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## Train Plovs Into Another

# KILLED IN SWAMPSCOTT TRAIN CRASH

### Collision Occurs During Snowstorm

SWAMPSCOTT, Mass. (AP)—A four-car Boston & Maine commuter train ploughed into a second train, halted outside the station yard here today, with a heavy toll of dead and injured.

At least 14 were killed, and a police officer at the scene said the toll might reach 20.

Scores were injured as many of the 1,000 passengers were thrown from their seats.

The collision came in a blinding snowstorm.

The rear car of the halted train was splintered and turned over.

The lead car of the four-car train of diesel-propelled Budd Highliners was torn in the words of one eyewitness.

A bus moving van was driven down beside the tracks and the bodies were placed in there. Catholic priests climbed aboard to administer the last rites of the church.

Don Flynn of the Lynn Daily Item said most of the dead he saw were badly mangled. Most of them were men.

The trains carried a high proportion of college students, many of them bound for Boston institutions and others for Burdette College, a business school, in Lynn.

Books, brief cases and lunch boxes were scattered a half mile along the tracks. Train seats were tossed hither and yon.

Police Capt. John Costin, on duty at Swampscott Police Station, received the first call about the crash a little before 8 a. m. He telephoned all neighboring communities for ambulances and rescue wagons, and also notified state police.

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### West Virginia Senator Kilgore Dies Of Stroke

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Harley Martin Kilgore, the first West Virginian ever elected to three successive terms in the U. S. Senate, died early today.

Death came at 2:33 a. m. to the 63-year-old Democrat at Bethesda Naval Hospital.

He became seriously ill Feb. 25 when he suffered a "minor stroke" at the hospital. He had gone there 12 days before for a physical checkup and treatment for high blood pressure.

Prior to the stroke he had responded favorably to treatment and had expected to leave the hospital within a few days.

Harold C. Miller, Kilgore's administrative assistant, said the senator suffered another cerebral hemorrhage early this morning and died soon afterward. He had been in a semicomatose for most of the past two days, Miller said, and was unconscious at the time of death.

Mrs. Lois Kilgore, his wife, a Mrs. Robert, an 11-year-old daughter, Mrs. Albert T. Young Jr., visited the senator yesterday evening.

Miller said doctors at the hospital attributed death to a stroke stemming from high blood pressure.

With Kilgore's death, the Democratic majority in the Senate was reduced to one seat, 48-47. The West Virginian was the first senator to die in this session of Congress.

### Adlai Raps Republican Confusion

NEW YORK (AP)—Adlai E. Stevenson said today he hopes the Eisenhower administration "isn't as rattled and confused as it appears to be" in its foreign policy.

He made his comment to reporters in the midst of a busy New York visit, during which he earlier proposed that President Eisenhower or call a meeting of white and Negro leaders in Washington to ease racial tensions.

In his reference to the administration's foreign policy, the Democratic presidential hopeful asserted:

"Last Friday the secretary of state said that the new Russian economic and political challenge was a sign of weakness, which amazed the whole world.

"On Sunday he appears to have reversed himself and said it was a threat for which we needed more money.

"Last week we had the off-again, on-again incidents of tanks for Arabia.

"I would say that I pray our government isn't as rattled and confused as it appears to be."

Reporters had asked Stevenson for comment on the Senate action yesterday of Sen. J. William Fulbright (D-Ark.), who challenged Secretary of State Dulles to tell the "truth" about foreign affairs and "not treat us as children."

Stevenson spoke to reporters after an interview on the NBC-TV program, "Today." On the air, he was asked if there would be a change in his campaign strategy if Eisenhower decides to seek re-nomination.

"I wouldn't anticipate any basic change," he replied.

A moment later he said, without elaboration, he might alter his strategy if there was a change in the domestic or international situation.

Stevenson's proposal that the President call a Washington conference of white and Negro leaders was voiced to newsmen last night. He said he has been "very much disturbed by mounting tensions in the South."



