R. C. Tatum Succumbs In Hospital

Roy Clyde Tatom, 4209 North Greenview, died at Baylor Hospital Monday. He was 56 years old.

He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Opal Galloway of Dallas; one sister, Mrs. Opal Kerby of Irving; four brothers, Earl, E.L., Carl, and J.C. Tatom; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Friday at Lamar Baptist Church, Sweetwater, Texas. Burial in Sweetwater Cemetery.

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Taylor Sr.
Rites Today
At 2 p.m.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. today in East Side Church of Christ for Albert Ray Taylor Sr., 62, of 309 E. Second Street, an Irving resident for 22 years and a member of the Church of Christ, died Monday.

His survivors are his wife, Mrs. Ruby Taylor; daughter, Mrs. Barbara Ovall of Colorado; a son, Albert Ray Taylor Jr. of Roswell, N.M.; brother, R. E. Taylor of Dallas; four grandchildren.

Burial will be in Oak Grove Memorial Park. Boyd Taylor will officiate. Arrangements are with Black's Funeral Home.

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Mrs. Taylor's Services Held Saturday at 4

Services were held Saturday at the First Foursquare Gospel Church in Irving for Mrs. Margie Ova Taylor, 57, who lived at 903 Hilltop. She died in Methodist Hospital Friday morning after a week's illness. Internment was in Oak Grove Park.

Mrs. Taylor is survived by her husband, Raymond Taylor; one daughter, Mrs. Pauline Martin of Denver, Colo.; and two sons, Doyle L. Taylor of Ft. Hood and Marvin Vaughn Taylor of Dennison.

Other survivors include her mother, Mrs. Ethel Ferguson of Corsicana; three sisters, Eunice Railey and Margaret Simpson, both of Dallas, and Wilma Buchanan of Corsicana; two brothers, M. B. Ferguson of Bentonville, Ark., and L. E. Ferguson of Waco. Mrs. Taylor is also survived by four grandchildren.
LBJ's 'Lucy B' Crashes

JOHNSON CITY, Tex. (UPI) — A two-engine private plane was supposed to have flown Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson back to Washington Monday, crashed and partly burned Sunday night seven miles from Johnson's LBJ ranch. The pilot and co-pilot—the only persons aboard—were killed.

The victims were Harold Teague, 40, of Austin, Tex., the pilot, and Charles Williams of Houston, Tex., the co-pilot. Alfred O. Weirich, a rancher, found the wreckage of the Convair 340 and bodies Monday.

Johnson hurried to the scene from his ranch and standing in the wreckage, said: "I've lost the best pilot in the world and two wonderful friends. If they had been 30 feet higher, they would have missed it, the hill against which they crashed."

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He and Mrs. Johnson called on Teague's widow and telephoned Williams' relatives in Houston. Johnson said the plane was in excellent shape before the crash and ordered a thorough investigation. The Civil Aeronautics Board dispatched a special investigator to the scene.

The Federal Aviation Agency said its records showed the plane was registered to Alamo Aviation, Inc., San Antonio, Tex.
Funeral
For Thomas
Held Sunday

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon in Mesquite for Albert I. D. Thomas, 72, of 812 Edith St., father of Eddie Thomas of that address. Mr. Thomas had been in Irving one day at the time of his death, having moved here from Kleberg. He was a member of Wildhorse Road Baptist Church in Kleberg.

Interment was in Lee Cemetery in Seagoville.

His survivors include his wife; three other sons, A.D. Thomas and L. B. Thomas of Dallas; Willburn Thomas of Kleberg; daughters, Mrs. Ruby Cady, Mesquite; Mrs. Bertie Hahn, Houston; a brother, H. B. Thomas, Dallas; a sister, Mrs. Laura Davis, Marfa; 23 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren.
Mrs. Thompson's Services Held Monday

Mrs. George Thompson, 512 Cedar Dr., was buried in Oak Grove Park Monday afternoon after funeral services at Black's Funeral Chapel at 2:30 p.m.

Mrs. Thompson, 78, is survived by two sons, Kenneth Gray Thompson of Irving and George Wilson Thompson, four grandchildren and one great grandchild.

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Thompson
Final Rites
Set Today

Funeral services will be held today at 2:30 p.m. in Black's Funeral Chapel for Mrs. Mary Reeves Thompson, 822 E. Third St., who died Sunday in a Dallas hospital. Rev. Jerry Scheen will officiate. Interment will be in Oak Grove Memorial Park.

