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Airplane Crash Fatal For Graham Pair

Funerals were held Tuesday for J. Boyd Crisp of Robbinsville and Mrs. Tony Ayers of Tapoco, both killed Wednesday of last week when the Crisp plane crashed in Polk County.

Graham and Swain counties, regularly flew his own plane. He piloted the four-place, blue-and-white Cessna off the runway at Murphy-Andrews

Airport on a flight to Raleigh and was never heard from again.

Mrs. Ayers, an employe of the Graham County School

system, was to attend a meeting of the State Extension Homemakers Club in Greensboro. Crisp was to attend an SHC equipment

committee meeting in Raleigh. The funeral for Crisp was held at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at First Baptist Church in Robbinsville, attended by Gov. Bob Scott, who cancelled a speaking engagement in Murphy.

Burial was in Bear Creek Cemetery with full military rites by American Legion Post 192 of Robbinsville, of which Crisp was a member.

A Robbinsville businessman and civic leader, Crisp was appointed July 30, 1969 to the Highway Commission. He was a native of Graham County, a veteran of World War II and a member of the Sweetgum Baptist Church.

Crisp served as sheriff of Graham County from 1958 to 1962. He owned and operated the J. B. Crisp Clearing and Contracting Company.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Elizabeth P. Crisp; three daughters, Mrs. Maurice Orr of Robbinsville, Mrs. Robert Everleigh of Chantilly, Va. and Miss Tammy Crisp of the home; a son, Mitchell Crisp of the home, a step-son Tony Carringer of Atlanta; his mother, Mrs. Amanda W. Crisp of Robbinsville; three sisters, Mrs. Lewis Shook, Mrs. Delmas Shuler and Mrs. Keith Crisp, all of Robbinsville, six brothers, Arnold and Booth, Jr. both of Robbinsville, John of Knoxville, Tenn., Harold and

Ralph, both of Cleveland, Tenn., and Frank Crisp, stationed at Shaw AFB, S. C.; and five grandchildren.

Services for Mrs. Ayers were held Tuesday morning at 10:30 in Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in Andrews. Burial followed in Old Mother Church Cemetery in Robbinsville.

A native of Youngstown, Ohio, Mrs. Ayers lived in Graham County for 24 years.

Surviving are her husband, Tony T. Ayers; two daughters, Misses Cheryl and Antonia Ayers, both of the home; her mother, Mrs. John C. Walko of Campbell, Ohio; five sisters, Mrs. Mary Antonitz of Long Beach, Calif., Mrs. Lucy Baraneich and Mrs. Betty Tacsik both of Youngstown, Ohio, Mrs. Ann DelDuchetto of Niles, Ohio, and Mrs. Teresa Tokasy of Hubbard, Ohio; three brothers, Carl and Frank, both of Campbell, and John Walko Jr. of Newcastle, Pa.

The search began on Thursday of last week, headquartered at the Murphy-Andrews Airport with Civil Air Patrol Col. Foy Reese of Asheville in command.

