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Everett Randolph Huff is convicted of 1st-degree murder for killing his mother-in-law with a gun and his son by burying him alive.

Good Morning!

THUNDER-SHOWERS

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Watermelon is a Fourth of July favorite at family wingdings. Try some juicy recipes featuring the fruit.



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5 Killed In Bragg C-130 Crash



4,000 Watch Plane Explode

By HENRY CUNNINGHAM
Of The Times Staff

Five servicemen were killed and two injured Wednesday when a Lockheed C-130 Hercules transport airplane crashed and burned in front of about 4,000 horrified spectators at an annual exercise at Fort Bragg.

Four Pope Air Force Base crewmen and a Fort Bragg soldier on the ground died in the accident on Sicily Drop Zone in the north central part of the sprawling Army post.

The airmen killed were Capt. Garry M. Bardo Jr., the pilot; 1st Lt. John B. Keiser III, the navigator; Tech. Sgt. Timothy J. Matar, load master; and Airman 1st Class Albert G. Dunse, an additional load master.

The airmen were assigned to

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C-130 Forms A Large Pile Of Burned Gray Rubble After It Crashes And Explodes On Sicily Drop Zone While 4,000 Watch

Staff Photo by MARY CALVERT

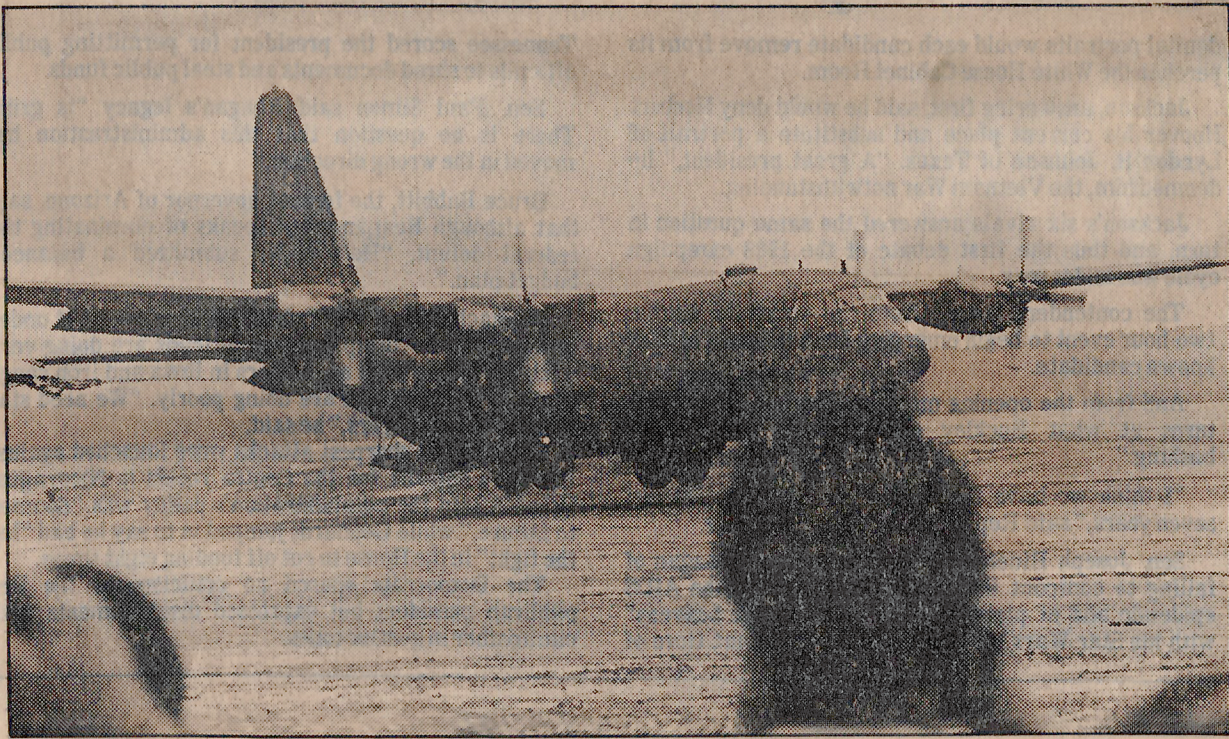


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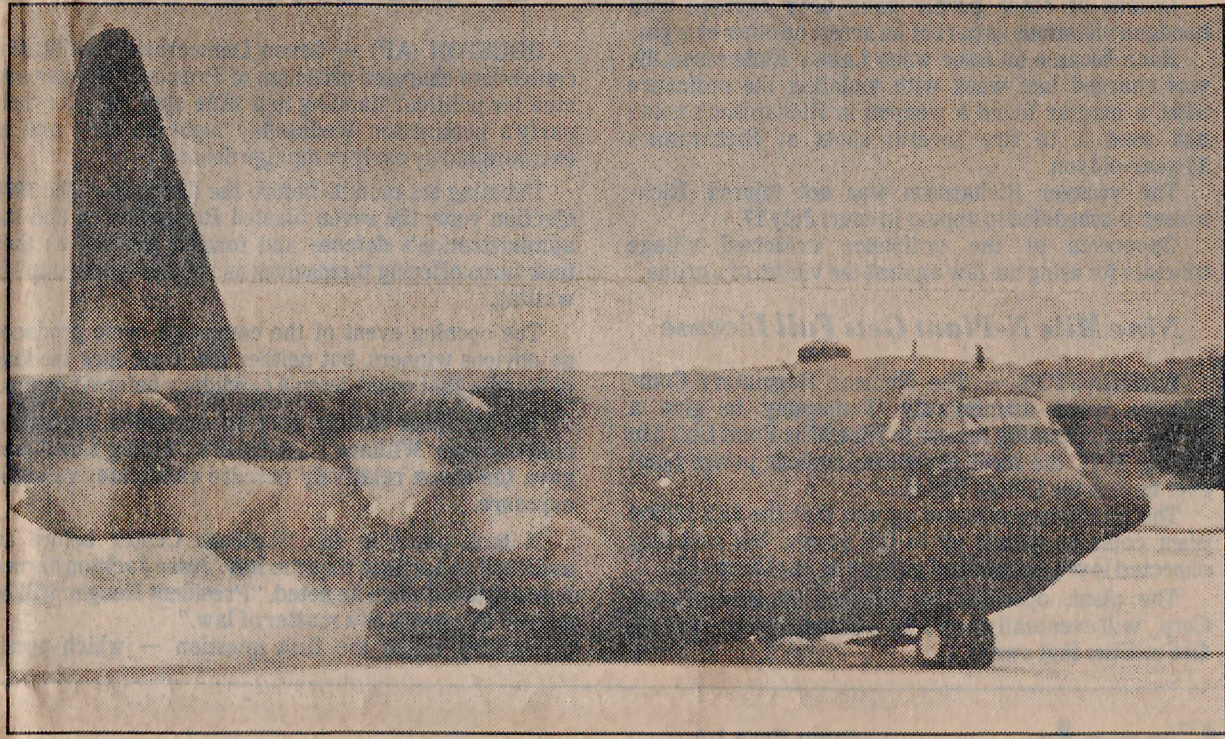


Photo by FELIX ARROYO

C-130 Descends, Left, Trailing Parachute Line Attached To Sherman Armored Vehicle To Be Pulled From The Plane; The Plane Then Impacts, Right, With Drop Zone

Plane Explosion And Deaths Overwhelm, Sadden Observers

A Times Staff Report

Horrible. Unreal. Too much to comprehend.