TWINS WITH FRACTURES are David Morse (left) and John Gray, who fractured their ankles in skiing accidents at Brattleboro, Vt. John took his spill three weeks ago and David had his accident last week. The twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. Gray Morse, are keeping their skulls waxed and expect to continue their favorite sport the snow melts. (AP Wirephoto)

### GOP Man Says Neff Made \$2,500 Party Contribution

WASHINGTON (AP)—Joseph P. Whahart, chairman of the Nebraska Republican State Finance Committee, told investigating Senators today that a complete stranger met him in Washington, D. C., at the Mayflower Hotel and handed him \$3,800 bills.

He said the man, who identified himself as John M. Neff, said the money was raised by "four, five or six people" working with the oil industry who wanted to "make a contribution to the Republican Party in Nebraska."

The testimony was given to a special committee headed by Sen. George (D-Ga.) as it neared the end of an inquiry which stemmed from a \$2,500 campaign fund offer to Sen. Case (R-Ind.). Case rejected the money and announced his action to the Senate during debate on the bill to exempt natural gas producers from direct federal regulation.

Neff is the oil company lawyer who made the offer of campaign funds for Case. Testimony has shown that the money came from an oil man's personal funds. The Senate passed the gas bill 53-38 but President Eisenhower vetoed it.

George's committee is working on the bill.

### No Hint On Running President Plans Usual Conference

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower will hold a news conference at 10:30 a. m. EST tomorrow—his regular hour for meeting the press. White House press secretary James C. Hagerty said he "wouldn't know" whether Eisenhower will announce his second term intentions at that time.

Hagerty also told reporters he did not know whether Eisenhower planned to make a radio and television appearance later tomorrow. That is a step the President is generally expected to take after any announcement of a decision on the second term question.

The press secretary said in reply to further questions there are no plans for Eisenhower to hold a second news conference tomorrow.

This question was prompted by speculation that Eisenhower might hold up any announcement on the big question until after the 3:30 p. m. closing of the New York Stock Exchange.

He has expressed concern in the past over market fluctuations stemming from his heart attack.

A newsmen asked if there were any plans for a "live" telecast of the news conference.

Hagerty said there would be no such telecasts at any time—past, present or future.

The White House has permitted Eisenhower's news conferences to be filmed for later televising, occasionally with portions edited out.

Hagerty said the President has not permitted any "live" telecasts.

Asked if there was "a good possibility" the President might go on television some time after his news conference, Hagerty said: "I wouldn't know."

Hagerty added, however, that he would let White House correspondents know immediately if the White House should ask radio-TV time from the networks.

### 'Ghost' Trader Has Stock Exchange Agog

NEW YORK (AP)—The New York Stock Exchange carried million-dollar reports yesterday of more than a half million dollars in fake trades that never were made.

Today exchange officials were conducting a grain search for the ghost who reported the transactions. Officials said they had not the faintest idea who did it. Furthermore, officials said they didn't know whether any law was violated by the deed.

Business yesterday on the New York Stock Exchange amounted to 1,440,000 shares, and tracked into that total were 14,000 fake trades.

HERE'S WHAT HAPPENED: Right around 3 p. m., some 30 minutes before trading closed for the day, the nationwide ticker service reported 1,000 shares of Phillips 66 traded at 32 1/2—a transaction amounting to \$32,250. Then came 1,000 at 32 1/2, and 2,000 at 32 1/2.

Right on the heels of that came reports of 1,000 shares of New York Central at 44, 5,000 at 44 1/2, and 2,000 at 44 1/2.

The total value of all those transactions was \$552,750.

CAUGHT IMMEDIATELY

On the vast floor of the stock exchange at the time was a milling throng of 2,000 members and employees. Sharp-eyed specialists caught the fake transactions almost immediately, and they were corrected within seven minutes.

Neither the amount of the trades nor the prices appear in the final official reports.

The first reaction at the exchange was that the thing was a case of malicious mischief and probably the act of a page boy. It wasn't an attempt to influence trading or prices in the stock market, something that would be a criminal act exchange officials said.

