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SCHOOL BUS PRIZE KILLS 9

Lenten Guideposts Don Nearly Died, She Took Over

BY ROBERTA SHERWOOD As told to Ann Kramer For some time I had known that my husband, Don Lanning, wasn't well. When finally I did get him to a doctor for an examination...

SHERWOOD I'd been married to Don 15 years. More than a husband, he was my friend, companion, confidant. I admired him especially because life hadn't been easy for him. In the twenties, he had been a talented and popular actor, yet during the Depression when it was impossible to find roles, he essentially turned to another field and opened a restaurant. That's how we first met.

AFTER OUR MARRIAGE, Don moved to Miami. He leased a small lounge at a beach hotel and I sang there nightly. But when he became ill, the hotel manager told us they were taking the concession from us.

Suddenly I rebelled against fate. Who should this happen to a man who'd lived a decent life, who had never dissipated, who had brought only kindness and consideration to those around him? And why, at least, did the hotel give us a break?

"There's no room for sentiment in this business," Don said. "Honey, you've got to see their side of it, too. That he could, at such a crucial moment, will be fair and objective when I'm singing. I needed was some of his strength."

I CERTAINLY NEEDED 11 when Don went to the operating room. In my mind, so deep I was scarcely aware of his being singing to him the songs he loved; the songs of the Bible Belt where I had longed as a girl. "Prayer is the key to heaven," I sang.

Then I added my own special prayer. "Dear God, keep Your Arm around him..."

Don came out of surgery with his left lung gone, but his wonderful spirit intact. During his convalescence, I would spend the days with him, then hurry home to cook dinner for our son, put them in bed, erect the suitcase, dress, and rush off to my nightly singing engagement.

It was an ordeal. But I remembered hearing an actress say once, "God broadens the back to bear the burden." Gratitude for Don's recovery made me strong enough.

AFTER A BATTLE with him—SEE SHE TOOK on Page 2-A

Our Weather Cloudy and mild with scattered showers this afternoon. Fair and not quite so cold today. Fair and cooler Wednesday.

28 Hours, 83 Dead Television Is Bloodier Two To One

BY JULIAN SCHEER News Staff Writer YOU don't even have to wake up your dozing. That's what you hear is just another falling body. Another television actor has bit the dust.

Violence on television is so frequent these days that the shreds come in salvos. A NEWS SURVEY of a week's television fare showed an amazing amount of violence in an amazing variety of bizarre methods.

The News also compared your exposure to violence on the screen for a week with the violence in your local newspapers for the same period. The result: Television violence is bloodier two to one.

Here's what The News did: Each night from Saturday, Feb. 21, through Friday, Feb. 27, a News reporter watched Channel 3 from 7 to 11 p.m., while another reporter watched Channel 9.

Each evening reports of television violence were compiled. Then The News checked both local newspapers, using the editions which are delivered to homes in Charlotte for stories of violent death.



There were 83 deaths by violence on the television screen.

There were 36 deaths by violence on the newspaper pages. One day, Thursday, Feb. 26, found not one violent death reported in the news columns of either local newspaper.

THE SAME DAY 13 people died from 7 to 11 p.m. on television. People die on television mostly by shootings, but TV writers did manage to come up with 16 other ways to dispatch their victims.

Of the 83 TV deaths, 55 were gunned down, with either rifle, pistol or cannon. Some were killed in the quick draw, others shot in the back, others ambushed, some killed in war, some in riots—you name it and a bullet did it.

Other violent deaths on television during the week's watching by the non-viewers: Bled to death (2); See TELEVISION On Page 2-A

S. C. Prisoner-Made Checks Expose Forgery Ring Here

By JOHN KILGO News Staff Writer A check forging ring—operating out of the South Carolina state penitentiary—has been uncovered by local and South Carolina police. Prison officials told The News today that 65 checks have been printed by the checks on prison materials and smuggling them out. At least four of the checks, forged on the J. A. Jones Co. stationery, have been passed in Charlotte. The four checks were drawn in the amount of \$84.00.

Masked Bandit Escapes

RALEIGH (AP)—A masked man wearing horn-rimmed glasses robbed a branch bank here today of about \$20,000. He escaped after forcing two bank employees to lie on the floor.