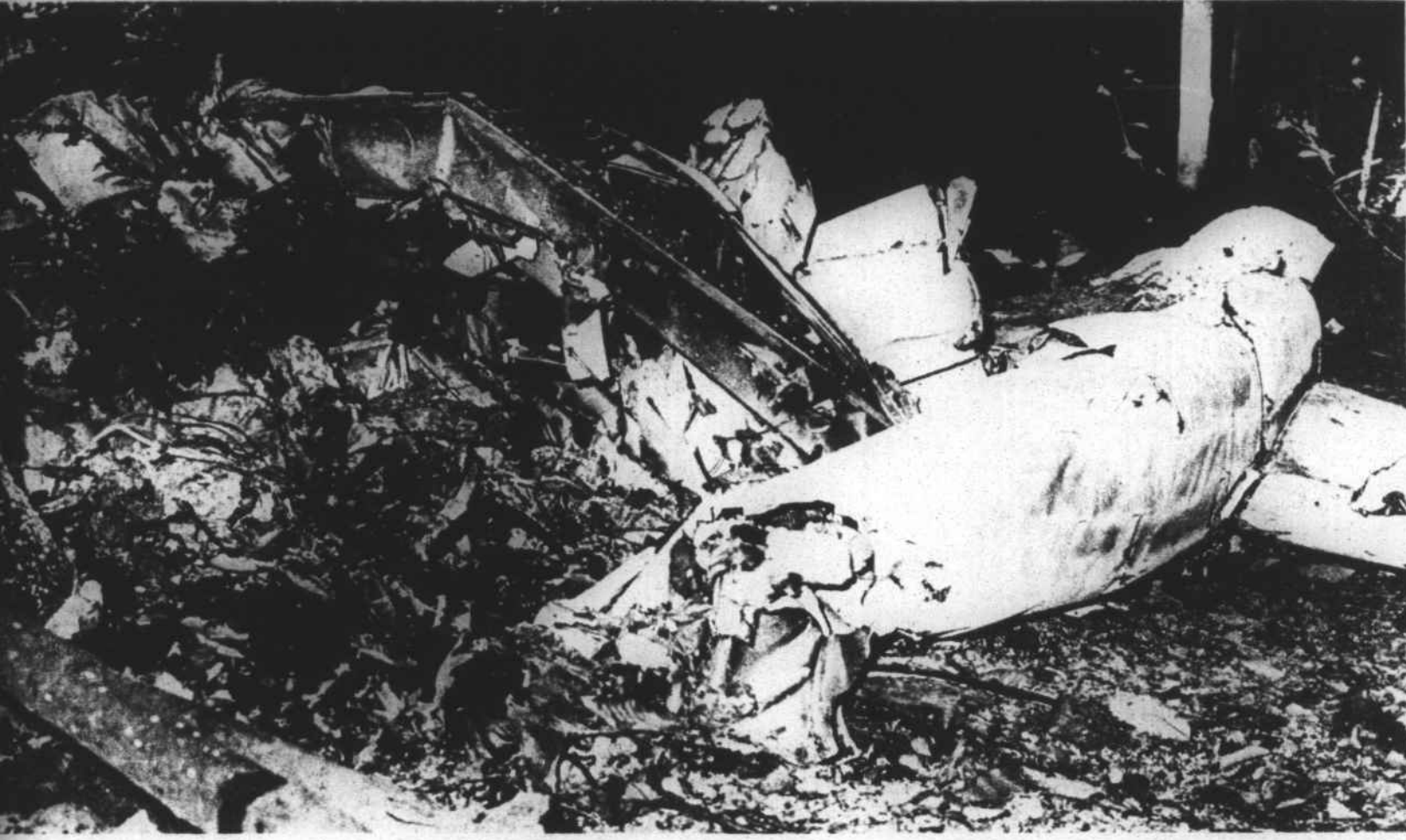
Units of the U. S. Army from Ft. Bragg, on maneuvers in this area, joined the search with several helicopters and there were a number of private pilots who flew over the mountains and rescue squads from Graham and Cherokee



Boyd Crisp



Mrs. Tony Ayers



CRASH SITE. . . remote section of Polk County

(Photo courtesy of Hendersonville Times-News)

counties which provided ground crews.

There were reports from the Wayah Bald section of Macon County that a plane with engine trouble had been heard about the correct time on Wednesday morning, followed by an explosion. Helicopters and fixed-wing aircraft flew over the area repeatedly but found nothing.

CAP planes flew the route Crisp would have taken to Raleigh and saw no clue to the missing plane. The autumn foliage, beautiful for sightseers, made it impossible to see much of the ground in any wooded area from the air.

There were a number of false alarms on Thursday and Friday, the "plane" turning out to be rocks or deserted cabins and "signal fires" proving to be burning brush.

On Saturday, two men in

Polk County's Green River Cove section went looking on foot. They had no phones but they had heard a plane in trouble on that Wednesday morning and had tried to get word to the proper officials but had had no response.

Early Saturday afternoon they found the wreckage, the bodies burned and dismembered beyond recognition. The plane was identified as the Crisp craft.

A CPA spokesman said the aircraft apparently hit the tops of some trees about 250 feet from the point of impact, sheared into the ground at an angle, bounced and caught fire. Debris was scattered over several hundred yards.

A Federal Aviation Administration team will investigate, Col. Reese said, to try to determine cause of the fatal crash.

Andrews Builder Gets Roof Job

The Cherokee County Board of Education voted Tuesday night to give the roofing job at Hiwassee Dam School to Neal Matheson - if the county commissioners will provide the money for the project.

Five bids to put a new roof on the elementary section of the school were considered in the meeting in Superintendent John Jordan's office. Matheson's Andrews Builders Supply Co. was low and got a hearty endorsement from another bidder, Nelson Hensley, who was present at the meeting.

Hensley had bid \$8,512; John D. Owenby of Andrews bid \$8,470; William Creason of Andrews bid \$8,470 not bonded or \$9,075 for a bonded job; Ross Hatchett, Murphy, bid \$9,680.