Those were among the many statements made by witnesses to the Wednesday crash of a C-130 airplane in front of about 4,000

horrified spectators at a Fort Bragg drop zone during an annual military training exercise.

"It happened right in front of us. It was, for lack of a better term, just horrible," Ron Diehl, husband of a Fort Bragg chaplain's assistant

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said. "It brought back feelings of the shuttle disaster."

Neil Vanstory of Greensboro

said at first the spectators reacted with stunned silence.

"Then there were people crying

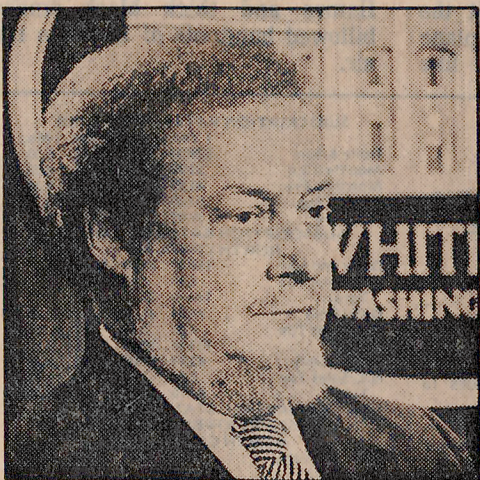
when they realized what happened. We were just horror struck. We saw five young paratroopers and they were crying too. It's one thing to see it on the news, on television and another to be there, to feel the effect. It was horrible."

Fayetteville officials expressed sorrow over the tragedy.

"It's so terrible," said Mayor Pro Tem J.L. Dawkins, who did not attend the ceremony. "I haven't

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Staunch Conservative Bork Picked As High Court Judge



ROBERT H. BORK
'Constitutional Authority'

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WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan picked Robert H. Bork, a staunchly conservative appeals court judge, for the Supreme Court on Wednesday, risking a bruising showdown with the Democratic-ruled Senate over his confirmation.

If seated, Bork could be instrumental in helping alter some of the court's landmark decisions, such as a woman's right to an abortion and the principle of affirmative action.

Announcing Bork's selection, Reagan praised him as "a premier constitutional authority" and said, "His outstanding intellect and un-

rivaled scholarly credentials are reflected in his thoughtful examination of the broad, fundamental issues of our times."

The 60-year-old Bork was the top choice of hardline conservatives to succeed Justice Lewis F. Powell, 79, who announced last Friday he was leaving the bench because of health problems and his age.

Bork is the third person Reagan picked for the court in 6½ years. The president also elevated William H. Rehnquist to chief justice.

Bork is best known nationally for carrying out then-President Nixon's order in 1973 to fire

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News Digest
From Wire Reports

Michigan Governor Vetoes Interstate Speed-Limit Bill

LANSING, Mich. — Michigan Gov. James Blanchard on Wednesday vetoed a bill which would have raised the speed limit to 65 mph on rural interstates.

Blanchard, apparently the first governor to block such action since the Congress lifted the 55 mph limit for some highways, said the bill did not satisfy his concerns about safety and did not include a ban on radar detectors.

The veto message arrived in the state Senate at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, an hour before the 14-day deadline for the governor's decision.

"To sign this legislation would violate my duty to protect our citizens," the Democratic governor said in his message.

Blanchard said that when Congress reduced the top speed limit from 70 mph to 55 mph in 1974, the action "saved lives in Michigan and across the nation."

He said raising the speed limit without banning radar detectors would "send all the wrong signals about law enforcement to our citizens."

"These devices tell juveniles it's OK to ignore law and authority as long as they get away with it," Blanchard said.

Sears Bicycle Child-Carrier Recalled

WASHINGTON — Certain bicycle child carriers sold by Sears, Roebuck and Co. are being recalled because the shoulder-harness buckle could disengage, allowing the child to fall out, the Consumer Product Safety Commission announced Wednesday.

The Championship Deluxe Bicycle Child Carriers, sold nationally by Sears, were made by D&R Industries, Inc., of Lincolnwood, Ill., the safety agency said.

The recall involves carriers sold for about \$40 between February and July of 1986. They carried the stock number 82595 on the outside of the box.

The Safety Commission reported that the problem occurs with the plastic buckle on the shoulder strap of the seat harness, which may disengage while in use. Six instances in which the buckle failed to work correctly have been reported, the agency said.

Parents were urged not to use the child carriers until the shoulder harness buckle is replaced. They can obtain a new harness, at no charge, by writing D&R Industries Inc., 7111 Capitol Drive, Lincolnwood, Ill., 60645, or calling 800-323-2852. Residents of Illinois, Alaska and Hawaii may call 312-677-3200 collect.

Consumers who need more information can contact the safety commission at 800-638-CPSC.

Village Defends Handgun-Ban Arrest

OAK PARK, Ill. — Officials deny that racial bias played a role in the arrest of a black restaurant owner and say they plan to pursue charges against him for violating the village's handgun ordinance.

Village Manager J. Neil Nielsen said Tuesday that since the ordinance took effect in October 1984, five people have been arrested solely for violating the ban on the possession or sale of handguns within village limits. Three of them were white and two were black, he said.

Dozens of other people have been charged with handgun violations as part of an arrest on other charges.

Race became an issue when Lamar Richardson, 39, was charged last week with violating the ordinance after a burglar found a weapon in Richardson's home and used it to fire several shots at Richardson's 17-year-old son.

The younger Richardson was not injured. Richardson is scheduled to appear in court July 17.

Opponents of the ordinance criticized village officials for using the law against the victim of a crime.

Nine Mile N-Plant Gets Full License

WASHINGTON — The Nuclear Regulatory Commission voted unanimously Wednesday to give a full-power operating license to Nine Mile Point Unit 2 in Scriba, N.Y., the most expensive nuclear power plant ever built in the United States.

The four commissioners agreed that the \$6.3 billion plant could be turned up to full power, but said they expected to see a continued pattern of improvement.

The plant, operated by Niagara Mohawk Power Corp., will eventually serve 3.6 million customers of the five utilities that own it.

Crash
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40th Tactical Airlift Squadron, 317th Tactical Airlift Wing, at Pope Air Force Base.

Bardo, 31, was born in Bloomsburg, Pa. He is survived by his wife, Susan; daughter, Amanda; and son, Neil.

Keiser, 28, who was single, was born at Plattsburg Air Force Base near Clinton, N.Y.

Matar, 32, who was single, was born in Mansuria, La.

Dunse, 23, was born in Savannah, Ga. He is survived by his wife, Lora.

Three injured airmen were taken to Womack Army Community Hospital where one later died.

Surviving the crash were 1st Lt.

Reaction
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been able to get it off my mind."

Spectators were seated in bleachers parallel to and about 100 feet from a dirt landing strip where C-130s for years have practiced and demonstrated for crowds the Low Altitude Parachute Extraction System.

It was Clinton City Manager Tommy Combs first view of a LAPES. "It was just so surprising. There was shock. Just nothing but shock throughout the people around us."

Among the crowd was a congressional delegation led by Army Lt. Col. Jim Hopson, who said he and another officer saw the accident coming.

