

Author Writing of Death With Death So Near

What to Buy The Man Who Has Everything Is Problem

Five Students Are Injured as Bus Hits Freight Truck

HELENA, Mont. AP — At least five rural school children were injured today in a collision involving a commercial bus, school bus, freight truck-trailer and passenger car.

Authorities gave this version: A Northern Pacific Railway bus was attempting to pass a United Trucklines truck and trailer. The Canyon Ferry school bus, coming from the opposite direction toward Helena, was forced off U. S. 12 near here.

When the school bus attempted to pull back onto the highway, the bus slid into the path of the truck. The school bus bounced off the truck and collided with an oncoming passenger car.

The rear section of the school bus was ripped open and the front of the truck was damaged extensively.

None of the five drivers involved was hurt.

Roy Mack Dead

PHILADELPHIA AP — Roy Mack, a former owner of the Philadelphia Athletics baseball team and a son of the late Connie Mack died today of a heart attack in suburban Bryn Mawr Hospital. He was 69.

Mack and his brother, Earle, along with their father and other stockholders of the team sold out to Arnold Johnson of Chicago in 1953. Johnson moved the team to Kansas City, Mo.

Roy served officially as vice president of the club and handled the business end. He continued in a salaried capacity for the Kansas City team for a period of years after the sale.

State Parks

RALEIGH AP — Attendance at state parks during January showed an increase of 3,390 over the same month last year, the Department of Conservation and Development reported today.

Some 36,097 persons visited the 11 state parks last month.

By BOB THOMAS

AP Movie-TV Writer
HOLLYWOOD AP — What to buy the man who has everything is one of the problems faced by Jill St. John in her forthcoming marriage to five-and-dime heir Lance Reventlow.

"It's a problem," sighed the red-haired actress, whose problems you and I would probably enjoy. "What could I possibly get him as a wedding gift?"

"The only thing I can think of is little carved animals, which he has started collecting. They're kind of expensive, though."

In preparing for her marriage a month or so hence, Jill faces a different situation from the usual bride-to-be. Take the matter of showers.

"It would be silly for me to have them. A kitchen shower? I'm moving into a house that Lance has lived in for two and a half years and that has every appliance conceivable. I've turned down my friends' offers to have showers for me, except for one lingerie shower Saturday. Lance is very disappointed in me for allowing that one."

Jill was speaking in the house she will soon preside over. It is a large hilltop home given Lance by his mother, Barbara Hutton. It is complete with in-door-outdoor swimming pool and cost an estimated \$400,000.

When they will marry is a question. It was scheduled for late next month, but Jill's booming film career may interfere. She is slated to begin "The Lost World" this week and to follow with "Live Wire." The date now appears to be early April.

"We have already planned a honeymoon trip to Japan, so we thought we would get married in Honolulu, to avoid a lot of publicity," she said. "Then we thought of Cuernavaca, where Mrs. Hutton has a house. But it is 25 miles from Mexico City on a winding road and our families couldn't face that."

"Now it looks as though we'll get married here, either in my parents' house or Lance's. We'll have only 10 people or so; if we started inviting all our friends, it would get out of hand."

After the Japanese honeymoon, she'll return for "Live Wire," then they'll take off for a summer in Europe while he races his motor cars.

Disc Jockey Fired Because of Payola From \$20,000 Job

WASHINGTON AP — A former Cleveland disc jockey, fired from his \$20,800-a-year job on charges of accepting payola, testified today he collected an extra \$12,000 in two years as listening fees from record companies.

Wesley Hopkins told the House Legislative Oversight subcommittee that he got the \$12,000 for listening to records of the firms paying him and making sure they were "not lost in the shuffle."

The 33-year-old former disc jockey insisted, however, that the money was not payola—a trade term for undercover payments to plug records.

Hopkins, who said he doesn't have a job now, was the second former Cleveland disc jockey to appear before the subcommittee investigating payola.

A former colleague, Joseph Finan, testified Tuesday that he received more than \$15,000 in 1958-59 as adviser and consultant to record companies while earning a \$40,000-a-year salary.

Both Finan and Hopkins were fired from Cleveland station KYW last December on allegations they had accepted payola. Both denied it.

Hopkins denied in his testimony today that he ever played a record on his KYW show just because he received money from the record's producer.

Under questioning, Hopkins said he severed all connections with the record firms in November at the demand of Westinghouse Broadcasting Co., which operates KYW.

Draft Call

WASHINGTON AP — The Army today issued a draft call for 6,000 men in April. This is the same quota previously announced for February and March.

The new call brings to 2,515,430 the total number drafted or earmarked for induction since the resumption of Selective Service in September 1950.

WHITTIER, N.C. AP — "... I'll start believing it again, forget I'm mortal and think again that life is quick as sunlight in a forest, forget that death is in the shadows..."

Last Friday Morning, Edward Ted Chandler Cumming, 26, worked on that passage from his unfinished play. Friday night, he left the sunlight of the forest and walked into the shadows—and death.

A remarkable parallel, writing of death with death so near. But Ted Cumming was a remarkable, brilliant and gentle man. Everything in his mountain cottage hideaway bears evidence of that.

It is not a comfortable cottage. Tuesday afternoon, as cold rainclouds settled over the hills, it was bare and cold.

On Ted's desk are a few pages of his play, with some passages written in verse. Beside that is an unfinished letter to his parents. Ted was explaining why he had withdrawn to that cottage to write.

There is also a neat file for "Counter Point Travel." That's a new touring service he and his wife, Patsy, had just formed. They wanted to get students to see Europe during summer vacations.

The kitchen is just as it was Friday night when Ted and his wife unaccountably swallowed

massive doses of a violent poison.