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Woman Dies Sunday

Irving police are awaiting results of an autopsy in the death of Mrs. Mary Reeves Thompson, 52, who died at 4:30 a.m. Sunday in Methodist Hospital after she was found unconscious at her home 822 E. Third, at 1:43 a.m. Sunday.

An empty prescription bottle which had contained sleeping pills was found in the house. A nephew said his aunt had called him to say good-bye; he rushed to her house and found her unconscious.

Peace Justice Len Bretherton requested the autopsy.
Rites Today
For Father
Of Irvingite

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. today in Dallas for Orville Wilkes Thompson, 64, of Dallas, father of George P. Thompson of Irving.

Mr. Thompson, a general contractor, died Saturday in a Dallas hospital following a long illness. Born in Waco, he had lived in Dallas 32 years. He was a World War I veteran.

Services will be at Lamar and Smith Funeral Chapel, with the Rev. Woodson Mims officiating. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery in Waco.

Survivors include two other sons, Theo A. Thompson of Mesquite and S-Sgt. J.R. Thompson of Hawaii; and two daughters, Mrs. T.C. Oliver of Okinawa and Mrs. Pat Gordon of Dallas.
Funeral services were held Sunday at Barrett Funeral Chapel in Sherman for Mrs. Sarah Ann Thomas, 88, mother of S.R. Thomas of Irving. Mrs. Thomas died on Friday in Dallas at the home of a daughter, Mrs. H.E. Carroll.

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NEW YORK -- Blind humorist and author James Thurber died Thursday at Doctor's Hospital where he underwent brain surgery last month.
Veteran Teacher
At Birdville Dies

BIRDVILLE -- Mrs. Amella W. Thurmond, veteran Birdville high teacher, died in All Saints Hospital, Fort Worth, Thursday. She had been confined in the hospital several months following surgery Thanksgiving.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Birdville Baptist Church, with James F. Eaves officiating. Internment will be at the Thurmond Fairview Cemetery at Rhame, Texas.

Surviving are two sons, John Thurmond, San Diego, California, Capt. Jas. F., Fort Worth, two daughters, Mrs. E.H. Martin, of Denton, Texas, and Mrs. Fred Houston, Waco, three brothers, Geo. Young and Jim Young, Decatur, and Bob Young, Fort Worth. Three sisters: Mrs. J.F. Meek, Lubbock, Mrs. S. Stethens, Ft. Worth, and Mrs. S.B. Towell, Wilson, Oklahoma. Ten grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Thurmond resided at 2916 Halton Road, and had been associated with the Birdville school system for 18 years. She was a member of the Eastern Star, Birdville Baptist Church, Delta Kappa Gamma, American Association of University Women and the American Home Economics Association. She had been valuable in stimulating interest in the home economics field and was active in state groups. Prior to becoming a teacher in Birdville, she taught at San Marcos Baptist Academy in San Marcos.
Otis Tibbett
To Be Buried
Friday in Dallas

Funeral services will be held Friday for Otis J. Tibbett, 74, at the Sherwood Forest Baptist Church at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Martin May officiating. Burial will be in Laurel Lawn Park in Oak Cliff.

Tibbett, 2317 Peidmont, died Tuesday after an extended illness.

He is survived by his wife; two sons, Bennie and Dan, both of Irving; and one daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Wilder of Bellmawr, N.J.; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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Tidwell Rites

Set for Today

Funeral services were to be held at 1:30 p.m. today at College Avenue Baptist Church, Carrollton, for Melvin Barnett Tidwell. Mr. Tidwell was the father of Mrs. Neida Shafer of Irving. He is also survived by his wife, Mrs. Myrtle Tidwell; Carrollton; by two other daughters, Misses Jewel and Gladys Tidwell, Kansas City; by three brothers, two sisters and three grandchildren.

Rev. Nolan Summer will officiate at the funeral services, and interment will be in Sardis Cemetery.

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Funeral Rites
Set for Mrs. Louise Todd

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. today for Mrs. Louise Todd, 83, who died Monday morning at Parkland Hospital after a short illness. Rev. Eugene Drake, pastor of Shady Grove Baptist Church, will conduct the services at Leach Funeral Chapel. Interment will be in Oak Grove Cemetery, Irving.

Grandsons of Mrs. Todd will serve as pallbearers.

