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# 15 PERSONS KILLED AS 2 PLANES CRASH IN MID-AIR OVER KENTUCKY



Neil Johnson . . . "Here I Am!"

He Wasn't Really Lost, But—

## News Finds Boy Quickly

By DICK YOUNG  
Charlotte News Staff Writer  
"Wanted a boy — one boy — a particular boy." — said as the word "fellows" say. The News gets quick results.

In less than two hours after yesterday's home edition of The News was delivered, Neil Johnson, 8-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Johnson, Clanton Rd., was located. The lad had been sought for an important blood sample in the famous Salk polio vaccine field trial.

The News carried a story of the search for the youngster who was one of the two per cent chosen for blood tests in the polio vaccine demonstration while a student at Summit Lane School in Nassau County, New York.

Efforts to locate the youngster through the schools had been unsuccessful and Dr. M. B. Bethel, city-county health officer, called on The News for help.

A short time after reading The News in which she saw the story about the Johnson child, Mrs. Joe Chapin, 1840 Arnold Dr., was calling the members of her guild chapter of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, a new congregation on Central Ave. near Carolyn Dr. FAMILIAR NAME

The name of N. W. Johnson was on her telephone list and when she came to that name she suddenly remembered The Charlotte News story. She knew the family had not been living in Charlotte long and that they had come from New York.

## OUR WEATHER

Partly cloudy and a little warmer today and tonight. Tomorrow, mostly cloudy with chance of occasional light rains.

Low temperature this morning, 30 degrees; low expected tonight and tomorrow night, 26 degrees.

High temperature yesterday, 41 degrees; high expected today, 52 degrees; high expected tomorrow, 53 degrees.

Sunrise, 7:32 a.m.; sunset, 5:31 p.m.

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Mrs. Chapin immediately telephoned Dr. Bethel telling him of the whereabouts of the Johnson family. A telephone call by Dr. Bethel to the Johnson home confirmed the information.

Mrs. Chapin's telephone call to the Health Dept. came at 4:20 p.m. and a short time later, Mr. Johnson brought his son to the department where the required blood sample was taken.

By 5 o'clock the youngster had

been located, he had been brought to the municipal laboratory, the eagerly-sought blood sample had been obtained and he had departed — all within less than two hours after the story first appeared.

Mr. Johnson, a representative of a paper products company, said he and his family have been in Charlotte since July.

Mrs. Johnson is a former

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## Pursuit Plane Downed In Costa Rican Fight

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica.—(AP)—An air raid described as "a Venezuelan pursuit plane which came from Nicaragua" machine-gunned San Jose today and they were shot down by anti-aircraft fire, the civil guard announced.

The raid, which looked like the American-built P-47 Thunderbolt of World War II vintage, buzzed the downtown area of this capital city.

(A map of Costa Rica, showing the village where fighting broke out, is on page 5-A.)

and loosed machinegun bursts at a residential sector. This came as government troops battled in the north to clear a rebel band from the Villa Quesada area, about midway between San Jose and the Costa Rican-Nicaragua frontier.

Three bursts were aimed into the section surrounding the Costa Rican White House, the home of President Jose Figueres.

CLIMBS RAPIDLY

The plane was climbing rapidly as it passed the San Jose Airport control tower. A lumbering DC-3 of the Laca Airlines, armed with machineguns in its side doors, took off in pursuit.

A Civil Guard communique said the raid was shot down by anti-aircraft artillery and fell in a river called Los Ahogados ("The Drowned") near Liberia, a town of 2,500 about 100 miles northwest of San Jose.

Though the plane appeared to San Jose from the south, the com-

mand said it came from a Nicaraguan airfield.

"The command recommends that the inhabitants remain at home and keep calm," it said, "because the anti-aircraft defenders will give a good account of attacking planes, knocking them down just as was done in Liberia."

Costa Rican troops announced an attack at dawn upon the armed band which seized the Villa Quesada area yesterday.

Earlier primary interest had centered on Villa Quesada.

## Parole Revoked Here

Twenty-five-year-old Charles S. Burgin, convicted in the three-to-five-year suspended sentence for airplane theft, and the one-to-three-year sentence for breaking and entering at Canton Airport, were sentenced to six other offenses.

Officer Marvin Hullett of the City Police testified that Burgin led four police cars on a 40-minute, 75-mile-per-hour chase through the city during the morning of Dec. 21.

