

Area Man Among 5 Dead in Crash

A search continued Friday for the bodies of three persons -- including one Irving man -- who were drowned when a private plane plunged into Lake Ponchartrain near New Orleans Tuesday evening.

The Irving man was Joe Olin Gardner, 33-year-old ~~chief of the electrical division of Frymire Engineering Co. in Dallas.~~ Gardner resided at 119 W. Scotland.

A total of five persons died in the crash, which came as the tragic end to a business trip concerning a \$3,000,000 apartment construction project in New Orleans.

Two bodies -- including that of a former Irvingite -- have been recovered. Searchers recovered the body of Robert L. Klein, Dallasite formerly of Irving, and Mrs. Patsy Templeton, 32.

The plane was piloted by 34-year-old Joe Ben Templeton, president of Templeton Construction Co. His body and that of Gardner and a Templeton employe, Lawrence Williams, were still missing Friday in 30 feet of water.

Gardner was a leading lay-

men in Plymouth Park Baptist Church. He was a teacher in the adult Sunday school department. He was born and grew up in Cleburne, Tex.

Sparkman's Funeral Home is in charge of funeral details for Gardner.

He is survived by his wife, Alice Cox Gardner; one son, ~~William Franklin Gardner;~~ one daughter, Evelyn Louise Gardner, all of Irving; mother Mrs. Lillie Gardner; four brothers, Alivs Gardner, and Eugene E. Gardner all of Cleburne, Ray Gardner of Houston and Dan Gardner of Grand Prairie; three sisters, Mrs. E. J. Ellen, Mrs. J. T. Cleveland and Mrs. Jack Murphy, all of Dallas.

Templeton and his party had been in New Orleans on business and were returning to Dallas when the crash occurred. Their plane fell into the big lake about a mile from the end of the runway at New Orleans' Lakefront Airport.

Templeton's firm is building a \$3,000,000 apartment complex in New Orleans East, a major new commercial, industrial, and residential development.

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Gardner Funeral Conducted

Funeral services for Joe Olin Gardner of Irving were held this morning at Sparkman's Funeral Home, Ross Avenue Chapel.

Mr. Gardner, a 33-year-old chief of the electrical division of Frymire Engineering Co. of Dallas, was drowned when a private plane plunged into Lake Ponchartrain near New Orleans last Tuesday. Five others died in the crash.

Gardner's body was not recovered from the lake until Sunday morning. It was sent to Sparkman's, where it arrived early this morning.

Rev. Don Dyer and Rev. Will T. Dansby officiated at the funeral services. Burial was in Restland cemetery.

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Services Set For Sister Of Irving Resident

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. today in the First Baptist Church in Princeton, Texas, for Mrs. Jim Gay, sister of Wre Sutherland of Irving.

Mrs. Gay passed away Friday after an extended illness.

She is survived by sons, J. C., Winston, Rev. A. W., and Raymond, of Dallas; Johnny and Elmer of Houston, and Jessie of Fremont, Neb.; daughter Mrs. J. W. Tunnell of Dallas; brothers, Lee Sutherland of McKinney and Wre Sutherland of Irving; sisters, Mrs. Laura Reed, Mrs. Bessie Sturges, and Mrs. Delta Harvey of Dallas; and 16 grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

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Dr. Gilbert

Dan Trigg, Chelsea C. Crouch,
Hugh and John Roberts, Clay
Wayne Gilbert.

Funeral services were held Friday for Dr. Taylor Clyde Gilbert, 5427 University Blvd., of Dallas. He was the brother of three Irving men and an Irving woman.

Dr. Gilbert died Wednesday after an extended illness. He was 65 and a member of St. Michael's Episcopal Church. He had been a Dallas resident for 40 years.

He is survived by his wife; five brothers, Dr. F. M. Gilbert, T. H. Gilbert and Paul Gilbert, all of Irving, W. B. Gilbert of Dallas, and Dr. A. Clay Gilbert of Walla Walla, Wash.; one sister, Mrs. Mable Trigg of Irving.

