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Vanguard Unfired

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)—The Navy canceled another attempt to fire its Vanguard satellite rocket shortly before noon today after hours of trying.

'Moon' Takeoff

DAYTON, Ohio (AP)—Five Air Force officers were sealed in a small space chamber today for a five-day simulated satellite flight around the earth.

No Slump Move

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of the Treasury Anderson said today the administration will make no decision on any anti-recession tax cut until "the future course of the economy has been clarified."

Fire Claims 3

NEWTOWN, Conn. (AP)—Three children died early today when fire swept through their gunset hut home on High Bridge Rd. A fourth child was nearly trapped in a vain effort to save their lives.

War Pressed

PAKANBARU, Central Sumatra (AP)—Central Government troops parachuted into Pakanbaru airfield today in the biggest action by the Jakarta government to retake rebellious Central Sumatra.

Mortgage Battle

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate, debating a \$1,850,000 housing bill, faces a sharp fight today over whether the interest rate on GI mortgages should be raised.

Dulles Firm

MANILA (AP)—Secretary of State Dulles today said the U. S. Government would welcome a summit meeting that would not be just a "mere spectacle" but one that would offer prospects of solid progress toward world peace.

UAW Rebuttal

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United Auto Workers union gets a chance today to answer sworn charges that a spitting, cursing mob of union members moved in on Kohler Co. officials.

FCC Resumes

WASHINGTON (AP)—A House investigation of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) resumes today amid uncertainty whether Richard A. Mack would show up for more questioning.

Today's

Weather

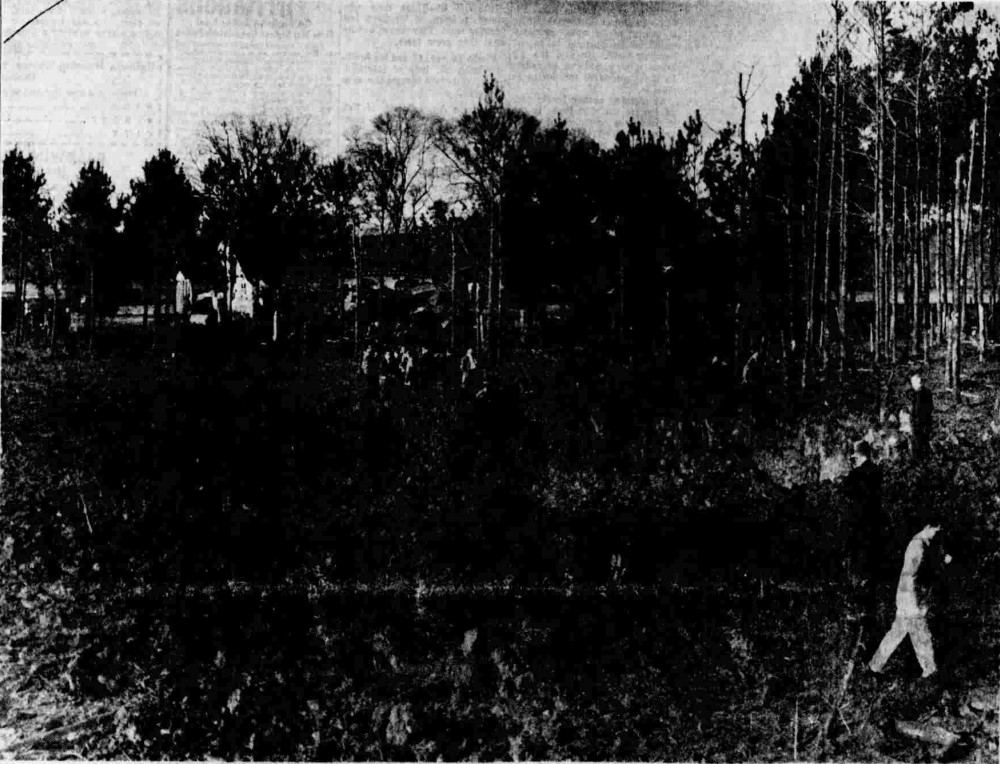
Partly cloudy and cool tonight. Tomorrow, increasing cloudiness, with a chance of rain by night.