"Both of us were saying 'get it up, get it up.' I'm no expert, but it looked like it was just coming in too hard and too steep."

Ed Dow, city of Fayetteville communications director, said it

Marc A. Lenke, co-pilot, and Sgt. Tony P. Holmes, flight engineer. They were in stable but serious condition at Womack late Wednesday, but scheduled to be taken to the burn center at Brooke Army Medical Center at Fort Sam Houston near San Antonio, Texas, according to Air Force officials.

Army officials declined to release the name of the soldier until his next of kin is notified, but he was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 73rd Armor Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, according to a division official.

The cause of the accident is uncertain, but an investigating

looked like the tail section of the plane was splitting "away from the fuselage and just as it got to the end of the runway" the plane flipped."

Richard Higgins, Spring Lake town manager, said he saw the fuselage crack on impact.

"The pilot must have done a terrific job of keeping that plane on the runway...if that plane had veered to the right, it probably would have been a bigger disaster."

Diehl, who said he has witnessed many LAPSE demonstrations, said he "knew something was wrong when the drogue chute came out at too high an altitude."

"As soon as I saw that, the pilot quickly put the nose down at a steep angle....Then he had to recover, to get it out. It looked like he lost control...I knew he was fighting for control to keep from going into the crowd....Then he slid past us, behind the trucks, toward the tree line. I

board of officers is probing the crash, according to Col. Richard Heinzman, base commander at Pope Air Force Base.

Capt. Brian Irving, chief of public affairs for the base and the 317th Tactical Airlift Wing, said the results of the investigations may not be available for months and "the root cause may not be releasable."

The airplane, which belonged to Pope's 40th Tactical Airlift Squadron, 317th Tactical Airlift Wing, skidded off the dirt landing strip and into the pine trees at 10:23 a.m. and exploded in an orange ball

saw the tail stay down. It appeared that the plane was folding at the middle and at the wings. There was a tremendous amount of debris, then an explosion.

"We could feel the heat. Smoke came over us and particles of soot landed on everybody."

"The crowd started to panic. People started running away, crying, screaming."

"The MPs got on a loudspeaker to control the crowd ... The jangled nerves and peaked emotions of the spectators began to settle," he said.

"Maj. Gen. (Carl W.) Steiner of the 82nd (Airborne Division commander) talked to us. He told us about the disaster and said it had never happened before, but that accidents happen."

(This story was written by Assistant News Editor Jim Jones with reports from Jeff Couch and Bryan McKenzie).

HEADLINER
North Questioned In 'Friendly' Session

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fired White House aide Oliver L. North, ending seven months of silence, was questioned in a "friendly and businesslike" session Wednesday about President Reagan's role in the Iran-Contra affair.

Wearing his olive-green Marine Corps uniform with six rows of decorations, North gave a "thumbs up" signal to a bystander and smiled as he entered a green-carpeted room in the basement of the Rayburn House Office Building for a private interrogation by House and Senate lawyers.

"What do you plan to tell them?" a reporter asked.

"The truth," North replied.

"Is there anything you'd like to say to us?"

"Have a nice day," he said with a smile and a wink.

North then took his seat for questioning by Arthur L. Liman, chief counsel for the Senate investigative committee, and John Nields, the top lawyer for the House panel. He left one hour and 40 minutes later,

smiling, saluting to a cluster of reporters and photographers, but saying nothing.

Robert Havel, a spokesman for the House committee, said North was put under oath midway through the session and went through the prescribed formula of at first refusing to answer questions because of his Fifth Amendment rights against self-incrimination.

He was then formally granted limited immunity and responded to a series of questions lasting about 25 minutes.

Lance Morgan, spokesman for the Senate committee, described the session as "friendly and businesslike," and said North shook hands with committee members as he entered the room.

An informal interview preceded the witness' sworn responses, Morgan said. He said those questions were limited to North's "knowledge of the extent of the president's involvement in or knowl-

edge of the diversion, if any" of Iran arms sale money to the Contra rebels in Nicaragua.

Morgan said this will be North's only private question-and-answer session and added, "The next time we expect to see Col. North is Tuesday, July 7, in the Senate Caucus Room."

The two committees had served notice last week that the initial, private session with North would focus on the extent of Reagan's involvement in the secret effort — once led by North — to assist Nicaraguan rebels using profits from arms sales to Iran.

North, who was fired as a deputy on the National Security Council staff on Nov. 25, has been portrayed in testimony as the central figure in organizing and directing a private foreign policy network involving millions of dollars in secret U.S. arms sales to Iran and diversion of the proceeds to help Nicaragua's Contra insurgents.



AP Wirephoto

'New Pork Beach?'
Joe Doyle, in USA shirt at right, puts the finishing touches on his entry in a sand-sculpture contest in Muskegon, Mich., on Tuesday. Doyle's entry is titled 'Daze of Swine and Noses at New Pork Beach.'

Democratic Presidential Hopefuls Meet For Debate

HOUSTON (AP) — Seven Democratic presidential contenders chorused criticism of President Reagan and vied for political standing in a wide open race for their party's nomination Wednesday night as they met in extraordinarily early campaign debate.

Debating six months before the dawning of the 1988 election year, the seven blasted Reaganomics and the administration's defense and foreign policies as they took turns offering themselves as "better leadership" in waiting.

The opening event of the campaign cycle produced no obvious winners, but neither did it produce the kind of blunder that could doom a candidacy before it begins.

The two-hour debate was an expanded version of commentator William F. Buckley's "Firing Line," and gave the seven relatively obscure candidates valuable exposure.

It took place in the Wortham Center before an audience so partisan that the Rev. Jesse Jackson earned loud applause when he noted, "President Reagan will be gone in 18 months as a matter of law."

Buckley asked the first question — which presi-

dential portraits would each candidate remove from its perch in the White House Cabinet Room.

Jackson, answering first, said he would deny Herbert Hoover his current place and substitute a portrait of Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas. "A great president," he deemed him, the Vietnam War notwithstanding.

Jackson's six rivals answered the same question in turn, and thus the first debate of the 1988 campaign cycle was under way.

The contenders sought from the outset to use the two-hour event to begin emerging from the pack of little known candidate.

And from the opening moments, the candidates took turns at what Buckley characterized as "Reagan bashing."

"I think we have really sold our future in the last seven years," said Rep. Richard Gephardt, D-Mo.

Sen. Joseph Biden of Delaware accused Reagan of failing to confront the difficulties posed by the AIDS epidemic and of planning to "nuclearize the heavens" with his Star Wars program, while Sen. Albert Gore of

Tennessee scored the president for permitting public officials to shred documents and steal public funds.

Sen. Paul Simon said Reagan's legacy "is grim. There is no question that this administration has moved in the wrong direction."

Bruce Babbitt, the former governor of Arizona, said that although Reagan often speaks of eliminating the federal deficit, "He's never submitted a balanced budget plan."

Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis said that under Reagan's stewardship some Americans are doing very well, but others such as farmers in Iowa and iron range workers in Minnesota are doing poorly. "We need star schools, not Star Wars," he said.

Some of the sharpest attacks were launched against Reagan's support for the Contra rebels in Nicaragua. Dukakis said the administration's policy was "doomed to failure," while Gephardt jumped in to say he had "led the fight" in the House to cut off funding eight times.

The Democrats spared no criticism of the Republican president but expressed disagreements with one another in gentler tones.

away from the crash site as pieces of melted debris drifted through the air in the thick black smoke.

