



## This Bridge Survived It....



THEY CAUGHT IT coming and going, did Washington bridge over the Hudson at New York as the holiday ended.

# Twelve Killed In Two Separate Rail Mishaps

## Train Hits Loaded Car In Wisconsin

### Freights Collide In New Mexico

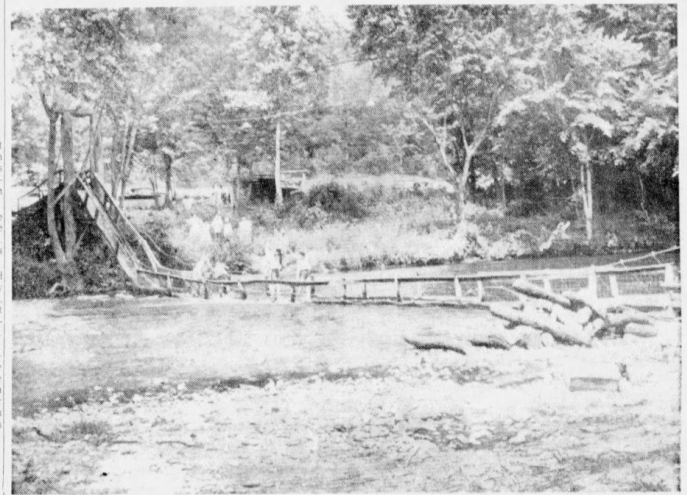
ALLEN'S GROVE, Wis. (AP)—At least seven persons, most of them children, were reported killed this morning when a speeding Milwaukee Road passenger train crashed into a car near here.

There were 11 persons in the automobile, all believed to be in the same family or closely related. Two were women and the others children.

Walworth County authorities said the car apparently was driven by Beatrice Smith of Route 1, Darien, accompanied by Mr. Harold Smith, 38, of Beloit. All the children were believed to be Mrs. Smith's.

The Chicago-bound 12-car passenger train hit the auto at a grade crossing within 500 feet of Beatrice Smith's home. Bodies were strewn over a wide area and the car demolished. Officers said the train was traveling about 60 miles an hour.

## .... But This Bridge Collapsed



The Bridge at Cherokee After Collapse That Killed Two (AP Wirephoto)

## Solicitor Finds No Evidence Of Negligence

CHEROKEE (AP)—Solicitor That Bryson Jr. said today his preliminary investigation into the collapse of a suspension footbridge near here Sunday showed "no particular evidence of criminal negligence."

Two women were killed and at least 30 persons injured when the 60-foot bridge ripped loose from its moorings and dumped some 50 persons into the shallow Occoquan River, 20 feet below.

Bryson said he planned to continue his investigation today and that he had asked the State Bureau of Investigation to assist him.

He said the bridge had not had an engineering inspection recently. He also pointed out that it was built primarily to allow school children to cross the river.

"I don't think it was designed for heavy tourist traffic," he said. "It undoubtedly was safe enough for the school kids, but it was a different matter when 50 to 60 people crowded onto it."

It was reported the bridge collapsed when boys leaped up and down on one end.

The dead were Mrs. Henry T. Halle Jr., 35, of Daisy, Tenn., and Mrs. Lawrence Hamwater, 32, of Atlanta, Ga. Mrs. Halle was struck on the head by bridge timbers. Mrs. Hamwater died of internal injuries.

Twenty-one persons were injured, four of them critically.

## Advice: Don't Take N. C. Whisky To S. C. Beaches

By CHARLES KUALT  
Charlotte News Staff Writer

There's bad news today for Carolinians who make a practice of buying liquor in North Carolina before taking off for a Myrtle Beach weekend.

It's against the law. It always has been, but enforcement of the South Carolina law against transportation of liquor without a South Carolina tax stamp has been lax in the past.

Not any more, according to H. C. Lewis, director of the South Carolina alcoholic beverage tax division. A six-man force of inspectors in unmarked radio cars on the job helping South Carolina police, he says.

The inspectors will patrol the state line, looking for liquor violations.

Main force of the South Carolina drive is directed at South Carolina citizens who cross the border to buy their liquor cheaper. But North Carolinians transporting whisky bought legally in Charlotte, for example, are also liable to get caught in the Faissetto dragnet.

Fines range from \$20 up. Automobiles used can even be confiscated if they are "used primarily and with knowledge of the owner in the transportation of alcoholic liquors in violation of the law."

AT THEIR RISK  
One local official contacted today speculated the law will not be strenuously enforced against Tar Heel weekend vacationers in South Carolina. But he added, North Carolinians who take liquor into South Carolina without a South Carolina tax stamp do so at their own risk.

Another Charlotte government official said the law is not directed primarily at illegal liquor traffic out of Charlotte, but at the Tryon traffic.

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## Safe Holding \$3,000 Stolen From Movie Operator's Home

By DONALD MACDONALD  
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Detectives said today that nearly \$3,000 in cash was reported stolen during the night from a safe in the home of Clifford H. Falls, operator of the Thrift Road Drive-In Theater.

Police quoted Mr. Falls as saying that the safe also contained several bonds, a check for \$30, two women's wrist watches, and jewelry.

Mr. Falls told investigating officers that someone cut the wire screen on his back porch, entered the house and hauled

off the safe — apparently by jeep or truck.

The safe was located in the front bedroom of Mr. Falls' home and was rolled through the living room and a small hallway, through the kitchen and out through the back porch and rear door.

Contents of the safe totaled \$2,938.10 in cash. Mr. Falls told officers.