Charges that grew out of the chase resulted in the violation of the suspended sentences received at the June 21 term of Criminal Superior Court Judge Francis O. Clark.

## Another Falls Dead In Hunt For Fugitive

Allendale Chief Critically Wounded

ALLENDALE, S.C. (AP)—Police Chief Harold Bennett, 49, was critically wounded early today while attempting to arrest a Negro. Several hours later an officer who arrived here with State Law Enforcement Division men to join in a hunt fell dead with a heart attack.

Officer W. L. Laval, 45, of Columbia, suffered the attack as he stepped from an automobile. With him were Allendale County Patrolman Grover Forester, J. P. Strom, J. L. Doddard and Carl Fairley, all of Columbia. Laval died before he could be taken to a hospital. Bennett, father of three children, was shot six times by an escaped Allendale County prisoner about dawn. He was rushed to Tri-County Hospital at Orangeburg, where spokesmen said his condition could not be determined until after surgery.

A physician who accompanied him to Orangeburg said he had suffered a punctured bladder but that it was thought he would survive. Members of the Allendale National Guard company joined in a hunt through swamps along the Savannah River for the Negro.

Bennett, officers said, was gunned down by an Allendale Negro identified as James Weemeyer, about 25.

Bennett and two deputy sheriffs had gone to a home here on a tip that Weemeyer was hiding there.

When the door of the house opened, Weemeyer opened fire, police said. Bennett was framed in the doorway.

SHOT 6 TIMES

He was shot three times in the hand, twice in the hip and once in the stomach by a pistol.

Weemeyer, attempting to escape, was knocked down by a shotgun blast fired by a deputy but managed to elude the arresting force.

The Negro was clad only in his underwear when he ran from the house, police reported.

Police were unable to say immediately what Weemeyer had been confined for before his escape about six months ago.

## Sen. Thurmond Sees President

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Strom Thurmond (D-SC) spent 10 minutes at the White House today discussing military reserve problems with President Eisenhower.

Thurmond, president of the Reserve Officers Assn. (ROA), told reporters the President gave him a special message to be made public later by the ROA in connection with National Defense Week Feb. 12-22. The ROA is sponsoring the observance.

Thurmond is a colonel in the Army Reserve and head of a real estate military government headquarters unit. He is continuing his reserve training nights while serving as a Senator.

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LIKE AT BURNING TREE

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower went to Burning Tree Club in nearby Maryland for lunch today and perching a round of golf.

physical and mental condition. Dr. Otto B. Ross Sr. testified that a portion of Burgin's stomach had been removed, and that he is in need of psychiatric care.

Burgin, dressed in a light gray suit, light pink shirt and black tie, testified that he went to Miami, Fla. after his trial last summer and returned several weeks before his brush with the City Police.



JAMES F. BYRNES

## Byrnes Gives No Solution For Schools

COLUMBIA, S. C. (AP)—Retiring Gov. James F. Byrnes of South Carolina told the General Assembly today that regardless of what the Supreme Court may do, "I am confident that the people of South Carolina will see to it that the children of this state receive an education."

The governor, who will end his four-year term next week, made these remarks concerning possible legislation to insure more local school control.

Yesterday a 15-member committee studying the problem created by the school segregation decision of the Supreme Court recommended such action.

Byrnes had no recommendation to make on the subject of public schools because "I do not see how you can intelligently legislate on that subject until the Supreme Court has implemented its decision" against racial segregation of public school pupils.

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## Bulletins

### Meat Heir Found Innocent

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A jury today found George (Geordie) Hormel II, heir to a meat packing fortune, innocent of charges of marijuana possession. There was a burst of applause in the courtroom after the verdict was announced and Superior Judge Frick immediately ordered the bailiff to hold the demonstrators in the room.

### Arms Accord Reported

ROME (AP)—French Premier Pierre Mendes-France and Italian Premier Mario Scelba were authoritatively reported tonight to have reached full agreement on the principle of the French plan for a European arms pool. An informant said a group of experts will meet in Paris Jan. 17 to work out particulars of the plan.

### Vaught Stays At Ole Miss

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—(AP)—John Vaught said today he would remain as head coach of the University of Mississippi. Vaught had been mentioned as a possible successor to Clyde Lee at the University of Houston and had been invited to confer with athletic officials there today.