"I think people didn't believe what had happened," said Lorraine Marca of Fayetteville, a civilian eyewitness.

"It seemed he (the pilot) was higher than normal before taking a steep approach (to the landing strip)," said WFCT-TV Vice President John Bishop of Lumber Bridge, who witnessed the crash and is a pilot.

"His wings were dipping as if he was trying to adjust before going down. He seemed to be coming in too fast and steep. My stomach tightened when I saw that. Normally he would level off at five feet above ground. He began to level off, but he was much closer than five feet, it appeared to me. That's when the bottom of the plane hit the ground. It appeared to me the plane actually fractured. It looked like

the rear door fell off in front of the stands. From there, it (the plane) skidded and went out of control."

The capabilities exercise is an annual training event that offers the public a chance to observe airborne and firepower demonstrations.

Spectators, who had boarded shuttle buses to the site as early as 7:30 a.m., watched as about 50 paratroopers from the 82nd Airborne Division jumped out of two C-130s.

Then narrators instructed crowd members to look to the left of the bleachers as the doomed transport plane approached the dusty landing strip.

As the plane was crashing, spectators gasped, stood up to see what was happening and stood in silent shock as the smoke rose. Many women cried as orange flames and thick black smoke billowed hundreds of feet into the air.

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Soldier Walks Off Drop Zone Area After Crash As Others Guard Wreckage

There've Been Other Crashes With C-130s

By ANDREA SHAW
Of The Times Staff

The last major accident involving a Lockheed C-130 Hercules transport plane from Pope Air Force Base prior to Wednesday's crash at Fort Bragg was in 1978 when six crewmen were killed 30 miles northwest of Charleston, S.C.

The plane was on a routine mission to Charleston Air Force Base and may have been struck by lightning before crashing in a wooded area.

But there have been other crashes involving C-130s from military installations other than Pope since 1978, including an April 1986 accident in New Mexico where 11 Air Force crew members and rescue personnel were killed during parachute training.

Built by Lockheed-Georgia, the four-engine, turbo-prop cargo and troop transport plane has been used by the Air Force for 33 years.

Don Fitts, a Lockheed spokesman, said the plane has been in production since 1950. There are more than 40 different versions of the plane, which is 98 feet long with a 133-foot wing span. It is equipped with four, 4,000-horsepower engines.

Senior Master Sgt. Paul Reynolds, a spokesman with the Military Airlift Command headquarters in Illinois, said the plane has a crew of at least six. It can carry more than 42,000 pounds of cargo and 92 fully equipped combat troops or 64 paratroopers, he said. Used as an ambulance, it can transport 72 stretchers with two attendants.

Officials said the plane's maximum takeoff weight is 155,000 pounds.

The C-130 has a safety record of 1.8 accidents per 100,000 flying hours, according to Tech Sgt. Joe Walls, a Pope Air Force Base spokesman.

"In the 33-year history of the C-130, they have logged 11 million miles flown, and we have lost a total of 132," Walls said.

Most of the planes were lost in the Vietnam War, the period that marked the height of plane's use, according to officials.

The plane that crashed Wednesday was conducting a Low-Altitude Parachute Extraction System (LAPES) drop of a Sheridan armored reconnaissance vehicle. It was the first crash of a Pope C-130 involved in a LAPES drop, Walls said.

The Military Airlift Command's Reynolds said LAPES is a "procedure that is practiced frequently."

During a LAPES drop in May 1985, a Sheridan vehicle nose-dived at Fort Bragg. Although there was damage to the dropped vehicle, there were no injuries.

Walls said C-130 planes from Pope were involved in two accidents in 1985, but there were no serious injuries.

But other accidents have grounded C-130s. The latest grounding followed the New Mexico crash of the search and rescue version of the C-130 in 1986. The Air Force grounded 298 of its 735-plane fleet. Fourteen of 50 planes at Pope were grounded then. Air Force officials said the probable cause of the New Mexico crash were problems with the plane's outer wing box.

The C-130 was first grounded in 1978 after the crash near Charleston and an accident two weeks later in Kentucky in which five crew members were killed.

Air Force officials say they could not find the cause of the Charleston accident, which occurred during a storm, but the Kentucky crash probably was caused by problems with throttle control cables.

Another accident involving a C-130 occurred in 1972, when a plane from Pope was struck by an Air National Guard fighter jet over a rural section of South Carolina about 30 miles northwest of Myrtle Beach. All 12 crew members from the transport plane were killed.

Other accidents involving C-130s include:
● Sept. 10, 1986 — A crash during a touch and go practice landing at Fort Campbell, Ky., killing three Tennessee National Guardsmen and injuring two.

● March 13, 1985 — A crash into a ball of flames at Fort Hood, Texas, killing six of eight people on board.

● Jan. 30, 1985 — A C-130 from Pope skidded off a runway near Anchorage, Alaska, and crashed. The only member of the six-person crew injured was the pilot.

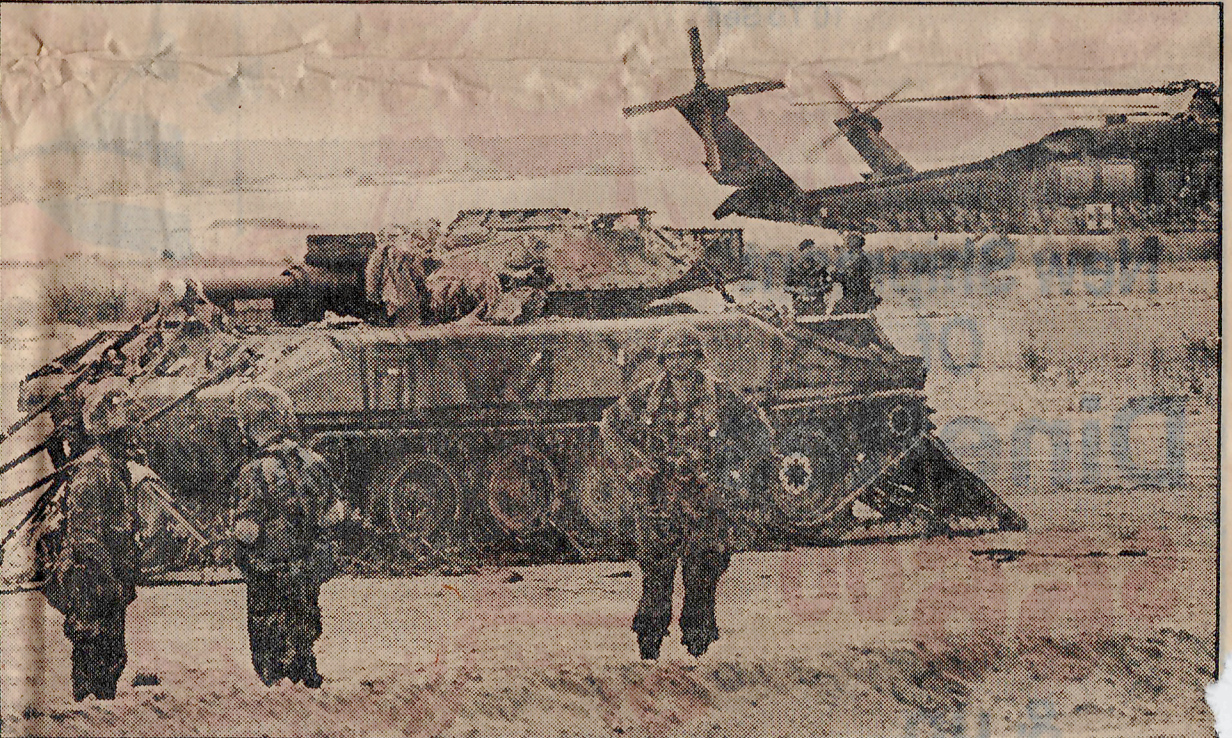
● April 5, 1984 — Nine Pope Air Force Base crewmen escaped injury when their C-130 skidded off a runway and a wing burst into flames at Lages Air Base in the Azores. Officials at the time called it "the worst crash involving a Pope aircraft" since the 1978 accident near Charleston.