### 2-Day Sunny Spell Seen

Blowing the glad tidings of the March to come, a gusty wind swept the clouds from the sky today to end the rainiest month of the winter.

In all 59 inch of rain fell in showers of thunderstorms on Monday and last night to bring the monthly precipitation total to 8.85 inches, 2.30 inches over the monthly normal of 6.55.

That's all, said the Weather Bureau, no more rain until Thursday, incidentally, is the first day of March.

Sunny, windy and cold weather is expected for today, tomorrow. The temperature, rising from a rather warm 44 this morning should hit 53 this afternoon, dropping back to a sub-freezing 31 in the morning. High tomorrow should be 52.

### Our Weather

Sunny and rather windy today. Fair and cool tonight. Sunny and cool tomorrow.

Low this morning—40.

Low tomorrow morning—33.

High yesterday—49.

High today—54.

High tomorrow—52.

Sunrise 6:54 a. m.; sunset 6:18 p. m.

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### Faces Charges Here Tomorrow

### 'Romeo's' Wanderings To End in Court

By DONALD MACDONALD  
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Police described today how an alleged young Romeo named Harry Wanders wandered into trouble when he used his wife's money to entertain a girl friend, then used the girl friend's money and car to entertain his wife.

He played one against the other, said Detective Jake Goodman, who returned from Florence, S. C., yesterday with Wanders and Detective C. C. Hestler.

The two detectives have charged Wanders, 24, with larceny, temporary larceny of an automobile, and with beating room rents at two Charlotte hotels.

The short, curly-haired man was arrested by sheriff's officers Sunday in a Florence, S. C., motel. Police said he had gone there with his wife, who works in Darlington, S. C., after taking \$24 and a 1950 Oldsmobile from

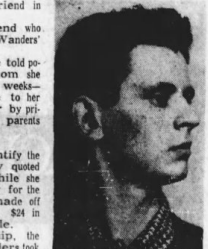
his 20-year-old girl friend in Charlotte.

It was the girl friend who brought an end to Wanders' amoral wanderings.

Over the weekend, she told police that Wanders—whom she had known about five weeks—had proposed marriage to her and planned to take her by private plane to visit his parents in a northern city.

Police refused to identify the young woman said. Wanders took her out dining. When she ordered inexpensive dishes, he would insist upon her eating "nothing but the best"—fillet mignon.

Police said Wanders was using



HARRY WANDERS

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### Calendar-Makers Catch Up

### Hail To Thee, O Feb. 29!

By JULIAN SCHEER  
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Today The News would like to say Happy Birthday?

And, also, Hail and Welcome!

We're a day ahead of ourselves, but we want to be the first—for tomorrow is a special occasion. It's Feb. 29—or Leap Year Day.

It comes but once every four years. It's nobody's particular fault, but the calendar-makers figured things out before our time.

A number of Charlotte citizens will be observing birthdays tomorrow—the only birthdays they have in four years. We remember that Thou hast given us this day, for the next four years either on March 1 or Feb. 28.

Take Billy Brooks, for instance. He lives on Wendover Lane.

Billy is four-years old tomorrow, but it will be his "first" birthday.

This "birthday cheating" will snare some other boys and girls tomorrow, too.

If our statisticians are correct, the moon is right, and all is ready in local hospitals, approximately 19 new Leap Year babies will

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be born here tomorrow.

So today we hand out birthday greetings. We don't know about all of 'em, but to a few we learned about, Happy Birthday!

Helen Hammond . . . John William Louis Jr. . . Mrs. Judith McGee . . . Susan Roy . . . Tommy House . . . Donald Victor Paige . . . William McGregor . . . Barbara Frames Crump . . . Walter Donaldson . . . Mrs. A. M. Stafford . . . And many others.

One of the above—won't reveal the name—was "cheated" even more than the rest. The century turned on this youngster and at the end of the century the Leap Year baby missed two birthdays!

See you in four years, friends.