High yesterday 64
High expected today 62
High expected tomorrow 55
Low this morning 40
Low expected tonight 38
Sunrise, 6:38 a.m.; sunset 6:28 p.m.
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Evening Prayer

Almighty God, we thank Thee that Thou art able to save the uttermost of all who come to Thee in faith. Let Thy love be shed abroad in our hearts that we may know its transforming power in Christ. In His name we pray. . . Amen.

AF SEEKS A-BOMB FRAGMENTS AFTER TNT 'TRIGGER' BLAST



A-Bomb Left This Hole Behind Walter Gregg Home At Mars Bluff, S. C., Near Florence

Radiation Danger Eliminated

By AL LANIER

FLORENCE, S. C. (AP)—An anxious Air Force asked curiosity seekers today to return probably harmless but highly secret fragments of an unarmored atomic bomb that fell near here.

The bomb exploded from the force of the TNT within it, completely shattering all parts of the bomb. There was a terrific explosion, but without the wreckage there was no nuclear blast.

Nobody was killed. Six were hurt.

The Air Force, which allowed newsmen and photographers into the area today for the first time, again dispelled any fear of radiation which may have occurred.

A spokesman said the area was checked last night and again this morning. The checks showed no radiation and no contamination.

Maj. Jack Will, radiological officer at Hunter Air Force Base, Savannah, Ga., where the B47 is stationed, said hundreds of tiny bomb fragments were recovered in an all-night search of the mile-square blast area five miles north of here in a thinly settled Mars Bluff community.

SIX HURT

The six persons were injured, none seriously, when the bomb landed 100 yards from the residence of Walter Bill Gregg. The Gregg home was shattered and six other houses and a church were damaged. The blast left a crater 50 feet wide and 30 feet deep and scores of shorn pine trees.

The Air Force said several large pieces of the highly secret bomb were carried off yesterday by curiosity seekers before the area was roped off. The Air Force issued a plea that these pieces be returned.

Maj. Gen. Charles B. Dougherty, commander of the 38th Air Division at Hunter AFB, toured the area today and said questions around it will be removed after the official investigation is completed in a few days.

The Air Force officially described the bomb as an "unarmored nuclear device." It said the device was destroyed accidentally because of "malfunction of the plane's bomb lock system."

Gregg, his wife, three children and a niece were treated at a hospital for minor injuries. The niece, 3-year-old Ella Davies, was held at the hospital for further treatment of scalp wounds.

The child was thoroughly examined for radioactive attachments as a precaution against possible radiation.

NO DANGER

The Air Force said, however, there was little or no danger of radiation. It said the remote danger of contamination could arise only from scattered nuclear materials.

Nevertheless, an area of approximately two square miles was roped off by air police. A team of Air Force experts flew here from Hunter Air Force Base at Savannah, Ga., where the B47 was stationed.

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Big Hole Left

Atomic Age Comes To SC With Bang

By JULIAN SCHEER
News Staff Writer

MARS BLUFF, S. C. (AP)—A sagging frame house and a gaping hole just off South Carolina Highway 301 today are landmarks of the coming of the nuclear age to this part of the world.

The shell heard around the world at 4:45 p.m. yesterday had Air Force officers from SAC bases in Omaha, Neb., and Savannah, Ga., scouring the area for what was left of an unarmored nuclear weapon.

But there was one bit of good news from Walter Gregg's property.

No contamination.

A Geiger counter search here and the earlier contention that the explosion offered no threat of radiation.

What is left today, following the accidental dropping of an un-triggered bomb from a B47 bomber, is a 50-foot wide, 22-foot deep hole in the marshland, soft mud to the rear of Gregg's home.