● Sept. 1, 1981 — A C-130 carrying Army troops on a night mission crash landed and burned at Indian Springs Air Field, Nev., killing seven soldiers and injuring 20 others. The plane was carrying 68 people.



Staff Photos By MARCUS CASTRO

Smoke Billows From Crash Scene As Spectators Watch From A Distance



The Approach And The Cargo

The Air Force C-130, a cargo airlift plane, approaches the target area at Fort Bragg's Sicily Drop Zone on Wednesday morning just prior to crashing. But before the crash, the plane successfully dropped a Sheridan light-armored reconnaissance vehicle, shown above, undamaged on the ground. The incident occurred during Fort Bragg's annual Capabilities Exercise and was viewed by an estimated 4,000 people, including civilians and military personnel.

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County Sheriff's Department Reorganization Is Planned

A reorganization of the Cumberland County Sheriff's Department to increase efficiency was announced on Wednesday by Sheriff Ottis Jones.

Nearly 50 employees are being transferred from the Administrative Division commanded by Maj. Frank Armstrong to the Patrol Division under the direct command of the sheriff's office, Jones said.

The change will allow Armstrong to concentrate on budgetary and administrative matters and will place enforcement officers under an operational command, Jones said.

Transferring to the Patrol Division are court bailiffs, civil office personnel and security officers for the county Health Department, the Department of Social Services and County Library, Jones said.

One crime prevention officer, a

gun permits person and five deputies in the Fayetteville-Cumberland Bureau of Narcotics also are among the personnel being transferred to the Patrol Division, Jones said.

Embezzlement Charges Dropped

Three counts of embezzlement against a Fayetteville minister have been dismissed by the District Attorney's office for insufficient evidence, according to court records.

The charges against George F. Miller, 40, pastor of Simon Temple A.M.E. Zion Church, were dismissed Tuesday, records show.

Miller was arrested and charged on Feb. 19, according to the Cumberland County Sheriff's Department.

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box of granola bars delivered by Airman 1st Class Kelly Hatfield quickly disappeared.

"It's been like this all day," she said.

Additional personnel were called in to help answer the telephones.

"This isn't really my job," one offered apologetically. He said he could read press releases, but referred questions to Walls.

At one count, Pope PAO office employees had tallied 68 requests for return telephone calls from concerned friends and relatives.

"I've got one from Kansas," one office worker said.

Relatives were calmed down and asked questions like, "Which unit is he with?" until enough was known to assure them that their friend or loved one was not an accident victim.

For hours, public affairs officers knew only that the aircraft and crew were assigned to the 40th Tactical Airlift Squadron, based at Pope.

Identities of the Air Force victims and survivors were not released until their families were notified shortly before 10 p.m. The Army victim's identity still was not released by late Wednesday night.

"We never had anything happen like this at Pope Air Force Base," said Capt. Brian Irving, chief of Pope's public affairs office. Irving was among public affairs officers shuttling a crowded bus of newspaper, radio and television reporters, photographers and camera crews during a quickly adjusted itinerary that included viewing the wreckage and an accident briefing.

One public affairs sergeant described Wednesday's crash as the ultimate public affairs office nightmare.

"We had a crash right in front of God and everybody," he moaned as he was greeted by a reporter.

The exercise was open to the public, with bus transportation offered to the first 4,000 to arrive at

three designated parking areas on Fort Bragg.

In addition, a delegation of congressional aides and area municipal and county officials were on hand.

Another capabilities exercise is scheduled for this morning as planned for about 3,700 cadets in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps 1st Region Advanced Camp on Fort Bragg.

"It's a horrible thing that happened today, but we still have training to conduct," said Fort Bragg spokesman Capt. Donald M. Sensing.

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which undercover agents bought cocaine and marijuana from suspects throughout the county, Stone said.

The suspects in the latest roundup are scheduled to appear in Robeson County District Court for hearings at 9 a.m. today, Stone said.

The investigation and roundup were supervised by deputies Bill Price, Burnis L. Wilkins Jr., Michael Stogner, Randy Jacobs and Kevin Stone, the sheriff said.

According to records, those arrested by midnight Wednesday were:

- Billy Oxendine, 27, of Route 6, Lumberton, charged with possession with intent to sell and deliver cocaine, sale and delivery of cocaine and felony possession of cocaine.

- Rose Allen, age unavailable, of Route 7, Lumberton, charged with sale and delivery of marijuana.

- Donnie Oxendine Jr., 35, of Route 11, Lumberton, charged with manufacturing marijuana.

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them paperwork to fill out. The family must include a copy of their latest tax returns, and the child's doctor must submit complete medical information.

Then the wish may be granted.

Bates emphasizes that the Sunshine Foundation does not pay medical expenses or bills.

"We just grant wishes," he said. "If it's a trip, we take the whole family, no matter how many there are. We don't want to cause problems by showing preferential treatment for one child."

Bates makes sure that the family can't afford the last wish. There is an age limit of 18, but



Crime Report

Two Men Facing Drug Counts After Arrests In Unrelated Cases

Two men were arrested on drug charges in unrelated cases on Wednesday, according to the Fayetteville-Cumberland Bureau of Narcotics.

Jeffery Clay Jackson, 29, of 5515 Glenrock Drive, was arrested at his home, and Rodney Brian Boynton, 32, of the 200 block of Heather Ridge Drive was arrested at the Law Enforcement Center, authorities said.

Each was charged with possession with the intent to sell and deliver marijuana and sale and delivery of marijuana, authorities said. Jackson also was charged with maintaining a vehicle for distributing marijuana, authorities said.

Woman Reports Rape Near Reilly Road

A 25-year-old woman was raped in a field in the 100 block of North Reilly Road about 11:40 p.m. Tuesday, authorities said.

The woman was walking from a nearby business to her residence when a man approached from behind and pulled her into the weeds, according to a Cumberland County deputy sheriff.

The man hit her on the head several times, forced her to disrobe and sexually assaulted her, according to the deputy.

Woman Is Convicted In Slaying

Ann Major was convicted in Cumberland County Superior Court on Wednesday of second-degree murder in the July 1983 stabbing of her boyfriend, court officials said.

It was the third trial on the charge for Ms. Major, 33, who first was convicted in November 1983 of fatally stabbing Ft. Bragg Staff Sgt. William C. Corbett. But the N.C. Court of Appeals ordered a new trial in the case because of remarks

by Superior Court Judge Samuel Britt during the original trial.

Superior Court Judge E. Lynn Johnson declared a mistrial in the second trial after the jury learned of the first trial from a witness' testimony.

