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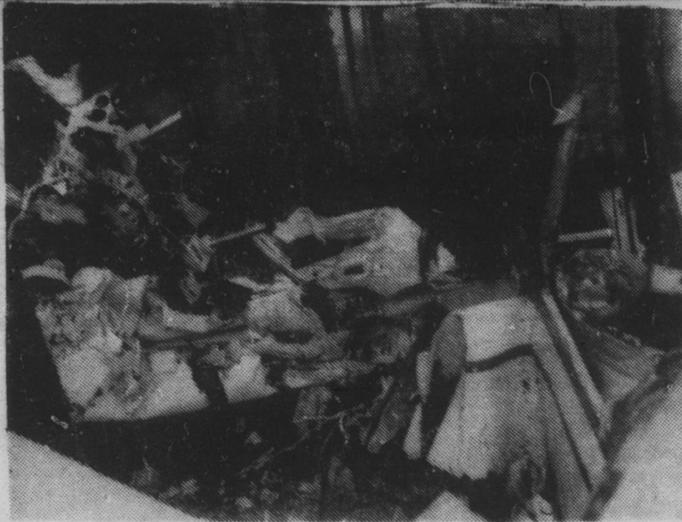
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Scenes of plane crash on Mt. Mitchell where two Tennessee youth were killed Sunday night. Top picture shows light Piper Comanche jammed in between trees, with wreckage strewn about. As may be noted in the picture, the plane rammed head-on into a tree, while other trees ripped off the wings. Right picture shows instrument panel and controls which lay several feet in front of the fuselage.

The crashed plane and fatally injured men were found around 7:15 Tuesday morning. A dense fog covering the mountain hampered the search.



Light Plane Crash On Mt. Mitchell Kills Two

Two men flying in a single-engine Piper Comanche, believed to have crashed around 9 p. m. Sunday night, were found dead at the sight of the crash near the crest of Mt. Mitchell about 7:15 Tuesday morning.

The plane with the two men aboard was said to have been on a chartered flight from Memphis, Tenn., to Marion. The flight was to pick up the body of Alton B. Walker, 60, who died unexpectedly Saturday night at a Linville Falls motel where he was vacationing with his wife.

Mt. Mitchell Park Supt. J. R. Wilson with J. Craig English, Bob Ensley, and Clyde Hopson, also State officials, and Van Choat and Roscoe Smith were searching for the downed plane.

Ranger Clyde Hopson was said to have discovered trees with the tops clipped off. The other searchers were notified of the discovery and almost immediately the wreckage was spotted.

The crash occurred less than fifty yards from Highway 128, and was just over the crest of the ridge under the Mt. Mitchell Tower. Part of the wrecked plane could be seen from the highway.

Rangers Ensley and Hopson said the plane evidently crashed during a heavy thunder and hail storm Sunday night. They termed the scene as not a pretty sight.

Dr. W. A. Y. Sargent, Yancey County coroner, identified the crash victims as James D. Curtis, 22, and Noel A. Gaines, 26, of Memphis, Tenn.

The bodies of the two young flyers were removed to Holcombe Bros. Funeral Home soon after the discovery of the crash. The funeral home reported that a plane enroute from Memphis to pick up the bodies had been grounded because of overcast skies. The funeral home will deliver the bodies to the plane at Asheville-Hendersonville Airport when it arrives.

Program For Kindergarten

The Burnsville Kindergarten will hold its Commencement Program on Thursday night, May 26th at 7:30 in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church. The Reverend Harold McDonald will make the opening prayer. The program will consist of a devotional, poems, and songs. Mr. Edgar Hunter, Jr. will present certificates to the graduates.

The names of those graduating are: Jeffrey Anders, Beth Bailey, Scott Carmichael, Sandra Fox, Janice Biggerstaff, Janet Presnell, Anna Warner, Audrey Leatherwood, Robert Proffitt, Ricky Riddle, Randy Laughrun, Gregory Edge, and Garry Dover.

A prize will be presented to Garry Dover for perfect attendance.

WEEKEND REVIVAL

A week-end revival will begin Friday night, May 27, at The Church of God of Prophecy on Meadow Road in Burnsville. The Rev. David Russell will be the evangelist.

