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## 9 Airmen, Civilians Killed PLANE CRASHES INTO S.C. HOMES

### Flying Boxcar Falls, Explodes And Burns

CHARLESTON, S. C. (AP)—A flaming C119 Flying Boxcar crashed, exploded and burned in a Negro residential area near the Charleston Air Force Base today, killing nine or more airmen and civilians.

The base public information office said five of the 11 crew members were killed. None of the six survivors was believed injured critically.

Bodies of four civilians were found shortly after firemen and policemen were able to probe into the wreckage of the plane and three houses it hit in the densely populated Liberty Park community. Flaming debris was hurled over a wide area. The plane was on a routine night flight.

The Air Force identified the dead crewmen as Capt. Robert L. McNeal of Windsor, Pa.; the pilot, 1st Lt. Francis L. Meshine, North Charleston; 2nd Lt. James John Maher, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Airman 3C Keith Halls, Smoot, Wyo.; and Airman 2C John W. Glahn, Cincinnati, Ohio.

The Air Force survivors were identified as 1st Lt. Robert B. McGovern, Lubbock, Tex.; M. Sgt. William Rich, Asheville, N.C.; Airman 1C Thomas P. Korshalla, East Plymouth, Pa.; Airman 3C James C. Miller, Houston, Mo.; Airman 1C Lawrence G. Bradley, Buena Park, Calif.; and Airman 3C Bobby H. Bruce of Tennessee.

The C119 was attached to the 41st Troop Carrier Wing of the 18th Air Force. It had taken off after another military transport shot a North Charleston fireman said he heard both planes and saw two tremendous flashes of fire from the one that crashed about 7 p.m. EST.

The fireman, whose unit was the first to reach the site, said "there was fire everywhere. A man who had been sitting on the road eating a watermelon said he saw the plane coming in and one engine was on fire."

A propeller flew 100 yards through the window of a fourth house, injuring a sleeping man and his wife. An elevator from the championship site was damaged in the hickory tree that took the first impact of the crash.

Only the three houses actually hit by parts of the plane burned. Chemicals and water, sprayed quickly on the plane and nearby houses, probably saved many lives.

David Nelson, who lives just east of the three burned houses, said he was awake at the time of the crash.

"I heard the plane coming," he said, "and knew it was going to hit the house. Just at that moment there was a big flash and another one in my house jumped up. No, we didn't try to help. It was too hot. We just ran."

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MAP SHOWS SPRING CITY, Tenn., site of the train bus collision which resulted in the deaths of 10 children. (AP)

### 10 Children Die As Train Strikes Bus

SPRING CITY, Tenn. (AP)—A long freight train rammed into a loaded elementary school bus at a railroad crossing here Monday, killing 10 children, injuring the 30 other young occupants and the bus driver.

Estimates on the number of dead varied from 10 to 17 during the confusion which followed the crash. The dead and injured were taken to hospitals and morgues in several nearby towns, but the casualty list was placed official by 10 today.

Raymond Moore, 39, the bus driver, said he failed to see the 100-car train approaching the crossing. Paul Giles, engineer on the Southern Railway train, said he saw the bus in the dead-end locomotive as he approached the crossing at about 45 miles an hour.

Both Moore and Giles were charged with manslaughter. Spring City Mayor Leonard Pack said there is no speed limit in trains at the crossing.

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County Schools Face Increased Loads Without Any More Buses

Wilson said, "Our chances of transporting children who live within the one and one-half mile limit of school are becoming less and less."

Past practice has been for buses to pick up many children who live within the mile and a half limit, provided there was room on the bus.

IT'S THE LAW

State law requires that children who live more than a mile and a half from school be transported, Mr. Wilson said. State law also prohibits overloading of buses, he said.

It is important to parents to find out if their children are within walking distance, and they should be making transportation arrangements for them now, Mr. Wilson added.

Acceptance of greater responsibility on the part of parents is urged by county school officials.

At many bus stops, where a large number of students congregate, parents have formed committees to help in loading buses.

Faced with an increased student load and no additional buses, Mr. Wilson said it is still not known how the county will be able to meet its transportation needs for the coming school year. There are many problems that will have to be ironed out that will require the cooperation of parents and students, he said.

### Cost Of Living Rises For 2nd Month In Row Food And Services Lift Prices Upward

By NORMAN WALKER

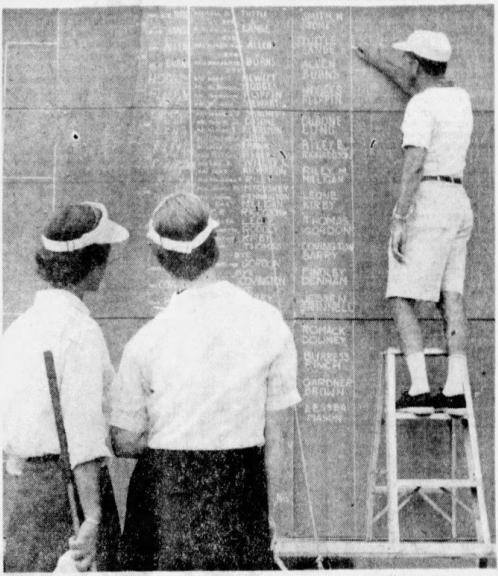
WASHINGTON—The government reports today the nation's living costs rose in July for the second straight month.