Apparently the theft took place between 6:45 p.m. yesterday when Mr. Falls left to begin operation of his drive-in

theater — and about 11 p.m. which is the time he returned to his home.

BACK DOOR OPEN  
Mr. Falls reported finding the back light out and the back door open when he arrived.

The missing safe was described as 26 by 40 by 30 inches. A small box containing jewelry was removed from the safe and left unharmed on a bed. But the thief apparently took one set of pearls and two wrist watches from another part of the safe.

## 5 Crewmen Die As Fire Follows Crash

### Fort Sumner, N. M.

FORT SUMNER, N. M. (AP)—Five crewmen were killed in a flaming collision of two freight trains 36 miles west of this eastern New Mexico community early today.

The men, all residents of Clovis, N. M., were trapped in the toppled diesel engines which caught fire after the head-on crash. The Santa Fe railroad reported 48 cars were derailed, but expected no serious delays to train schedules as a result.

Three charred bodies were recovered several hours after the accident. A fourth, that of a brakeman, was found beneath the tangled steel, indicating he had tried to jump clear as the trains hit.

Ralph Aier, Santa Fe public relations officer, said the westbound freight had headed into a siding to let the eastbound freight pass. The westbound train, instead of stopping, apparently went on through and collided with the approaching train on the main line.

After identifying the victims as E. G. Abernathy, engine man on the eastbound; J. W. Fryar, head brakeman on the eastbound; J. C. Campie, engineman on the westbound; V. F. Adair, head-brakeman on the westbound; and W. B. Hester of Clovis, brakeman on the eastbound train, was taken to the Fort Sumner hospital with shoulder and ankle injuries.

Fire departments from Clovis, Fort Sumner and Vaughn sent fire and trucks to the scene.

Sen. Johnson's Condition Same  
WASHINGTON (AP)—Physicians reported "no change" today in the condition of Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson (D-Tex.) who suffered a heart attack late Saturday.

The Senate Democratic leader was still listed in serious condition. Yesterday's report from Bethesda Naval Medical Center showed him "making satisfactory progress."

## Holiday Deaths Set New Mark

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Traffic deaths climbed to a new high on the Fourth of July holiday period as at least 393 persons lost their lives.

The overall accident death toll also was the heaviest ever. In a three-day Independence Day holiday period.

The traffic accidents, compiled from 4 p.m. local time Friday to midnight Monday, were higher than the 380 estimated by the National Safety Council and compared with a previous high of 366 for the three-day Fourth of July period in 1952.

In the 78-hour period, 239 persons drowned and 141 were killed in miscellaneous accidents. The overall total of 772 was a record for a three-day period and compared with a record of 750 for a four-day Fourth of July period in 1950. The traffic toll in 1950 was an all-time high of 491.

## NEWS CONFERENCE

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower will hold a news conference at 11:30 a.m. EDT tomorrow, an hour later than usual. The White House explained that Eisenhower will meet first with Republican congressional leaders.

## Evening Prayer

Our Father, we thank Thee that Thou hast always conducted us in the tribulations of our lives. Cause us to show our gratitude by living our lives in service to Thee because of the love we have for Thee, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Our Weather

Partly cloudy and continued quite warm and humid through tomorrow. Widely scattered afternoon and evening thunderstorms.

High yesterday—89.  
High today—92.  
Low tomorrow—86.  
Low this morning—88.  
Low tonight—79.  
Sunrise 5:14 a.m.; sunset 7:41 p.m.

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## Picket Lines At Plants Nike Activities Near Standstill

By J. A. DALY  
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Construction of the multi-million-dollar Nike guided missile plant at Charlotte was suspended today, except for work by about 40 nonunion laborers.

Approximately 450 members of labor unions concerned with construction were reported to have been unwilling to cross picket lines set up early today at all entrances to the sprawling plant which are used by contractors' employees.

The main gate to the plant, the former Charlotte Army Quartermaster Depot, was free of pickets at the request of the military establishment. This gate is used by persons engaged in business with the Armed Forces Induction Center, the Quartermaster Depot management, the Ordnance Engineers, and the employee recruiting office of Douglas Aircraft Co.

The Douglas company is making preparations to operate the Nike project when the conversion of the facilities has been completed.

J. E. Lovett, president of Charlotte Building Trades Central Union, explained that the picketing of the workers' gates was in protest against wages below the Charlotte prevailing levels that are being paid by Coble Construction Co. of Greensboro and some of the Coble company's subcontractors.

## LOVETT STATEMENT

Mr. Lovett said the wages being paid by these contractors on Phase Two of the project "not only hurt the working people but also are unfair competition against those other contractors who have to bid against contractors who pay cut-throat wages."

Also stating an inquiry as to what steps may be taken to effect a solution of this situation, Mr. Lovett said, "It is up to the government engineers in charge of this project to ferret out low wages and to enforce the prevailing wage requirements."

## EQUAL OR BETTER?

Mr. Maubly also said the Coble organization is paying on the Nike project contract wages that are "equal to or better than the prevailing wage in the

Charlotte area with a few minor variations."

The Coble organization and its subcontractors, continued Mr. Maubly, are "not violating the contracts with the Government, and Government engineers have our payrolls available for their inspection at all times."

From the Ordnance Engineers' office, in charge of the Government's affairs related to the project, was obtained a report that Col. R. L. Hill of the Army's Corps of Engineers was scheduled to arrive in Charlotte this afternoon to investigate this situation. He is the Chief Engineer of the Military District.

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Two pickets guard a Hutchison Ave. gate at the missile plant as a group of job-hunters look on.