That and a one-story white frame home which was badly beaten by the impact of the explosion just 100 feet away.

ALL OKAY

Railroad man Gregg, his wife, three children, a niece and a Negro maid were on various parts of the grounds when the TNT portion of the weapon exploded upon contact. All are doing well and will be released from medical treatment today, except 3-year-old Ella Davies, who was visiting.

Mrs. Gregg, who spent all night and this morning picking up small fragments of the weapon.

The Gregg home looks as if it had been hit on the roof by a giant sledgehammer.

Also outside was the maid, Catherine Coker.

Ella, propped up in a bed at Florence Hospital, described the incident this way:

"Princess, Helen and I were playing dolls outside, and I heard a noise like the sound barrier had been broken. And then I heard a whistling noise. And it started raining rocks."

"Then I saw Catherine running and I started to run, and she passed me and then I passed her and I was yelling for my mamma—then she picked me up."

Ella was X-rayed today to determine if she suffered a head injury. She has two black eyes and a knot on her forehead where a rock struck her.

C. B. Gregg, a brother, said today he was at his home a mile away and heard the explosion "loud."

"I was in the kitchen taking a drink of coffee, and I heard the explosion and thought I hit the sound barrier," he said.

This was the reaction for miles around.

An Air Force team set to work early today to make a survey of the extent of damage and will stay on the job until full damage reports can be made.

The bomb, which fell apparently because of a faulty locking gear, landed from a northerly direction near a sawmill pile, blowing up a tremendous wave of mud. The ground is swampy and is dotted with pine trees.

Several of the trees were blown over, and others within 50 feet were skinned.

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Wetzel Trial Nearing Close

By BILL HUGHES
News Staff Writer

SANFORD — Solicitor W. Jack Hooks tried to clinch the state's circumstantial case against Frank E. Wetzel today after a mass of scientific testimony and an ailing juror forced the trial into its ninth day.

Court adjourned early yesterday and was delayed nearly an hour and a half this morning when Juror Joseph Walter told the judge he felt dizzy.

Walker was examined by a physician this morning and remained in jury service after reporting he felt better. Should his condition become worse he will be replaced by one of two alternates.

DELAYED START

After the delayed start, Solicitor Hooks called witnesses in rapid order until the jury was sent out again as attorneys got into a legal argument over admission of a map into evidence. The map shows Wetzel's alleged route between scenes of the two killings.

Judge George M. Fountain temporarily refused to admit the map and Herve S. Hallett, Charlotte FBI agent, was recalled to the stand.

In the most lengthy testimony of the morning, Hallett retold the story related by Robert Terry, Negro hitchhiker of Norman, Terry claims he rode with Reece's slayer.

The Hallett testimony and the map were to be used to show where Terry's gloves and Bible were found after allegedly being thrown from the killer's car.

Prosecution was scheduled to rest this afternoon.

Wetzel, who has impressively lasted to seven days of state's witnesses, is on trial for his part in the second of a double highway patrol slaying Nov. 3, Patrolman J. T. Brown was the victim of the shooting near here which followed the slaying of Patrolman Wister L. Reece near Ellerbe by about an hour.



This Is What Happened Inside Gregg Home When A-Bomb Hit Behind House

Little Old Lady Lifts Cash From 'Son'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The little old lady went up to S. J. Jelalian, drew her arms around him and cried.

"You're the cutting image of my long lost son!"

When they were finally disentangled yesterday, she told him

she hadn't seen her boy in 20 years. She said Jelalian's amazing resemblance made her lose control. She apologized and hurried away.

Jelalian later discovered his billfold contained a \$25 was missing, he told police.

Far from being embittered by the loss, the 70-year-old man, I'd like to shake hands with that little old lady. Everybody else was around for the government to take care of them in their old age and here she is employing a real technical skill to take care of herself.

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