A jury of 11 women and one man returned the verdict Wednesday after about an hour and a half of deliberations.

Ms. Major was sentenced to 15 years in prison.

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said. The labor hours were adjusted to reduce operating costs because of a decrease in the fund balance.

The total cost of the 54 1/2 hours that would be added is \$62,305.50.

The superintendent's committee also requested a 20-cent increase in the price of lunches, a 10-cent rise in the price of breakfasts and a 5-cent increase in the price of milk. This would bring in an additional \$661,809 in revenue, Mrs. Hayner said.

Other suggestions made by the superintendent's committee include:

- Changing the salary of substitute workers from \$4.81 to \$4 per hour, which would save the board \$25,000.

- Increasing the number of

hours a person must work to receive full-time benefits from 3 1/2 hours to 4 1/2 hours. The increase would not affect those already receiving benefits and would save the board \$7,400.

- Initiating satellite operations in schools serving less than 250 lunches a day. This would save \$15,000.

- Relieving the cafeteria of responsibility for providing and distributing snacks for kindergarten students. This would save \$15,000.

- Reducing the Child Nutrition staff by one supervisor and one clerk, which would save \$37,000.

- Requiring that salads be offered to students a minimum of three days a week. In most cases this means a salad bar.

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people in our battery scored 300 out of 225 cadets." Miss Maddren scored 284, which Army officials say is a "good" score.

Miss Maddren is a rising senior at Furman University in Greenville, S.C., where she is a Furman scholar, an honor accorded the top first and second students in high school classes, according to her mother.

She is one of about 3,700 cadets at Fort Bragg this summer for 1st Region ROTC Advanced Camp. Her ROTC unit is affiliated with the 8th Field Artillery.

Miss Maddren adds, "I try to keep a low profile. How many people bring their mothers to Advanced Camp?"

But she is as enthusiastic about ROTC as her mother is about the Reserves.

"It's an excellent program," she said.

"There is nothing else that would give me the skills and confidence. If you have to stand up in front of 200 males and say, 'March!' then you have to be very confident or they don't follow you. You gain that self-confidence. I've learned organizational skills in time and accounting for people and equipment."

"The ROTC program pays for a good deal of your college education and affords me the opportunity to become an officer in the U.S. Army."

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his actions or distinguishing right from wrong at the time of the murders.

But Assistant District Attorney Billy VanStory IV, who read an alleged confession from Huff in his closing speech on Monday, argued that while Huff may have been mentally ill, he knew right from wrong at the time of the murders.

For the jury to have found Huff insane, it would have had to accept that a mental illness prevented him from understanding his actions or distinguishing right from wrong at the time of the murders.

Huff's parents, Everett Randolph Huff Sr. and Ramona Huff, were present throughout the trial, but were absent for the verdicts.

Bill Strickland, Mrs. Strickland's son, said he was pleased with the verdict.

"I feel it was fantastic," said Strickland, 25. "This was what we were waiting on. I'm kind of nervous right now."

Strickland's brother, 26-year-old James Strickland, the only other

surviving child in the family, said, "I'm just happy it came out like it did. I'm glad he couldn't get off on insanity."

According to testimony, Huff married Deborah Strickland in Boston in January 1984. She joined the Air Force that summer and was in Texas training at the time of the murders.

Huff and his son had been living with Mrs. Strickland at her home until shortly before the murders.

According to testimony, Huff doubted he was the child's father and questioned the fidelity of his wife, who died in a car accident in 1985. He also worried that Mrs. Strickland, whose sexual orientation he questioned, wanted custody of the child.

A psychologist and psychiatrist for the defense testified that Huff had delusions about these issues, and that the distorted sense of reality that is indicative of paranoid schizophrenia rendered him unable to to distinguish right from wrong regarding the murders when they were committed.

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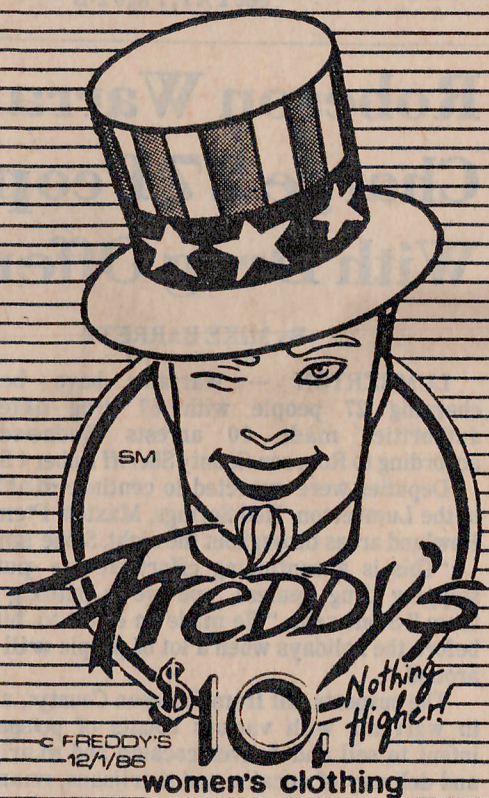
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Larry Cheek

The Sunshine Man

I wrote last week of the Children's Hopes and Dreams Foundations, which presented a computer to David Carter of Fayetteville. Children's Hopes and Dreams grants wishes to terminally or critically ill children, but it is not the only foundation active in this area which does so.

Ernie Bates is the North Carolina representative for the Sunshine Foundation. He has a unique problem — not enough children with last wishes. He figures they're out there. And he wants to hear about them.

"I've talked to 11 patient coordinators at North Carolina Memorial in Chapel Hill," he said, "without getting even one referral."

Since Bates took over his volunteer assignment last September, he's sent six children to Disneyworld. While I was visiting with him, he got another call. A little girl wanted to meet Michael Jackson.

"We can arrange that," he told the mother, though he seemed a little less certain when the request was amended to meeting Michael Jackson at Disneyworld.

Disneyworld: A Favorite Destination

Disneyworld is the favorite wish for Sunshine Foundation's children. All six of Ernie Bates's "children" have gone to Disneyworld at a cost of something over \$2,500 per trip.

That's not the only request children (they come from all over) make, of course.

One boy wanted to be buried beside his brother in Puerto Rico. Another wanted his ashes scattered in space. A third's wish was to meet Clint Eastwood.

All the wishes were granted, except that Ernie Bates isn't too sure about the ashes in space.

Talk to Ernie Bates for a while and you'll quickly see why he's involved with the Sunshine Foundation. He has five children, all healthy, as are his eight grandchildren. But when he was stationed in the Philippines in 1962, he saw some children who weren't so healthy.

"They put me in charge of community relations," said the ex-soldier. "I went out looking for children needing cosmetic surgery for cleft palates and that type of thing. You'd walk in and see these kids. It would get to you. I guess that's how this got started, how the spark got instilled."

The Beginning, A Boy Named Bobby

A Philadelphia policeman named Bill Sample started the Sunshine Foundation. His first "child" was a 5-year-old boy named Bobby, who was dying of leukemia.

When Sample found Bobby in a hospital waiting room with his parents, he asked the little boy what he wanted. Bobby said he didn't know. But a nurse had told Sample that the boy yearned to play in the snow.

The policeman then asked the little boy and his family if they'd like a weekend in the Pocanos. They said they would, and the Sunshine Foundation was born.