A hundred-odd spices and herbs are stored in a cabinet. Espresso Coffee, a favorite of Europe; fennel, thyme, chillies, garlic, sage, marjoram, are there.

Somewhere in that maze, authorities say, lies the clue to Ted's death. In one of those bottles or envelopes is perhaps the deadly poison that killed him and almost killed his wife.

On the floor is a churn. The Cummings kept a cow and were delighted to milk it and churn butter. Beside the churn is a stuffed deer lying on its side and somehow symbolic of the overturned work of Ted and Patsy.

The oldest baby, Julie, was playing with it when her father suddenly became ill.

The kitchen table is ancient. There are only two chairs. The baby's milk-four bottles of it are in the refrigerator.

Tuesday afternoon there was still confusion on whether either child got any of the poison. They were both in the hospital but not ill.

The living room has only a stove and a hammock. Large scaled maps of the mountain country cover one entire wall. In Ted's study, by his typewriter, is a map of Italy and two formless but brooding paintings are hung in the kitchen and living room.

Things a Columnist Might Not Know if He Had No Mail

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK AP — Things a columnist might never know if he didn't open his mail:

If you want your boy to live in the White House later in life, it might be wise to have him serve a hitch in the Army, Navy or Marines. More than half the presidents served their country in uniform. President Eisenhower is the 19th.

One of the penalties of walking on your hind legs is varicose veins, which afflict about 10 per cent of all adults. If you went through life on all fours, this is one ailment you wouldn't have to worry about.

In 1959 alone Americans bought more new books, not including comic books, than existed in the entire history of the world before the 20th century.

Most trees will stop growing within four weeks if they are limited to eight hours of natural light daily.

Surgeons recently reported successfully using ear lobe tissue to repair nasal deformities in 17 patients.

Feminine logic: "Beauty is more important to a woman than brains," says actress Helen Downey, "because most men can see better than they can think."

There's an auto stolen in this country every 2 and 1-3 minutes.

The less you see while driving the more likely you are to have an accident, and when you drive at 59 miles an hour you see 14 per cent less than you do going 40.

Why is the potato sometimes known as a spud? It got this nickname from the initials of the "Society for the Prevention of Unwholesome Diet," which at one time held potatoes unfit as human food. The society never became too popular in Ireland.

"Virtue has at least one reward," points out singer Jeannie Thomas. "You can usually find parking space near a church." Only about 39 per cent of U. S. adults attend church in an average Sunday.

It was Aesop who observed, "Better beans and bacon in peace than cakes and ale in fear."

TV Official is Cross-Examined

George W. Lyles Jr., president of High Point Television was cross-examined about his interest in radio station WTNC, Thomasville, N. C. He said he owns 15 per cent of the stock and the remainder is owned by the estate of his father.

He said he is not active in the day-to-day operation of the station.

He said also he would not require an advertiser to advertise jointly in the radio station and in the television station proposed by his company.

He answered they would be used no more than other newspapers in the area would be used. He said there is no working agreement for the papers to gather news for the television station.

River Overflow

WINSTON-SALEM AP — The predicted overflow of the Yadkin River northwest of Winston-Salem appeared this morning to be short lived and slight.

About two inches of rain Wednesday afternoon and evening swelled the river out of its banks into the lowest bottomland near North Wilkesboro. But no damage was done and the river had begun to subside this morning.

Italians Leave Moscow

MOSCOW AP — President Giovanni Gronchi of Italy and his party left Moscow by plane this afternoon for Rome after a five-day state visit. Gronchi and Foreign Minister Pella came here last Saturday for talks with Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev and other Kremlin officials on summit meeting questions as well as Soviet-Italian trade and cultural relations.

Eisenhower Asks Many Questions

By HOWARD BENEDICT

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. AP — President Eisenhower, wearing the white safety helmet of the missileman, inspected this Air Force missile test center today.

The President made the tour amid controversy in Washington over the military strength of the United States and Soviet Union. He flew here for a quick three-to-four-hour first-hand check up on missile progress.

Shortly after his jet airliner touched down at the Cape Canaveral landing strip, Eisenhower received an hour-long classified briefing on missile activity.

Then he donned the plastic helmet and toured the launching complexes for the giant missiles and space vehicles. He was accompanied by Secretary of Defense Thomas S. Gates Jr.; Deputy Secretary James Douglas; his son, Maj. John Eisenhower; and a group of White House aides.

The party's first stop was at a gantry housing a huge Titan intercontinental ballistic missile.

Next, Eisenhower visited the complex for the Atlas, America's only operational intercontinental ballistic missile.

Perched atop the Atlas was a 1,700-pound Midas satellite, called the "spy in the sky," designed to spot a hostile ballistic missile.

Eisenhower asked many questions.

Still ahead were visits to launching pads holding the Polaris submarine missile and a Thor-Able space rocket.

Eisenhower also is to visit a ship's motion simulator used to test Polaris missiles.

While Eisenhower toured one section of the center, a Matador guided missile leaped from its pad at the tip of the Cape and sped down the Atlantic missile range. Firing of the relatively small missile apparently went unnoticed.

Eisenhower's jet plane brought him here from Washington in two hours from Andrews Air Force Base, near the capital. The President had spent the night at his Gettysburg, Pa., farm and hopped from here to Andrews by helicopter.

New Rubber Plant

WAYNESVILLE, N.C. AP — The Sponge Rubber Corp. a Marietta, Ohio, industry since 1951, announced Wednesday it will move its entire operation to Waynesville, N.C., within a month.

Sponge Rubber, a subsidiary of Dayton Rubber Co., manufacturers urethane, a foam substance used in furniture construction. The Marietta plant employs 115.

The firm announced its decision to move is based on the fact the North Carolina site is closer to the center of the furniture industry it serves and should result in important transportation economies.