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9 Provoans, 3 Others Die, 26 Hurt In Accident on Hole-in-Rock Trip

Lose Lives in Ill-Fated Scouting Expedition



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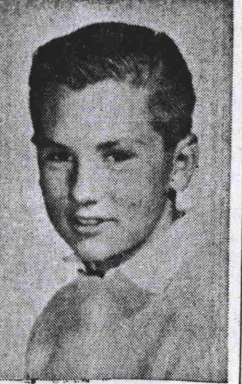
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Scout Trip Ends In Tragedy as Truck Rolls Over

Shattering tragedy hung like a solid black cloud over Provo today, as families, friends and the entire community mourned the death of three men and six boys killed Monday afternoon in the truck accident east of Escalante which claimed a total of 12 lives.

On an Explorer Scout expedition to Hole-in-The-Rock, historic Mormon cross on the Colorado River, the group met tragedy when the heavily laden truck stalled on a steep hill as the driver attempted to shift gears, and rolled backwards off a steep embankment. The United Press listed 12 dead, 26 injured and 10 uninjured as occupants of the truck. This would have made 48 people not counting the driver, who was listed by the highway patrol as David Nielsen, address unknown. Most were members of Explorer Post 36 of the Pleasant View Ward.

Killed from Provo were:
Dr. Merlin J. Shaw, 51, bishop of the Manava LDS Ward, assistant professor of religion at BYU, and leader of the expedition.

Dr. H. Darrel Taylor, 45, Explorer leader in the group and professor of languages at BYU.

W. A. "Bill" Creer, 39, 300 E. 1900 N., Provo contractor and one of the fathers accompanying the group.

Joseph William Erickson, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Erickson, 1840 N. 150 E.

Gordon Henry Grow, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Spencer Grow, 1600 E. 8th N.

Randy Wayne Miller, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Delos Miller, 416 E. 2200 N.

Gary Lynn Rasmussen, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. LaRay Rasmussen, 2225 N. 60 E.

Gary Lynn Christensen, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis G. Christensen, 2150 N. 250 E.

Lynn Louis Merrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. LaVoir "Red" Merrell, 625 E. 2130 N.

Also listed by the United Press International as killed were:
Dorothy Hansen, 24, Salt Lake City, reporter for the Deseret News.

Randy Hall, 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene M. Hall, Ogden.

Robert Cook, age unlisted, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Cook, Salt Lake City.

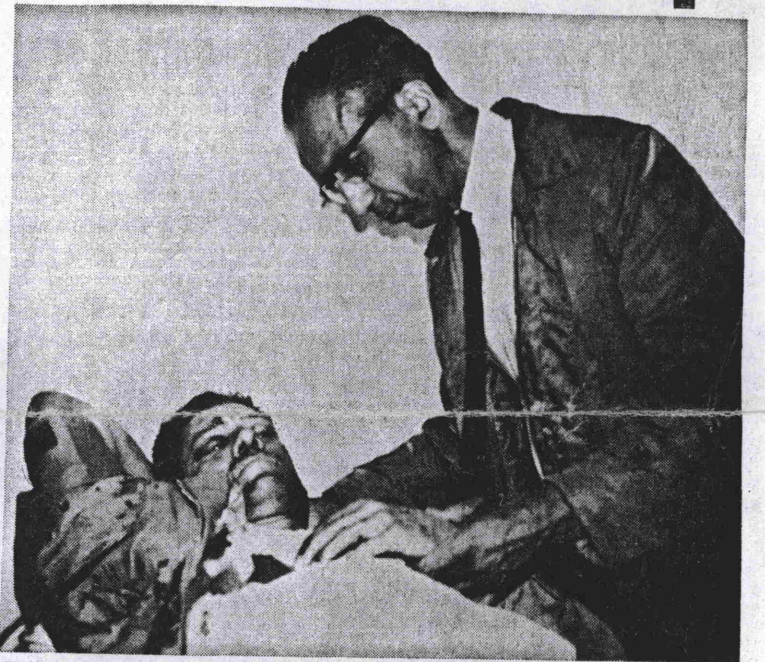
Listed by United Press International as injured were 22 Provo boys, two boys and a man and a girl from Salt Lake City, and a boy from Ogden. Several girls were in the party as "hitchhikers" from Salt Lake City, intending to join another party at Hole-in-The-Rock.

The United Press listed 10 uninjured from Salt Lake City and Provo.

The list of injured follows:
R. Chase Allred, 2200 N. 550 E.;
David Daley, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Daley, 445 E. 2200 N.;
Reed Allen Jr., 11, son of Mr. and Mrs. Reed Allen, 588 E. 2320 N.;
Clyde Ashton, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ashton, 475 E. 1700 N.;
Ronald Benson, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Benson, 630 E. 2320 N.;
Norman Boshard, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Boshard, 321 E. 1900 N.;
Ronald Clark, 16, son of Mrs. Vera Clark, 380 E. 2050 N.;
Lee Colvin, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Colvin, 595 E. Spruce Ave.;
Allen Creer, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Creer, 300 E. 1900 N.;
Jed Daley, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Daley, 445 E. 2200 N.;
Dennis Davis, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Davis, 1806 N. 500 E.;
David Hall, 15, and Tracy Hall Jr., 16, sons of Mr.

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CENTRAL UTAH DOCTORS HELP CARE FOR INJURED—Dr. Nephi Kezerian, Provo surgeon, bends over to examine R. Chase Allred, first counselor in the Pleasant View Ward bishopric, at Panguitch Hospital. Mr. Allred was one of the 26 injured in scout expedition accident near Escalante en route to Hole-in-The-Rock. Twelve persons were killed. Several Central Utah doctors flew to Panguitch to assist in caring for the injured.

Bars Entrance of Two Negro Students

Gov. Wallace Wins 1st Round In 'Bama Battle

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (UPI)—Defiant Gov. George C. Wallace stood adamantly in a doorway today and refused to admit two Negro students to the University of Alabama. The two were taken to their assigned dormitories to await an attempt to register formally later in the day.

Use of Army Troops Authorized Kennedy Orders Alabama Guardsmen Federalized

WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Kennedy today federalized the Alabama National Guard and authorized Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara to use any Army troops he may need to enforce admission of two Negroes to the University of Alabama. The President issued his executive order shortly after Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace blocked entry of the Negroes in defiance of a proclamation by Kennedy and a federal court injunction.

\$250 Million Cut Urged In Space Flight

The secretary of defense is authorized and directed to take all appropriate steps to remove obstructions of justice in the state of Alabama," the order said.

HERALD STAFFERS BRING EYEWITNESS ACCOUNTS OF EXPLORER SCOUT TRAGEDY

By RAY and ELAYNE SCHWARTZ
(Editor's Note: Ray Schwartz, Herald sports editor, and his wife, Elayne, who edits the Herald TV section, were on vacation in Antimony, about an hours drive from Panguitch, when they heard of the tragedy Monday which killed 12 people and injured nearly two dozen others—most of them part of an Explorer Scout expedition from Provo. Mr. and Mrs. Schwartz sped to Panguitch, where they phoned the Herald the following gripping eyewitness accounts.)

Provo Leaders Mirror Grief Of Community

Shock and grief gripped Provo today in the wake of Monday's tragic mishap in which a truck rollover claimed 12 lives near Escalante.

Provo city officials, civic and church leaders and school officials mirrored the grief which has touched the entire community, some of all but three of the fatally injured.