Matheson bid \$7,780 to do an unbonded job or he offered to put on the new roof with a 20-year bond for \$8,324. His description of the job he would do also topped all others, offering several "extras."

After the bids were opened, Hensley laughed and said Matheson's bid was better than his own. "Neal's offering the best roof you can get," he said. "As a citizen, I suggest you give the job to Neal Matheson."

The roof will be built up of alternate layers of tar and felt,

topped with a layer of marble chips which reflect heat of sunlight away from the roof.

The Board of Education hopes to get the go-ahead from the county commissioners so the job can be finished before cold weather begins.

3 Hurt In Wreck

Three people suffered minor injuries and the car they were riding in was totally destroyed Monday afternoon in an accident at Tomotla.

Trooper P.J. Miller said the 1967 Plymouth, driven by Patricia Ann Baker, 16, of Murphy, went out of control on rain-slick U.S. 19, ran down a bank and ended up in a shallow creek.

The driver, 17-year-old Brenda Sagmon; 17, of Murphy, Route 3; and two-year-old Rebecca Ramsey, same address, were all treated and released at Providence Hospital in Murphy.

The officer said the car, owned by Glenn Robert Lovinggood, Route 3, Murphy, was damaged beyond its market value. There were no charges.



Sailplanes Soar Over Cherokee

Sailplane enthusiasts and families came to the Murphy-Andrews Airport last weekend for the annual two-day meet of the Mid-Georgia Soaring Association.

The pilots and their families brought the motorless aircraft in on special trailers, assembled them on the airfield and then were towed off by light planes, releasing the tow cable when they were 2,000 feet above the ground.

On Saturday they raced against the clock for the best time to the airport at Ducktown, Tenn. and back. They on Saturday, 16 of the sailplanes competed in speed runs to Murphy and back.

There were several unscheduled landings when pilots ran out of updrafts to ride but these are common in their sport, the wife was usually there quickly with the trailer and the craft was simply disassembled, loaded on the trailer and taken back to the airfield for another flight.



Rating Explained

Providence Hospital will offer a booklet explaining accreditation to the public in the near future.

Accreditation is often discussed and the term is used freely in conversations about the Murphy hospital but few people know the complete story and Sister Mary Raphael, the administrator, has ordered the booklets, which will be available at the hospital.

Accreditation, as hospital patients and visitors will read, is a rating which is not compulsory but is sought voluntarily by a hospital. When a hospital is accredited, as Providence is, it means that hospital has high standards of patient care and is trying to improve its services.

Four organizations form the Joint Commission Accreditation of Hospitals which grants the certificate displayed in the Providence waiting room. These are the American College of Physicians, American College of Surgeons, American Hospital Association and American Medical Association.

The hospital seeking accreditation asks the Joint Commission to send a physician to make a personal survey. In the survey, he applies Commission standards against what the local hospital has in a physical plant, staff and administration, nursing service and other facilities.

The Catholic Sisters of Providence came to Murphy in 1956 and although the hospital here had provisional approval by the Joint Commission for a few years, accreditation was not granted until 1968 and that was for only a year. Then on July 17 of this year, Providence won accreditation for three years.

Accreditation is based on a number of factors but the training of the Sisters obviously weighed heavily. There are 10 of them here; one works at their dwelling, the other nine work in the hospital and some of them qualify to fill two positions.

They include a certified registered nurse-anesthetist, according Sister Mary Raphael, a registered record librarian, a registered medical technologist, a non-registered lab technician, a registered X-ray technologist, a registered dietician, four registered nurses and a licensed practical nurse.



Silent Aircraft Compete Here

Powerless sailplanes, unable to fly without the assistance of a tow plane, lay scattered about the Murphy-Andrews Airport last weekend as a Georgia soaring group held a two-day meet. In the distance, a sailplane pilot finishing a speed run to Murphy banks

in approaching the runway for a landing. In the top picture, a pilot settles into the snug one-man cockpit as his young crewmen attach the tow rope and give the sleek fiberglass craft a final polishing. (Staff Photos)

Governor Comes To Murphy

Governor Bob Scott canceled a Tuesday speaking engagement in Murphy to attend the funeral of highway commissioner J. Boyd Crisp in Robbinsville. Tuesday morning, however, Scott did visit Murphy

High School, where he autographed a blackboard for an eighth grade English class, and then took a coffee break downtown, shaking hands and puffing away on a large cigar. (Staff Photo)