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TRUCKER DIES IN FIERY CRASH

\$50,000 Blaze Ruins Building

By BOB SLOUGH
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A Shelby man perished in a flaming oil tanker early this morning after his truck hit a parked car and rammed into the side of a new building at Independence Blvd. and E. 5th St.

The crash touched off a spectacular blaze of flaming gasoline and oil, burned out the building and demolished a late model car.

Firemen identified the victim of the blaze as A. K. McSwain, driver of the 1957 Plymouth.

Damages to the building, owned by F. Reid Tull of Charlotte, were listed at \$50,000 a total loss. Mr. Tull was also contractor of the new building.

It was reported that the building was recently completed and tenants began moving into the office structure on New Year's Day.

The three-alarm fire came about 5:30 a. m.

McSwain, who was driving the transport vehicle south on Independence Blvd., first hit a car parked in front of the Toddle House Restaurant on Independence Blvd. The impact carried the 1957 Plymouth against the side of the building.



Firemen Hose Death-Trap Tanker At Left, While Others Check Ruined Building And Auto At Spectacular Pre-Dawn Blaze

Ties To Asia

MANILA (AP)—Prime Minister Abdul Rahman of Malaya arrived here today on a five-day state visit which tied in with new Philippine plans for closer ties with Asian nations.

Korean Help

SEOUL, Korea (AP)—American military purchases in South Korea are expected to total 30 million dollars during the one-year period ending June 30, 1959, the U. S. Army announced today.

Reds, Arabs Clash

CAIRO (AP)—A Cairo newspaper said today recent clashes in Iraq between Communists and Arab Nationalists had taken one life and injured at least 168 persons.

Qemoyis Shelled

TAIPEI, Formosa (AP)—The Chinese Communists began today the first artillery duel of the new year with Chinese Nationalist troops defending the Qemoy Islands.

NY Police Hunt Baby Kidnap

NEW YORK (AP)—The search for a newborn baby stolen from a Brooklyn hospital shifted today to Manhattan, where a young blonde woman aroused a druggist's suspicions by asking for a bottle warmer.

The infant girl was taken from St. Peter's Hospital last night shortly after birth, and a bearded blonde about 30 was believed the kidnaper.

Emil Fischer, proprietor of a drugstore on Manhattan's E. 41st St., told police a blonde woman between 25 and 30 came in just before 9 a. m. today and asked for a bottle warmer.

He said she left and drove off in a pale green foreign car after being told by two no-warmer men. He said the car had New York license plates starting with either "T" or "9T."

Fischer described the woman as about 5 foot 3 and weighing about 110 pounds. This weight, however, did not jibe with that of the blonde seen leaving the Brooklyn Hospital in a furtive manner. She was said to weigh about 140.

The baby was born at 9:17 p. m. to Mrs. Frances Chionchio, whose husband Frank is a lawyer.

The infant was placed in a bassinet in a fourth-floor nursery adjoining the maternity ward. Eight other babies were in the nursery.

The father saw his child in a furtive manner, and in a furtive manner, and in a furtive manner, and in a furtive manner.

'LUNIK' CALLED MAN'S FIRST 'PLANET'

Soviet Rocket Far Out In Space

By HAROLD K. MILKS
Moscow (AP)—The new Soviet rocket will hurtle past the moon and become "the first artificial planet and satellite of the sun," Moscow Radio reported today.

The announcement that the rocket was expected to go into orbit around the sun came as it soared about three-fifths of the distance to the moon, far beyond the height ever reached before by a man-made object.

The rocket will miss the moon by 2,520 to 2,000 miles.

Jubilant Russians already were calling the new rocket "Lunik." Students marched through L. N. Sverdlov Square today in celebration and some fired flares.

The cosmic rocket cut loose a sodium cloud to simulate a comet's tail in the early morning hours. The Moscow Planarium said bad weather prevented a photograph of the comet tail, but a Soviet scientist reported a photograph of the comet tail.

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At the time when U. S. scientists thought an American moon shot would pass the moon and head toward the sun, they said the rocket probably would be burned up in the sun.

The Soviet announcement indicated otherwise. The Kremlin expects its rocket to survive the fierce heat around the center of the solar system. How, the Russians didn't say.

And there was no indication of how long Soviet scientists expected the rocket to survive as a planet.

Victor Hozian, director of the Moscow Planarium, had said earlier that it was still uncertain what would be the fate of the rocket.

He did describe it as a "very great success," especially since it was much heavier and had traveled much further than American attempts.

The Russians said their rocket's scientific apparatus was working normally. It was reported over northeastern Brazil at 5 a. m. EST today.

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Cigarette Buyer In Wrong Store

MILWAUKEE, Wis. (AP)—A 35-year-old man staggered into police headquarters yesterday and slipped a dollar bill down on the counter.

"Gimme a pack of cigarettes," he told Sgt. Byron Richardson. Richardson took a closer look at the "customer," promptly locked him in the city jail on a charge of drunkenness.

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of the State Astronomical Institute, said he considered the rocket "a true test rehearsal for the real cosmic journey . . . a stage toward interplanetary journeys has been really achieved."

The Red rocket to the sun has already gone farther than the legend "U.S.S.R., January 1959" in the nose.

There was no mention of the overall weight, including the first stages that hurried out and dropped off to allow the 3,239 pound final stage to rifle on through space. The space vehicle was reported to contain 7800 pounds of instruments. Its dimensions were not given.

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An early report said the rocket was sent up at a cosmic speed of seven miles a second. This speed is a pace ahead of a corresponding count two years ago.

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The NSC predicted 390 auto deaths for the 1959 holiday period that started at 6 p. m. (local time) Wednesday. The Associated Press count ends at midnight (local time) Sunday.

An unexpected sharp of highway deaths late Friday night shot the toll to a pace ahead of a corresponding count two years ago.

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