Harold Wall, manager of the branch of the First Citizens and Bank and Trust Co. on the Old Wake Forest Road, said the man entered the bank about 11 a.m., waved a pistol and demanded "All of your money." Wall said.

After taking the money, Wall said the man fled in a black 1958 Ford with a gold stripe down the side.

It was the fourth bank robbery in North Carolina this year. No arrest has been made in the robbery of almost \$5,000 from the Stony Point branch of the Northwestern Bank Feb. 9.

Charles T. Bradford, 27, Army trumpet player, was arrested as the culprit who stole \$13,770 from the P. L. Bragg branch of the First Citizens Bank & Trust Co. and shot the manager dead. Most of the money was recovered.

Thomas Olsen Barney, 52, was charged with the \$2,637 robbery of the Weaverville branch of the Bank of First Broad Feb. 23.

Moscow Talks Come To End

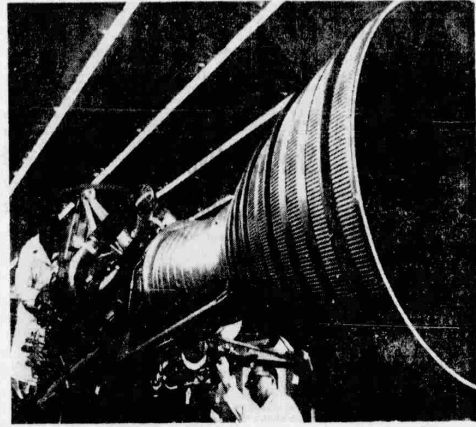
MOSCOW (AP)—Prime Minister Macmillan ended his talks with Premier Khrushchev today and told a news conference the Berlin situation has "dangerous implications" which must be settled by negotiation and not by force.

Earlier the British and Soviet premiers had admitted in a communique summing up their talks that they had been unable to agree on political and legal aspects of a World War II peace treaty with Germany.

But the two government heads in a communique signed in the Kremlin this morning, said they had had useful talks since Macmillan arrived in Moscow Feb. 21 to explore the Russian premier's stand on major East-West issues.

They had agreed, Macmillan and Khrushchev said, that the problems of Germany must be settled, and that early negotiations between interested governments must get under way.

The communique said the two premiers also agreed on a common objective of ultimate prohibition of nuclear weapons under an international system of inspection and control.



Here is Rear View of Jupiter Engine Similar to One Which Lifted Explorer IV

Sun Rocket Already Fourth Of Distance To The Moon

WASHINGTON (AP)—Pioneer IV blazed a new U.S. space trail today more than a quarter of the way to the moon and farther than any previous American rocket. Scientists expressed assurance that the gold-plated cone would speed on past the moon into orbit around the sun, where the Russians claim already to have put their Mecha satellite.

The Army blasted off the new Pioneer from Cape Canaveral, Fla., shortly after midnight. The launching itself was called "as near perfect as could be determined." Initial speed was quickly figured at 24,800 miles an hour, enough to escape the earth's gravitational pull.

By 8 a.m. EST scientists at the National Aeronautics and Space Agency figured the rocket was 66,400 miles out, more than a fourth of the distance of about 239,000 miles to the moon.

By 9 a.m. instrument readings and mathematical calculations placed the Pioneer 72,400 miles on its way. At the 72,400 mile level the new Pioneer was down to 5,318 miles an hour. That was close to the speed estimated in advance for that point in the flight. Scientists are stuck to their prediction that the rocket would pass the moon, at a distance of about 35,000 miles, around 2 p.m. EST Wednesday.

Between 7 and 8 a.m., three ground tracking stations at Goldstone, Calif.; in Puerto Rico, and at Jodrell Bank, England, had it under simultaneous observation for 15 minutes. NASA said these simultaneous trackings made possible extremely precise measurements of speed and course.

Official hopes of an orbit were boosted Monday on the basis of radio signals picked up in Alaska. But early today searches failed to find the rocket, which was in effect to find the missile by bouncing a radio signal off it.

A radio signal was beamed at the orbit path for 40 minutes from the Stanford Research Institute in Palo Alto, Calif. An aircraft from Cleveland, Ohio, sensitive radio receivers were to pick up any reflected signals, but none was received.