Fouts Made President Of Rubber Company In Brazil

Weekend May Take 20 Lives In N.C.

An increased flow of vehicles heading toward the mountains and seashore over the long Memorial Day weekend will create additional traffic hazards that may claim the lives of at least 20 persons in accidents on North Carolina's streets and highways, the N. C. State Motor Club warns.

The official holiday highway fatality count will extend a period of 78 hours from 6 p. m. Friday, May 27, through midnight Monday, May 30. The 1965 traffic toll was 16 killed and 529 injured in 760 accidents during a similar period.

Leading driver violations reported were: speeding, 182; driving left of center, 129; failure to yield right of way, 105; reckless driving, 83; and following too closely, 69.

The motor club bases its estimate on past experience of motorists during holidays coupled with current driving and fatality patterns, said Thomas B. Watkins, president of the club and the National Automobile Association.

"Since Memorial Day traditionally marks the opening of the summer vacation season, increased congestion on the highways will greatly increase the danger of accidents and pose problems of safety, convenience and patience," Watkins said. "So heed the good driving rules. Be alert and considerate — and be safe."

Dover R. Fouts, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Dover Fouts of Burnsville, in April was named President of B. F. Goodrich Company of Brazil, a branch of B. F. Goodrich Company of Akron, Ohio.

A graduate of Wake Forest College, Dover, Jr., did graduate work at Purdue University and Wharton School of Commerce and Finance of the University of Penn. He has been in Brazil for the past 23 years, the last nine of which has been spent with B. F. Goodrich of Brazil in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Mr. Fouts is married and the father of one son and one daughter.

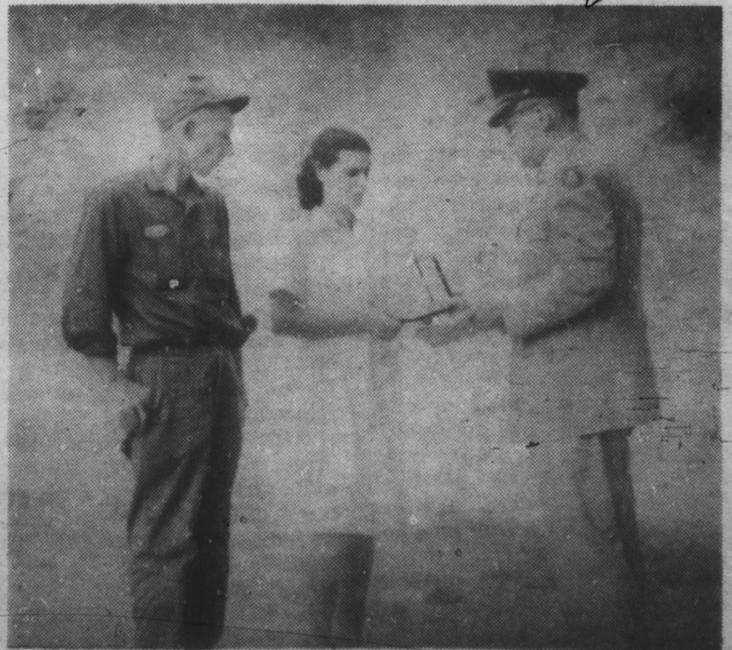
Geouge Training At S.C. Base

FORT JACKSON, S. C. (AHTNC) — Army Pvt. Jonathan D. Geouge, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale L. Geouge, Route 2, Box 363, Burnsville, N. C., completed a light vehicle driver course at Fort Jackson, S. C., May 13.

Geouge was trained in the operation and maintenance of military vehicles up to and including the two and one-half ton truck.

The 18-year-old soldier entered the Army last January and completed basic training at Fort Jackson.

Geouge is a 1965 graduate of East Yancey High School and was employed by the Poor Boys Market in Spruce Pine, before entering the army.



Major Paul A. Morsch of Lenoir presents a posthumous award to Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Blevins at a short ceremony at their home Saturday. The Purple Heart Award which was presented

is for their son Sp-4 Howard C. Blevins who died in action in Viet Nam April 11, 1966. Sp-4 Blevins entered service July 15, 1965 and had been in Viet Nam a little more than four months. He was 21 years old.