard the plane when it left Wichita Falls about 7:15 a.m. Wednesday.

A watch recovered from the wreckage had stopped at 9:14, indicating the crash occurred at that hour Wednesday morning.

The plane apparently was attempting a landing when it nosed into the earth. Marks where right wingtip and landing gear tore into the ground indicate the craft was heading into the northeast.

Right wingtip struck first, leaving Air Force personnel to believe the pilot was trying to make a right turn in high winds that cut visibility to an eighth of a mile on the field.

Nose of the four-place Beech Bonanza left a shallow pit where it dug into the ground. The plane flipped over on its back and all but the tail section was burned.

A search for the plane had been in progress in the Rotan area since Wednesday morning when it became lost in the year's worst dust storm.

Several Webb airmen reported hearing and seeing an unidentified light plane Wednesday morning, but they were unaware it attempted a landing.

UN May Free 32,000 Ko-Reds In S. Korea

By ROBERT B. TUCKMAN PANMUNJOM — The Allies warned the Communists today they might take a short cut through the "starred prisoner exchange problem by simply releasing 32,000 North Koreans who don't want to go home.

Red Troops Still Gain In Indo-China

HANOI, Indochina — Communist-led Vietminh troops sweeping toward the royal Laotian seat of Luangprabang captured another French-Laotian defense post today this one only about 25 miles north of the town. It was the third reverse suffered by the defending forces in as many days.

Red Nurse Used Garden Shears To Amputate Toes Of American

By WILLIAM C. BARNARD TOKYO — "I'll give you a week to live—I get your boots when they take you to the hill," a buddy told Cpl. Wendell H. Trefery.

President Seeks Defense Dept. Reorganization

WASHINGTON — President Eisenhower set congress today a Defense Department reorganization plan which would increase the authority of the civilian heads of the armed forces and limit somewhat the power of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Auto Deaths May Near 1951 Record

CHICAGO — The nation's automobile deaths this year may come close to the record set in 1941 if the present trend continues, the National Safety Council predicted today.

More Disabled GIs Head Home

TOKYO — Another plane-load of disabled Allied soldiers left Tokyo today at 7:41 p.m. (4:41 a.m. CST) for the United States on the last leg of a trip that began in North Korean prison camps.

President Reportedly Set To Cut Budget 8.5 Billion

WASHINGTON — President Eisenhower reportedly laid before legislative leaders today preliminary proposals to whack about \$8.5 billion dollars off former President Truman's budget.

Fight Breaks Over Small Loan Issue

By MARTHA COLE AUSTIN — The battle over small loan regulation broke out into the open for the first time on the floor of the House today.

Dust Now Settles Throughout State

By The Associated Press Texas' dust cloud drifted south and east Thursday, trailing a high thin fringe.

More Dust On The Way, But Maybe Rain, Too

Although Big Spring skies cleared considerably today, a weak cool front carrying more dust is expected just after sundown. The front also has possibilities of evening showers.

THE WEATHER

BIG SPRING AND VICINITY — Blowing dust today and a risk of evening showers. Cloudy tonight and Friday.

WINDY

High today 85. We tonight 75. Low tomorrow 75. Highest 4.6 m.p.h. at 1:30 p.m. on May 1, 1953. Max. gust 10 m.p.h. at 1:30 p.m. on May 1, 1953.



Mecca For Gift Shoppers

This is part of the gift department at the R&H Hardware, located at 504 Johnson Street. Dozens of items which are timely for any occasion are in stock and on display. The firm also keeps a large stock of other hardware and household articles.

Pruit Puts His Products Up To Specifications

In the past, you may have heard a lot from Pruit Concrete Company on "concrete where you want it." There's a counterpart to that slogan—and an important one, too. It's simply "concrete how you want it." If delivery was all that concrete had to recommend it, the customer could order anywhere with impunity, pointed out Ward Hall, who with Andy Pruit operates the firm. But concrete needs to be strong, to be able to stand certain weight and stress. It needs to be just like the job requires or like the contractor or owner specifies. That's why Pruit Concrete Company puts such emphasis upon the compounding of cement to your exact specifications.

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These trucks are equipped with three-yard mixers which keep the concrete completely stirred until ready for the pour. They have delivered concrete up to a radius of 40 miles, the top figure being an example of how Pruit Concrete Company goes out of the way to serve the needs of its customers. An evidence of the type of product processed by this concern is in the many jobs which come to it. Two major points currently getting service are the new Coca Cola building and the Court House.

Sewing School Held At Gilliland Firm

A sewing school, covering every phase of the tailor's craft, is being conducted by the Gilliland Sewing Machine Exchange, 112 East Second. Classes are held each Thursday evening, starting at 7 o'clock. During the two-hour sessions, students receive instruction in every phase of garment making and general tailoring. A. F. Gilliland, owner of the sewing machine business, has instituted the school as a service to his customers and not as a merchandising proposition. Expert instruction is offered. No charge for the lessons is made for persons who have ever purchased a sewing machine from the Gilliland Sewing Machine Exchange. For others there is a small charge, although the tuition will be applied against the cost of any future purchase.