Dr. A. L. Jones of the Cleveland facility said he was reasonably certain his equipment would have picked up a reflected signal if the Discoverer had been where it was supposed to be.

For Mecklenburgers the law-making and the abbreviated session of the Assembly will be the highlight of the unique legislative visit. However, there will be a full day's activity for the lawmakers. They'll arrive in Charlotte on the Chamber of Commerce sponsored trip by bus and airplane, will tour the city, meet at the Park Center, dine after more tours and take in the Ringling Brothers Circus Wednesday night, then they'll travel back home.

Gov. Luther Hodges will be here for the day. He'll be greeted by Mayor James S. Smith and Chamber president Bevil Dancam. An airlift from Raleigh to Charlotte, perhaps the first such legislative airlift in history, will transport most of the lawmakers and their wives. Some will come by bus.

The local bill will allow the county commissioners to increase the pay of members of the drainage

Vehicle Overtakes Into Pond

TIFTON, Ga. (AP)—A school bus hit a rut in a road and overturned in a farm pond today, drowning at least nine children. Rescuers said possibly two or three other bodies may be found in the remaining above water. Those who were rescued into the pond...

The bus, carrying approximately 60 Negro children, plunged into the pond about 8 a.m., on the farm of Raleigh Gaston, a mile southwest of Brookfield. The scene is about eight miles from Tifton in south Georgia.

Two white men, Carl Loery and Charles Abrams, helped pull several children from the bus after breaking windows on the side remaining above water. Those who were unconscious were laid on the side of the bus. When other witnesses said the artificial respiration saved 10 or 12 of these children.

Witnesses said the bus was traveling about 30 miles an hour when it careened into the pond. Several white persons gave artificial respiration to the victims and three doctors were on the scene in short time. Even the nine who appeared dead when removed were given treatment for 20 or 30 minutes before rescuers ceased efforts to revive them.

GOING TO SCHOOL The bus was taking the children to Wilson High School in Tifton. R. L. Mack, principal of the school, said he learned at least two other children were still in the bus.

Officials credited the two white men with keeping the death toll as low as it was. All of the windows in the bus were closed when it left the road. As soon as the men broke the windows, the children fought for positions. Witnesses said more of the children probably could have been brought out alive if they had not struggled for positions at the windows.

Twelve children were brought out of the bus for artificial respiration. Three were revived and taken to a hospital with a good chance to live. Five were soon found to be beyond resuscitation and after working for more than an hour the doctors gave up hope for four others.

1,000 PEOPLE The scene of the tragedy was soon thronged with 1,000 or more persons. Automobiles were parked for a mile along the country road. White and Negroes worked tirelessly together in the rescue and removal of the victims.

In addition to students of Wilson High, the bus also carried pupils of the Negro industrial education school of the TVA. Most of the dead were smaller children.

Mill Strikers Are Subdued

HENDERSON (AP)—A special force of highway patrolmen and meetings with Gov. Hodges in Raleigh today in efforts to pour oil on troubled waters growing out of a textile mill strike here. The paragon moved onto the strike scene with military like precision this morning to quieten crowds which have been swirling in the past few days.

The appearance of troopers backed up a promise of Gov. Hodges to put an end to the violence surrounding the strike which started last Nov. 15 when The Textile Workers Union of America and Hatter-Henderson mills management failed to agree on a new contract.

At Raleigh union officials came out of the conference with Gov. Hodges expressing hope for a settlement.

The union group seems to be honestly and sincerely seeking a solution to the situation," reported Boyd E. Payton of Charlotte, regional director of the TVA. The union group spent some 10 minutes closed with Hodges. They were followed by a management delegation, headed by President John D. Cooper Jr. of the company.

Coming Tomorrow Assembly Gavel To Ring Out Here

At 12 noon tomorrow House Speaker Addison Hewlett and Lt. Gov. Luther Barnhardt will bang their gavels—and the North Carolina General Assembly will be called to order.

And the session will not be in Raleigh—but in Charlotte. An historic session of the General Assembly will get under way with Lt. Gov. Barnhardt presiding on the Senate and Rep. Hewlett in the House. The scene of the lawmaking action will be Charlotte's Park Center.

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Polar Orbit Is Doubtful

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