The foundation now has 26 chapters, scattered mostly through the eastern United States. It has helped over 5,500 children since Bobby took that first trip to the Pocanos.

Ernie Bates read about the Sunshine Foundation in Reader's Digest in 1982. He was intrigued, but did nothing until last September when he telephoned his sister to see how she was getting along.

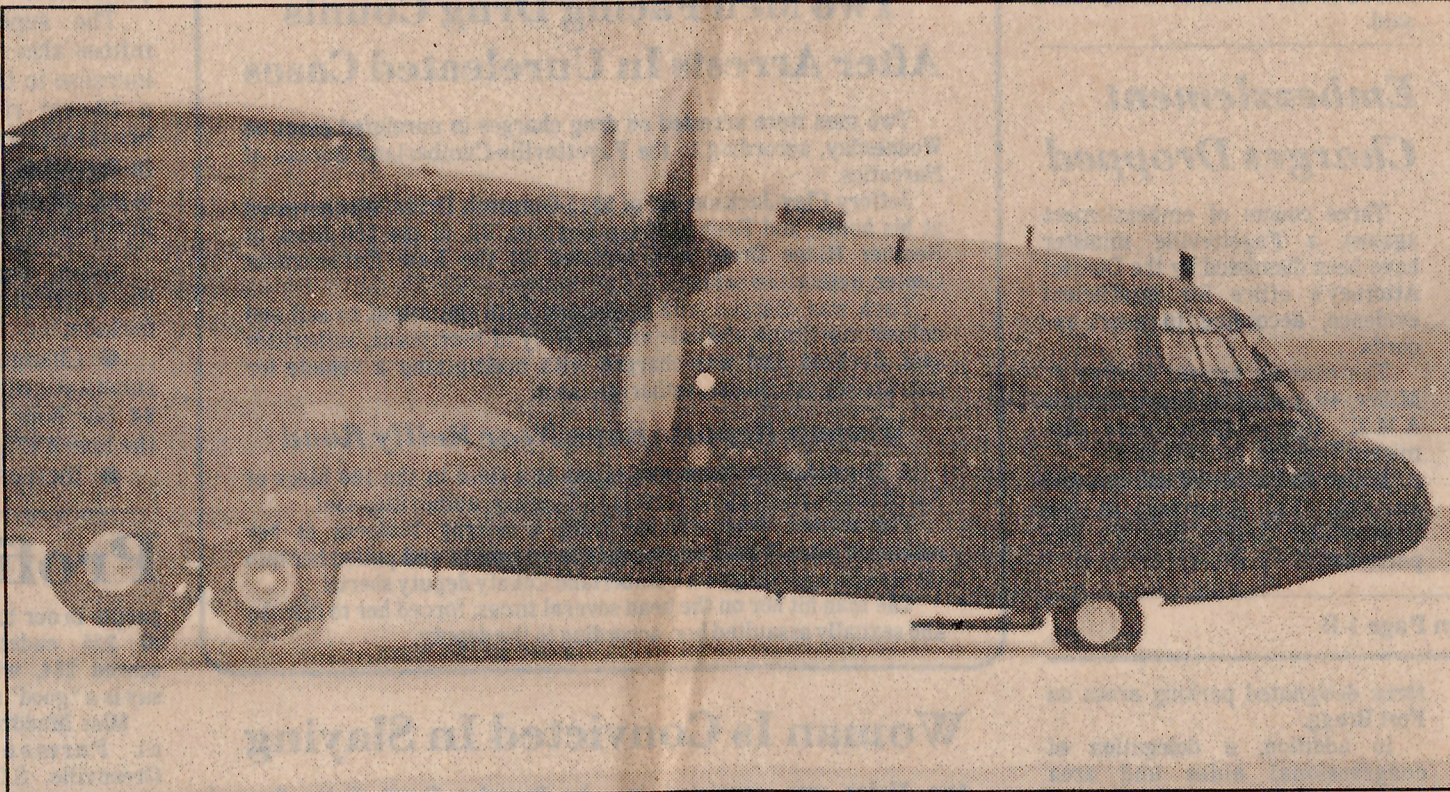
"She told me they were having a block party for the Sunshine Foundation," Bates said. "I'm from Philadelphia. I was interested. I drove up there, talked to the people. I liked what I saw, so I jumped in."

The Whole Family Goes

He has two primary jobs — finding children and raising money.

When he does find someone suitable, he sends

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Fatal Landing

Moments after first impact, the C-130 bounces on the dirt runway (left) as it passes the viewing stand with main landing gear off the ground and the nose gear down. Below is a view from the right rear of the plane as it has passed the viewing stand. There appears to be a crack in the fuselage where it connects with the tail section.

Photos By FELIX ARROYO

Calls Of Loved Ones Keep Officials Busy After Plane Disaster

By JIM JONES
Assistant News Editor
And LORRY WILLIAMS
Of The Times Staff

Telephone lines were jammed Wednesday at public affairs offices at Fort Bragg's 18th Airborne Corps and at Pope Air Force Base's 317th Tactical Airlift Wing headquarters.

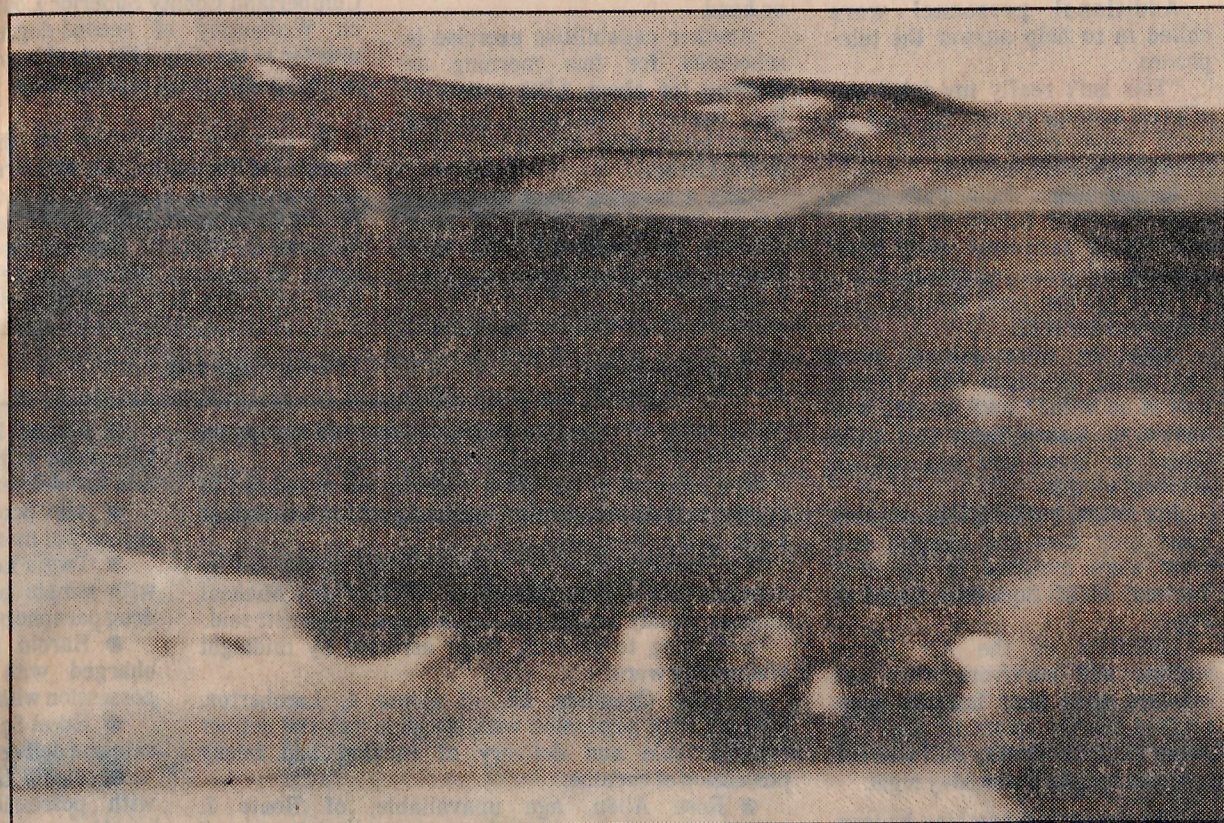
Callers from across the United States were attempting to learn whether their loved ones were among victims in a C-130 crash that killed four airmen and one soldier.

