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Alan Godfrey Dies In Plane Crash

Exchange Student Visiting Peru

A 17-year-old Murphy youth died Sunday in the flaming crash of an airliner in South America.

Alan Godfrey's body has been recovered from the wreckage of the airplane in Peru and has been positively identified, according to relatives.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Godfrey of Murphy, are in Peru. Nothing definite is known yet as to when they or Alan's body will return to Murphy.

The Godfreys had a Peruvian exchange student in their home last winter and Alan then went to Peru to

live in a home in the capital of Lima on June 19. His father, a Murphy town councilman, and mother flew to Peru to visit with him on Aug. 2 and were to have returned this week.

The Godfreys and their son toured points of interest in Peru for several days and on last Saturday were at the ruins of the ancient Inca civilization at Cuzco.

They split up there, Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey to fly on to see some more ruins at Hyuana Picchu.

Alan had already visited Hyuana and remained at Cuzco, to be flown back to Lima on Sunday along with a number of other exchange students in the program sponsored by the International Fellowship.

There were 101 people on the four-engined Lockheed Electra turbo-prop as it took off from Cuzco, almost half of them exchange students. Also on board for the 300-mile flight to Lima were the top officials of the International Fellowship.

The plane reportedly had one of its engines stop shortly after takeoff and turned back to try and land at the Cuzco airport. It lost altitude and crashed into a mountain about 12 miles from Cuzco.

All the passengers and crew died in the crash except the co-pilot who was found alive but critically injured. He died later.

John Carringer, another Murphy town councilman and friend of the Godfreys, has talked by telephone with them in Peru. He quoted them as saying the problem now is identification of the bodies and release of them by the Peruvian government.

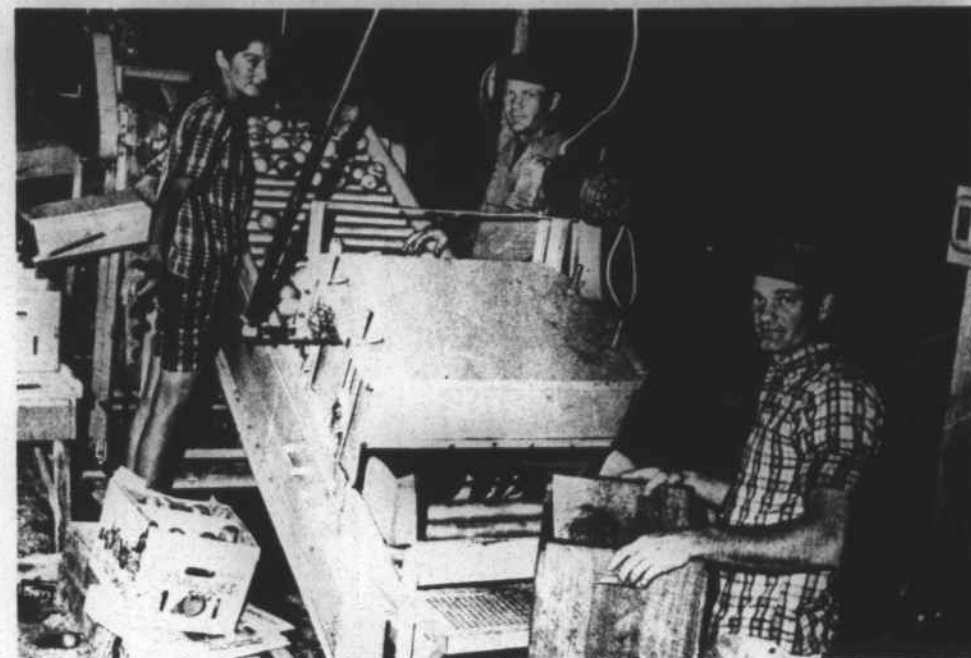
The Carringers also participated in the exchange program the past winter, a Peruvian girl staying at their home. However, they were nervous about the recent earthquakes which have killed thousands in Peru and their daughter Markie Carringer did not go on the summer trip with Alan Godfrey.

"Had I gone I would most likely have been on that plane," she said this week.