Services were held at 2:30 p.m. at the Sparkman's Ross Ave. Chapel. Rev. Arthur L. Sargent officiated. Entombment was in the Hillcrest Mausoleum. Pallbearers were Norman Gilbert, Dr. Joe H. Roberts, Clyde Lucas, Rhea

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John E. Gill

Funeral services were held Friday for John Edgar Gill of Lancaster. He was the father of an Irving man. Gill passed away Wednesday at his home. He was 71.

He is survived by his wife, Nora Rose; five sons, Chester Gill of Dallas, Vernon Gill of Farmers Branch, Leroy Gill of Irving, Loyd Gill and Alysie Gill, both of Lancaster; three daughters, Mrs. Bessie Darr of Dallas, Mrs. Louise Robinson and Mrs. Marie Aldridge, both of Lancaster; one sister, Mrs. Lizzie Bryant of Waxahachie; 20 grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

Services were held at 2 p.m. at the Byrum Funeral Chapel. Rev. Ulnar Terry officiated. Further services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Corley Funeral Home in Corsicana. Interment was in the Hamilton Cemetery in Corsicana.

brew, 2601 Jasmine, Plano. He was the brother of an Irving man.

He is survived by his wife, Wanda; mother, Mrs. Beulah Killebrew of Richardson; two brothers, Gerald Killebrew of Richardson, Beryle Killebrew of Irving.

Chapel services were held at 2:30 p.m. Rev. C. E. Jackson officiated. Interment was in Restland.

Palbearers were Sammy Abraham, Don Massey, Charlie Thompson, Don Probst, Roy Basley and Nickey Davis.

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J.T. Gilmore

Funeral services were held Thursday for Jim Tom Gilmore, 3025 Dartmouth. He was a retired Dallas postal clerk. He had been an Irving resident for seven years and he was 61.

Gilmore retired last August after 42 years with the post office. He was a member of the Munger Baptist Church of Dallas and a past patron of the Order of the Eastern Star, Chapter 587, in Farmers Branch, and a member of the A. C. Garrett Masonic Lodge in Farmers Branch.

He is survived by his wife, two sisters, Mrs. Charles Hicks of Tyler and Mrs. W. F. Dodson of Farmers Branch; and one brother, Charles H. Gilmore of San Angelo.

Services were held at 4 p.m. at Restland Memorial Chapel. Interment was in Restland.

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Rites Pend For WFAA Employee

Funeral arrangements are pending for James W. Goodwin, 36, 3606 Bryn Mawr. He died Thursday morning at his residence after a short illness. He was 36.

He was a native of Corsicana and an Irving resident for the past seven years. He was a 1949 graduate of Texas University and a Navy veteran of World War II. Goodwin was employed by WFAA TV as manager of the photographic lab.

Arrangements are pending at Colonial Funeral Home.

He is survived by his wife, Lawanda; one son, Michael W. Goodwin; one daughter, Kathy Ann Goodwin; grandmother, Mrs. R. A. Weeks of Gunter, Texas; and an aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Weeks, Mexia.

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Traffic Mishaps Take Major Toll

By U. P. INTERNATIONAL

Bright sunshine and warm temperatures lured thousands of Texans onto the highways during the holidays, and in turn caused a rash of automobile accidents which sent the violent death toll climbing.

A United Press International count that began at 6 p.m. Christmas Eve showed at least 29 persons had died violently. Of these, 16 were in traffic accidents, 3 died in fires, and 10 were dead of miscellaneous causes.

The biggest holiday traffic accident took place near Nome, Tex. Christmas Day. Two cars ran together and a third piled into the wreckage killing two persons and injuring four others. Dead were Mrs. Robbie Goolsbee, 48, of Woodville, Tex. and Mrs. Oma Freeman of Houston.

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Mrs. Gough

Funeral services will be held Saturday for Mrs. Cora Gough, 337 Lucille. She died Jan. 24 at Parkland Hospital. She was 62, and a member of the Latter Day Saint's Church. She and Roy E. Gough were married Dec. 22, 1919 and to this union two daughters were born.