Mrs. Todd, who was a native of Collin county, lived in Irving for many years, but had been a resident of Dallas for the past 12 years. She made her home at 2702 Raleigh St.

She is survived by nine children, Paul Todd, Irving; Clyde Todd, Donna; A.W. and Sam Todd, Dallas, R.D.; Todd, Hamilton; Mrs. D.F. Pulliam, Cone; Mrs. H.C. Jay, Houston; Mrs. Marshall Moseley and Loren Todd, El Cajon, Calif., and by 14 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.
HOUSTON (UPI) - An all points bulletin was issued late Tuesday for a white 1960 Lincoln automobile owned by a Houston real estate operator who was shot three times and his body set afire with gasoline.

The murder victim was identified at noon Tuesday as Fred A. Tones, 43, owner of a small real estate firm located in southeast Houston. Officers believe Tones' automobile was used to carry the victim from his office where he was shot to a lonely road on the north edge of the city where the killer dumped the body and set it afire after saturating it with gasoline.

After the victim was identified by a fingerprint of the slain man's right hand, investigators went to Tones' office and found it blood-splattered and with signs of a struggle.

Mrs. Madeline Harlan, 54, who lives next door and works as a secretary for Tones, told officers she heard "slapping sounds" in the office about 8:30 p.m. Monday. Police believe the sounds may have been the shots that killed Tones.

An autopsy revealed that Tones was shot in the head, neck and chest. Homicide Capt. Weldon Waycott said the killer then apparently put the body in Tones' car, drove to the weed-grown vacant lot and set it on fire. He said the killer then apparently fled in Tones' car.
National Wire

Ashley Explains Torch Murder

HOUSTON (UPI) - Female impersonator Leslie Douglas Ashley, Tuesday told police he fired the first of six shots that killed real estate operator Fred A. Tones, and that Carolyn Ann Lima fired five other shots into Tones' body, homicide Capt. Weldon Waycott said.

Ashley made his confession in New York to Houston detective John M. Thornton, who relayed the information to Waycott in Houston.

Ashley also told Thornton that he was the one who poured gasoline on the body of the slain man and set it afire.

Tones, 43, was shot six times on the night of Feb. 21 in his real estate office in Houston's south side. His body was taken to a drainage ditch on the east end and set afire.

Capt. Waycott said Ashley told Thornton that Tones called Ashley and Miss Lima and asked them to come to his office that night.

"The purpose was for Carolyn to fill a date with Tones," Waycott said. "After Ashley and Carolyn got into the office, Carolyn and Tones got into an argument and Ashley said he intervened in defense of Carolyn.

"I can't say at this time what the argument was about. You couldn't print it, anyway," Waycott said.

"At any rate, Tones and Ashley fought and Tones knocked Ashley to the floor, and Carolyn's purse fell on the floor beside him. It fell upon and Ashley grabbed the pistol from inside it. He said Tones started toward him and he shot him once.

"Then, he said, Tones knocked the gun from his hand and Carolyn picked it up, as Ashley and Tones continued their struggle. Carolyn shot Tones five more times.

"Then they loaded the body into Tones' 1960 Lincoln and dumped his clothes in with it. They took the television and Ashley says he got only $117 from Tones' office."

Waycott said Ashley told Thornton they then drove to the east and where he dumped gasoline on the body and set it afire.

Ashley and Miss Lima were arrested Sunday night in a New York flat by FBI agents. They had been objects of a nation-wide search since the young couple disappeared the day Tones' body was found.
Murderers Ordered To Texas

NEW YORK (UPI) - A federal judge Thursday ordered an unconcerned and inattentive Leslie Ashley and his 18-year-old girlfriend returned to Texas to face murder charges in the torch slaying of Houston real estate man Fred A. Tones Jr.

Ashley, 23-year-old female impersonator, and Carolyn Ann Lima stood so casually in the courtroom that Federal Judge Alexander Bicks gaveled for their attention and had part of the proceedings repeated to be sure they understood what was going on and couldn't claim later that any of their rights had been violated.

The pair, who waived extradition to Texas Wednesday in an appearance before U.S. Commissioner Earle Bishop, were returned to the Federal House of Detention and U.S. Marshal Thomas Lunney was ordered to transport them to Houston.

A Houston detective, John M. Thornton, flew to New York after the pair was arrested Sunday and said Ashley confessed that both he and Carolyn shot the 43-year-old Tones, then dumped his body in a drainage on the east side of Houston and set it afire.

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