As in all disasters, irony and coincidence play a part. Markie Carringer didn't go to Peru and missed being on the death plane; her father was supposed to have been on a Piedmont airliner in July of 1967, the craft that collided with a smaller plane shortly after takeoff at Asheville - Hendersonville Airport and fell, taking all 82 on both planes to their deaths.

Carringer was driving to Asheville to board that plane but was running late and was in the vicinity of Enka when it crashed. "At the time, I remember I was unhappy that I was going to miss my plane," he said.

And Mrs. Godfrey is a native of Atlanta, where the other two Godfrey sons are staying with their grandmother while their parents are in Peru. She was reared in Atlanta and the daughter of a woman she went to grammar school with in Atlanta was an exchange student, killed in the same crash Sunday in Peru...



Latest Equipment

Charles Cornwall, right, and Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Cornwall of Peachtree are shown sizing and washing tomatoes on the Cornwells' new machine. The Cornwells' new machine. The Cornwells' new machine. The Cornwells' new machine. (Staff Photo)

Cornwells Buy Machine To Size, Wash Tomatoes

There's a shiny new machine in a shed on a farm at Peachtree—proof that trellis tomato-growing is indeed becoming a top cash crop for Cherokee County.

Charles Cornwall is the man behind the machine, which washes the tomatoes and sorts them into three different sizes. He and his father, the Rev. C.W. Cornwall, purchased the machine in late July.

It was sold to them by a dealer in Waynesville, manufactured by Parnell and Associates of Orlando and Pompano Beach, Fla. Several similar machines have been sold to growers in Haywood and Madison counties but this is the first one in Cherokee.

The Cornwells say their machine cost about \$3,000 but it's obviously an investment in what they believe will be a profitable future. They believe firmly in tomatoes—along with another son Bryan, the Cornwells have seven acres, about 10 per cent of the total county tomato acreage.

"There's a lot of hard work in it but it pays off," Charles Cornwall says. And he has plans to make tomato crops pay off even more.

The average acre of tomatoes in this county brings in more than \$4,000 for its grower but Cornwall believes with sharper marketing of his crop, the producer can raise that figure to "somewhere between \$5,000 and \$6,000 an acre."

Employed in the citrus industry in Florida for nine years, he came home when the trellis tomato message took root several years ago. Tobacco, the traditional crop, "gives people a winter crop—some money about Christmas" he says, but adds

that he'll be sticking with "maters." "There's more labor in tobacco but you can more than double your money."

Presently the new machine is being used to process only Cornwall tomatoes, some of which are being sold to truckers. The prime reason for buying it this year, he noted, is that it can be used to process the late green tomatoes which will be on the vines at the end of the season when the Murphy packing house closes.

"In September we can pick the greens," Cornwall says, "that ordinarily we'd be stuck with. But by having a machine to wash them and size them, we'll be able to strip the fields and sell them to truckers."

However, the Cornwall machine may have a large role next year. About a dozen growers, along with he Cornwells, are now talking of a co-op arrangement in which they would size and sell their own tomatoes next year.



January Portrait

Murphy High School students Markie Carringer and Alan Godfrey, at center, posed back in January with two exchange students from Peru, Oscar Devila and Marcela Iparraquirre. Young Godfrey went to

Peru this summer and died in a plane crash there Sunday; Miss Carringer did not make the trip. (Staff Photo)

Royal Arch Chapter Planned

There will be a Royal Arch Chapter instituted in Cherokee County at Marble on Saturday, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

This chapter will be located at Cherokee Lodge No. 146 in Murphy but due to parking space is being instituted at Marble.

All Master Masons who would like to join should get in contact with Leonard McClure or be there on that date.

Budget Body To Visit

The powerful Advisory Budget Commission will visit Tri-County Technical Institute on Monday morning.

The visit here will be both to honor the late Frank Forsyth and to see the school, according to Tri-Tech President Holland McSwain. He said Forsyth, a member of the commission until his death in late February, invited the other five men to come to Murphy last winter.

Forsyth was replaced by W.