"It's been hectic," said Carol Jones, a corps public affairs office civilian employee.

Tech. Sgt. Joe L. Walls, manning the telephones at Pope's public affairs office, rarely got a chance to leave his desk for hours-long stints as he fielded queries from news organizations and loved ones. He was in his office until after 10 p.m.

Food was scarce, and the welcomed contents of a

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Huff Found Guilty Of Slayings

By JOHN BRAY
Of The Times Staff

Everett Randolph Huff was convicted Wednesday in Cumberland County Superior Court of two counts of first-degree murder in the October 1984 deaths of his 9-month-old son and his mother-in-law.

The jury of seven women and five men deliberated about seven hours on Monday and Tuesday and 25 minutes Wednesday morning before finding the 28-year-old Huff guilty as charged.

Huff, who pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity, was accused of burying alive his son, Crigger, and fatally shooting 46-year-old Gail Alderson Strickland.

Mrs. Strickland was found shot to death in her Montclair subdivision home on Oct. 25, while the infant was unearthed the following evening from a shallow grave in

a nearby wooded area after Huff led investigators to the site.

Huff, twice taken from the courtroom after outbursts during the state's presentation of evidence, appeared calm when the verdicts were announced.

He appeared to be moving his lips as if speaking as the verdicts were announced. A bystander said that Huff repeated the words, "God giveth and God taketh away."

Huff reportedly was holding a slender, blue paperback book entitled "Good News America, God Loves You."

Jurors, picked from Bladen County because of pre-trial publicity about the case, are to return to courtroom 3A today for the start of a hearing to determine whether Huff is sentenced to life imprisonment or death.

Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty.

Huff's attorneys, Public Defender Mary Ann Tally and Assistant Public Defender John Britt, argued that Huff had a mental disorder, paranoid schizophrenia, that prevented him from knowing right from wrong at the time of the murders.

But Assistant District Attorney Billy VanStory IV, who read an alleged confession from Huff in his closing speech on Monday, argued that while Huff may have been mentally ill, he knew right from wrong at the time of the murders.

For the jury to have found Huff insane, it would have had to accept that a mental illness prevented him from understanding

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EVERETT RANDOLPH HUFF
Listens As Verdict Is Read

School Cafeteria Panel Suggests Pay Changes

By BONNIE WILSON
Of The Times Staff

The Cumberland County Board of Education's cafeteria committee on Wednesday voted to recommend that the administration consider lowering the starting pay of new full- and part-time permanent employees.

The committee also heard recommendations from the superintendent's cafeteria committee for increasing the number of cafeteria work hours, raising the price of school lunches and reducing the pay of substitute workers.

Committee members decided to suggest that school administrators reduce the starting salary of new permanent employees from \$4.81 an hour to \$4.25 an hour. They said if the pay scale was not reduced, the starting salary will climb above \$5 an hour after the state implements a 4.5 percent raise.

The committee decided to review recommendations made by the superintendent's cafeteria committee before making any decision on them.

The recommendations, presented by County School

Food Services Director Carol Hayner, included a change in the labor scale which would add hours for each extra serving line the cafeteria operates.

In May, cafeteria workers turned out at a Board meeting to protest a recent cut in the number of hours they are allowed.

The recommendation to add six hours for one extra line or five hours for each for more than one extra line, would restore some of the hours to high schools, Hayner

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Mother's, Daughter's Hugs Turn To Salutes At Bragg

By HENRY CUNNINGHAM
Of The Times Staff

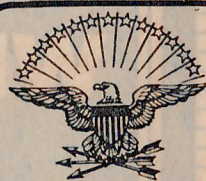
First Lt. Mary Ann Maddren says she tended to expect a hug rather than a salute when she saw her daughter Mary Anne Maddren, a Reserve Officers' Training Corps cadet, during their tours of Fort Bragg.

But Mrs. Maddren, 38, who was at Fort Bragg for two weeks this summer for Army Reserve duty and is often taken for her 20-year-old daughter's sister, says she is "a little uncomfortable" about being saluted at all.

Army officials say it's uncommon but not unheard of for a mother and daughter to be in the Army at the same time or assigned to the same post or even to go through basic training together.

In her civilian job, Mrs. Maddren is a charge nurse at an obstetrics and gynecology clinic at Beaufort Naval Hospital in South Carolina. As a Reservist, she's assigned to the 3271st Hospital Augmentation Unit in Charleston, S.C.

Mrs. Maddren's six-year Reserve commitment requires one weekend a month and two weeks out of the year. This summer she was assigned to Womack



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Army Community Hospital as an instructor from June 15 to 26.

"I love the Reserves," she said in an interview during her stay at Fort Bragg. "I get a lot more out of the Reserves than I give. It's fun. I'm having a good time. It gives me a change of pace. I'm learning something every day about nursing in general. It keeps me updated on my nursing skills."

And Mrs. Maddren, who is an aerobics instructor, has a running rivalry with her daughter about scores on the Army physical training test.

"I didn't tell you I made 300 on my P.T. test," Mrs. Maddren told her daughter when they met. That score is the maximum for her age, she said.

On the day they talked, Miss Maddren said, "Three

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Staff Photo By CRAMER GALLIMORE

Mary Ann (Left) And Mary Anne

Robeson Warrants Charge 27 People With Drug Offenses

By MIKE BARRETT
Of The Times Staff

LUMBERTON — Warrants have been issued charging 27 people with 67 drug offenses, and authorities made 10 arrests Wednesday night, according to Robeson County Sheriff Hubert Stone.

Deputies were expected to continue making arrests in the Lumberton, Red Springs, Maxton, Pembroke and Rowland areas throughout the night, Stone said.

"This is a continuing effort we are putting in to stopping drug dealers, and we're putting a dent in them," Stone said. "We made an effort to hit them just before the holidays when a lot of people will be out and around."

The suspects, all from Robeson County, are charged in warrants with various counts of possession with intent to sell and deliver cocaine and marijuana, sale and delivery of cocaine and marijuana, manufacturing marijuana and maintaining a dwelling to distribute drugs, according to authorities. Most of the charges are felonies, authorities said.

Authorities said the warrants were issued Tuesday and Wednesday.

The roundup follows a three-month investigation in

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