### Mt. Mitchell Ride Free

WASHINGTON (AP)—Director Conrad With of the National Park Service today promised that North Carolinians will be able to travel the Blue Ridge Parkway to Mt. Mitchell without charge even though the parkway becomes a toll road. He gave that assurance to North Carolina members of Congress in a conference at which they let him have their protests against making the parkway a toll road effective May 1.

### Mitchum Loses Film Role

SAN RAFAEL, Calif.—(AP)—Actor Robert Mitchum has been released as the star in the motion picture "Blood Alley" being filmed on San Francisco Bay. Lee Ferrero, publicity man for the Warner Bros. unit, said Robert Fellows, co-producer of the film, ousted Mitchum because Mitchum pushed a man from a gangplank into the bay.

### Officials Escape Injury

BEEVILLE, Tex.—(AP)—Undersecretary of the Navy Thomas Gates and several high naval officers escaped injury in a crash landing at Chase Field near here today. The nose-wheel of their Navy transport plane collapsed on landing. The plane carried eight persons and a crew of six. Nobody was hurt.

## MONKEYS GET RICE QUOTA AS DIPLOMATS

TEL AVIV, Israel.—(AP)—The Israeli government found the way today to allocate full quotas of rationed rice to two Parisian chimpanzees. They listed them as diplomats.

The problem arose when the Tel Aviv zoo demanded the scarce rice to feed Riki, 3, and Piccolo, 5, two hungry chimps who arrived recently as gifts from the Paris zoo.

The ministry of trade and industry said the regulations provided only for allocations of rice to humans, not chimps. The matter was referred to higher levels, but a search of the regulations provided no way out. Then someone came up with the idea of diplomatic status for the animal ambassadors of good will.

## Escapee Tries To Seize Prison Camp, Free Pals

LABELLE, Fla.—(AP)—A fugitive staged a shooting attack on a state prison camp near here today "to surprise the guard, take over the prison and free his buddies," Camp Supervisor R. L. Rodgers said.

The prisoner, James A. Harrell, was shot through the stomach by a guard and is in a Fort Myers hospital in serious condition.

The guard, Frank Warren, was shot through the foot when Harrell opened fire without warning at 2:45 a.m.

Harrell escaped from the prison here with three buddies last Tuesday. Next day he turned up at Largo, Fla., and tried to get his wife to accompany him. He fired a shot at his mother-in-law, Mrs. Bertha Tyree, when she intervened. Harrell then fled in an automobile.

He underwent an emergency operation in the hospital early today for treatment of the gunshot wound.

Rodgers said Harrell appeared at the prison camp early this morning and started firing at Warren, who was shot through the foot.

Warren started firing back as he fell and hit Harrell in the stomach," Rodgers said. "Harrell ran away abandoning his stomach."

The fugitive later appeared 30 miles away at Clewiston hospital where he told doctors he had been wounded by a bandit. Nurses called the sheriff's office.

"Harrell told the police he had intended to surprise the guard, take over the camp, and free his buddies," the camp supervisor said.

Things went wrong because he didn't figure on the guard being inside the watch building. The guard had just finished checking the buildings and walked past Harrell," Rodgers said.

## TWA Airliner And Private Craft Collide

Ten Passengers, 5 Crewmen Are Victims

BURLINGTON, Ky.—(AP)—Two airplanes collided in the air several miles southwest of the Greater Cincinnati Airport near here today, killing 15 persons. The airport is located in Boone County, Ky., 12 miles from Cincinnati.

Ten passengers in a TWA plane and three crew members were killed. The other two persons were in a Douglas DC3 plane.

Just what happened to cause the field only a few minutes earlier and that the other ship was not known to be in the vicinity.

EN ROUTE TO DAYTON

The TWA plane was en route to Dayton and Cleveland, Ohio.

The other one, containing pilot Arthur (Slim) Workman, of Burgis, Mich., and co-pilot Edward Agner, Battle Creek, Mich., was said to be owned by Mr. and Mrs. Frederick L. Van Lennep, and came into Kentucky from Battle Creek, Ky.

The former Frances Dodge. The pilots were scheduled to pick up the Van Lenneps, wealthy Detroit race horse owners, in Lexington, Ky.

Capt. J. W. Quinn was pilot of the TWA plane, and R. K. Childers was the first officer. The hostess was Patricia Ann Storrer. The company said they worked out of Detroit, but that Childers lived in Ann Arbor, Mich., and Miss Storrer in Ypsilanti, Mich.

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