Kenneth Anderson of Newland and the commission is headed by Tom White of Kinston, a former state senator, as was Forsyth.

The other four members are the men who head the Appropriations and Finance Committees in House and Senate - Senators Ralph Scott of Haw River and Lindsay Warren of Goldsboro and Representatives Sam Johnson of Raleigh and Thorne Gregory of Scotland Neck.

The Advisory Budget Commission begins its Western North Carolina visits at Murphy, due to land at the Murphy-Andrews Airport on Sunday afternoon and spend the night here. The commission, accompanied by top state financial officers, will tour Tri-Tech Monday morning at 8:30 before traveling to Western Carolina University at Cullowhee.

From the requests by various institutions and agencies for funds, the Advisory Budget Commission and Gov. Bob Scott will make recommendations to the General Assembly, which convenes in Raleigh in January. The General Assembly has the final word on the allocation of state funds.

Registration Books Won't Go To Precincts

Cherokee County residents can continue to register three days a week at the courthouse but the voter registration books will not be taken into the individual precincts for registration.

That was the decision of the Cherokee County Board of Elections, announced Tuesday by Chairman Glenn Stalcup. He said the three-man board held a brief meeting on Saturday and decided that it did not have enough money to take the registration books to the precincts.

The county is now under the loose-leaf registration system, whereby voters from any precinct can come to the courthouse and register on Tuesday, Thursday or until noon on Saturdays.

There has been much discussion recently, especially by candidates for county office, about the centralized registration and the difficulty some voters might have in getting to Murphy and the courthouse to register.

Two Republican candidates, Register of Deeds Ed Graves, running for re-election, and Charles White, campaigning for sheriff, appeared last week at the county commissioners' meeting to ask if the books could be returned to the precincts for registration.

The commissioners told them that whether the books went out or not was a decision

left up to the Board of Elections, that board is funded in the county budget, the commissioners said, and if it wanted to send out the books it could.

Chairman Stalcup said Tuesday, however, that his budget will allow for judges and registrars to be paid for their work in the coming November election but to send the books to the precincts would strain the budget.

Voters can register anytime on the three specified days, he said, until October 10, which will be the last day for registration before the November election.

Voters on the new loose-leaf books now number between 5,500 and 6,000, he noted.

Golf Tourney Set For Teens

A golf tournament for teenagers at the Cherokee County Golf Course, originally set for last Sunday and then postponed due to rain, will be held Sunday afternoon.

The registration book has been re-opened for the tournament and any teenager in the county is eligible to play, the event beginning at 2 p.m. The entry fee is \$2 and prizes will be gift certificates redeemable at the pro shop.



Auctioneer watches for bids in picture made at last year's sale. (TVA Photo)

Calf Sale Set

The Upper Hiwassee Feeder Calf Sale will be held at the Murphy Livestock Market on September 28.

The sale is sponsored by the Upper Hiwassee Feeder Calf Association which is composed of farmers from Cherokee, Clay, Graham Counties in North Carolina and Union, Fannin and Towns Counties in Georgia.

The North Carolina Cattlemen's Association, North Carolina Department of Agriculture and North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service promote, advertise and furnish graders for the sale.

Buyers from as far away as Indiana have attended the two previous sales which netted local producers \$170,047.69 for 1,446 calves.

Offices Cool Now

...Thanks To Army

The Special Forces' recent maneuvers in this area were designed to win friends among the civilian population, as the Green Berets try to do daily in the Asian war.

And the soldiers certainly have some cool new friends at the Cherokee County Courthouse - where air-conditioning has been installed with Army money.

The new air-conditioners in the offices of Tax Supervisor Andrew Barton and County Accountant Barbara Stalcup were paid for by two Army checks, which Barton got by mailing out a letter for the Army to landowners in the county, asking their permission for Green Beret units to use private lands in maneuvers.

Barton said he hired some part-time help and used the county mailing list and told the county commissioners the Army checks would easily pay for air-conditioning.

The commissioners agreed with him, since it wasn't tax money collected from county residents, and told him to go ahead and spend it for air-conditioning. The commissioners, incidentally, hold their regular meetings in the tax supervisor's office.

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