Seasonal higher prices for food and most types of services raised the consumer price index three-tenths of one per cent, an increase sufficient to provide a penny an hour pay raise for about 650,000 workers of the General Motors and Ford Motor Companies. They have labor contracts gearing wage rates to changes in the government's index.

Labor contracts covering at least 200,000 additional workers in the auto, aircraft, farm equipment and trucking industries also tie pay scales to the July index but it could not be determined whether in all cases these workers, too, would get the one cent raise.

The July index figure was 1147 per cent of the 1947-1949 average. The increase in the index was the largest since May, 1954.

Food prices, paced by fresh fruits, rose an average seven-tenths of one per cent on the July index. Prices for many meat items and fresh vegetables declined. Costs of housing, household operation, medical care and personal care reached new record levels.



At The Scoreboard: Jane Lange Of Long Beach, Calif., Jackie Yates of Honolulu And Scorekeeper Fred Walters

### National Golf Tournament Is City's Top Attraction

By RONALD GREEN

Charlotte News Sports Writer—Charlotte has had its share of top sports events, ranging from Professional Golfers Association's open tournaments through major league baseball games to professional and collegiate football games.

Never, though, has there been a sporting event held here that could equal in prestige the United States Golf Association's Women's Amateur Championship, which is being played this week at Myers Park Country Club.

This tournament is held annually to determine the women's amateur champion of the United States. Players ranging in age from 15 to, perhaps, 60 have converged here from five nations to seek the coveted crown more worn by Barbara Romack of Sacramento, Calif.

LONG DISTANCES—Three women traveled to Charlotte from England to play for the championship. One came from Mexico, another from Hawaii, another from Canada.

There are players here from practically every one of the United States, a good portion of them from the west coast.

As Flier Released

By MURRAY FROMSON

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In view of this situation, Mr.



Concerned Over Flood: Ike With Secretary Hagerty. (AP)

### Ike May Summon Special Session

By MARVIN L. ARROWSMITH

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP)—President Eisenhower today pledged a special session of Congress "if necessary" to provide relief for flood-ravaged northeastern states. Simultaneously, he summoned the public to contribute "quickly" everything possible to the Red Cross.

After an aerial inspection tour of parts of the devastated region and a meeting here with the governors of six afflicted states, the President said in a broadcast:

"In my opinion everybody within the sound of my voice will sleep better tonight if he turns in everything that he can spare to meet this great disaster that has happened to our fellow Americans."

"I hope you will do it instantly so that by tomorrow night Mr. Roland Harriman here, the president of the Red Cross, will know that he doesn't have to meager or stingy in the allocations he makes to these areas."

Harriman joined in the dramatic presidential plea, and pointed out that the federal and state governments are restricted by law as to the amount of aid which can be provided in such situations.

CAROLINAS REPRESENTED—Eisenhower made his statement immediately after an hour-long meeting with the six northeastern governors and representatives of North and South Carolina, previously heavily damaged by hurricanes.

Solemn-visaged, the President spoke at a table in the hangar at Bradley Airfield where the group conferred.

"I have met here with the governors," Eisenhower said. "You have read in the papers and seen on television what has happened. But you can have no conception of how come here and listened to these governors. This is a case where the federal government, state government, and county governments will do everything they can."

He said the federal government will go into business at once on a long range flood prevention program including insurance to prevent losses such as suffered during this flood.

URGES QUICK START—Eisenhower urged the states to get down to work right away.

The President pledged that the federal government would do everything possible to work out some way of preventing such disasters in the future. He said he was certain the state governments would cooperate in such a program.

He also promised the government would do its utmost to provide relief.

### Flood Hits Fayetteville

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. (AP)—A near cloudburst early today sent two creeks rampaging through low areas of Fayetteville and inundated about 50 dwellings.

The Red Cross established a refugee center at a Negro USO center for persons evacuated from flooded sections.

A number of Fayetteville streets were washed by the fast-rising waters about dawn.

Workers rushed to one of three ponds of the city waterworks where waters were cutting a channel around a dam. Those in charge of the work said they believed the dam would be made secure.

The conference lasted an hour. Eisenhower took off for Washington at 10:02 a.m. EDT.

Before the conference with the President, Peterson told newsmen the 75 million dollars would be allocated:

Connecticut and Pennsylvania 25 million each.

Massachusetts 15 million.

Rhode Island and New Jersey 10 million each.

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### Our Weather

Partly cloudy and hot today and Wednesday. Scattered afternoon thunderstorms. High yesterday, 94.

High today, 94.  
Low this morning, 72.  
Low tonight, 70.  
Sunrise, 5:49 a.m.; sunset, 7:02 p.m.

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OUT FOR A STROLL in their triple stroller are the Proffit triplets, 17-month-old children of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Proffit of 1165 Kings Dr. That's David in the "rubble seat" portion, and down front are Carol (left) and Billy. The Proffits, former residents of Charlotte, lived in Atlanta for the past two years where the triplets were born. They moved back to Charlotte only three weeks ago.

Heavenly Father, ever present and ever willing to help us, teach us, always to call upon Thee for strength to meet the problems that confront us every day. In the Master's name. Amen.