Training is offered in embroidery, hemstitching, monogram work, dressmaking and general tailoring. Gilliland reports. Trainees will use machines provided by the concern, and the only thing they are required to bring to class is scissors. If the student seamstress desires, she may bring material and patterns and receive assistance in making whatever garment she desires, said Gilliland. Instructors for the course are Gilliland, Mrs. Lena Faye Franks, Mrs. Laverne Green, and Mrs. Gilliland. Gilliland Sewing Machine Exchange is distributor in this area for the increasingly popular Necchi and Elma sewing machines, which perform any type of needle-and-thread operation without the trouble of taking off, putting on and adjusting attachments of various kinds. The Necchi and Elma machines, available in portable and standard models, do everything from sew to simple stitches to hemstitching, monogram work, blind-stitching, etc. The only adjustment necessary is the setting of a lever device which is a functional unit of the machine, not an attachment.

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Service Station Important Part Of Community

A concern which plays a very important role in the life of any modern community is the service station, which keeps the wheels of that community turning. The station is equipped to refuel its vehicles, re-fuel them and service them, when ever the occasion demands. One such concern here is the Harland Magnolia Service Station, located at 1000 Lamesa Highway in Big Spring. The establishment is owned and operated by Grady Harland, who has devoted much of his adult life toward that kind of business. Harland's station not only stocks such famed Magnolia products as Mobil-Tires and Tubes but has batteries and other types of automotive equipment, as well. Personnel of the station is trained to expertly service vehicles, whether they are to be greased, washed or have crank-case oil changed. In addition, employees of the Harland station offer automobile polish jobs that prove A-1 in every respect and serve to make old vehicles look like new ones. Automobiles often need a change in weight and grade of oil. Personnel at Harland's station can offer proper suggestions on just the right type to use, as well as keep the motorists informed on how often to change it. Harland's also maintains an emergency service for motorists who might be stranded in the area and in need of such things as a tire change or tank fuel. Business telephone number of the concern is 9787.

Hot Weather Items Are Now On Display

A complete line of "hot weather" items is now in stock at Big Spring Hardware Company. J. W. Atkins, manager, states that anything the customer wants toward making a "cool" and "comfortable" summer is available. All types of air conditioning units are in stock. Lawn beautification facilities and outdoor camping aids are also available. Wright, Show Breeze, and Philco air conditioners give the customer a wide range of selection. The units are of the evaporative cooler and electric fan types, and are for residences and trailers. The three-quarter and half ton refrigerated air conditioning units are available in the Philco line. Atkins also stated that pads and tubing are in stock for people who must do repair work on old units. People who are starting to work on their yards can get any tool they need at the hardware store. Lawn mowers (both electric and push), hoses, rakes, shovels, weed pullers, etc. are plentiful. A new flexible triple-tubed "lay-flat" plastic sprinkler has been added to the yard supplies. Atkins said that he has never seen anything like the sprinkler. It looks like a garden hose, except it has three small tubes. The three tubes make it lay flat on any surface. Atkins said. The sprinkler can also be used as a soaker. Double use is possible because...

the small holes are only on one side, Atkins said. Thus with the holes up, it is a sprinkler. With the holes down, it is a soaker. Since it will not turn over after set, the buyer can use it as he wishes. Outdoor broiling and cooking units are also plentifully stocked at Big Spring Hardware. Atkins said that the prices range from \$3.49 to \$49.95. Some are so small that they can be used on camping trips. Others are designed for "outdoor kitchens." A complete line of camping equipment has been stocked, including all types of fishing tackle. Folding lawn chairs are also being sold. For the kiddies, wading pools and sand boxes are stocked. All types of lawn play swings and equipment can be obtained at the store too. Atkins said that the usual line of baseball gloves, bats and balls are also available for the Little Leaguers.

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Dulles Will Speak
NEW YORK (AP)—Secretary of State John Foster Dulles has joined President Eisenhower on the list of speakers for the annual dinner of the New York Republican State Committee May 7.

Soviet Spies May Be Increasing Their Work Under Wraps
WASHINGTON (AP)—Soviet spy activity in the U. S. and other free countries might be stepped up behind the cloak of Russian peace overtures, says a Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee. The subcommittee report, compiled before last week's statements in the Kremlin-controlled Moscow press, was published Saturday. In it, Chairman Wiley (R-Wis.) cautioned against friendly gestures by the Russians. He said they may be "but one of the zig-zagging phases" to be followed by "open antagonism." The Moscow newspapers pictured Russia as sticking to its foreign policy but with a readiness for "businesslike" discussions with the West.

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