She is survived by her husband, Roy, to whom she was married in 1919; two daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Robbins, of Los Angeles, Calif.; Mrs. Evelyn Ruth Deinson, of Dallas; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at Black's Funeral Chapel at 2 p.m. Interment will be in Sowers Cemetery.

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Long Illness Is Fatal To Mrs. Gracey

Funeral services will be held Saturday for Mrs. Mary Fairly Gracey, 1042 N. 6th St. She died Thursday after an extended illness. She was 96. She was born in Moss Point, Mississippi, November 27, 1865, and moved to Texas at an early age.

96 years

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and was very active in church work until her illness. Mrs. Gracey moved to Irving about five years ago; prior to that time she lived in Ft. Worth. Gracey and two sons preceded her in death.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Val Peacock and Mrs. G. C. Summar, both of Irving; two sisters, Mrs. B. B. Walker and Mrs. Sally Voss, both of Ft. Worth; one brother, J. A. Fairly of Shreveport, La.; four grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held at the Pioneer Cemetery in Caddo, Texas, at 10:30 a.m. Rev. Robin Moffatt will officiate. Black's Funeral Home is in charge.

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Francis Graham

Francis L. (Ledi) Graham, son of Mr. John L. Hillard & Emily, was born Saturday June 10, 1872 in Restland, Wagoner, Oklahoma in Dallas. He resided at 1102 N. Tenth, was also survived by his wife, Mrs. Nora C., four grandchildren and one brother, Edward Graham of Providence, R. I. Pallbearers were Jack Williams, John Williams, Sam Smith, Herdman F. George, Ralph Hodges, and William L. Camminto.

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*Francis L. (Ledi) Graham
Survived by wife Nora C.,
4 grandchildren,
1 brother Edward of
Rhode Island*

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Ruby Graham

Services Held

Funeral services were held Wednesday for Mrs. Ruby Betty Graham, 1712 Jamestown. She is survived by her husband, James T. Graham; six sisters, Mrs. Garrie Bagley, Miss Eula Nichols, Mrs. Billie Jo Alexander, Mrs. Pat Corbin, Miss Lela Fay Nichols, Miss Jean Marie Nichols; two brothers, John W. Gary and Tolbert Nichols, Jr.; parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tolbert Nichols Sr., all of the Dallas area.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Interment was in Laurel Land. Rev. Roy Wright officiated.

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LBJ's Chauffeur Dies in Crash

HELSINKI, Finland (UPI) -- A chauffeur hired by the U.S. Embassy for the official visit to Finland of Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson was killed Monday when the car he was driving collided with a truck.

Embassy officials identified the victim as Bertil Klaus Granbohm, 21. The mishap occurred near here while Granbohm was driving an embassy car to Turku, where Johnson visited Monday.

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Funeral For Irving Man Scheduled

Funeral services will be held Wednesday for Felix Max Gray, 85, of 227 West 5th Street, who died at his residence Monday. Gray was a retired railroad employee of the Fort Worth and Denver Railroad, a charter member of the First Christian Church, and a lifetime elder.

Gray was born January 10, 1878, in Lamar County, Texas, and came to Irving in 1934, where he has lived since that time. He married the former Talola Josephine Stevenson in Sulphur Bluff, Texas, in 1901.

Gray retired from the railroad in 1930 and had been in ill health for a number of years.

He is survived by his wife, Talola; a son, Charles Gray of Grand Prairie; daughter, Mrs. Fred Curry of New London, Texas; a grandson, David Gray of Grand Prairie; and a sister, Mrs. Minnie DeVinney of Avery, Texas.

Services will be held at 3 p.m. at the First Christian Church in Irving, and interment will be in the Southland Cemetery in Grand Prairie. Rev. Leonard Manson of Greenville, Texas, will officiate. Pallbearers will be E. H. Riddle, W. W. Cooper, O. L. Storey, Thomas Stinson, V. E. Mote and Ralph Allen.

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Larry Lee Green

Funeral services were held Monday for Larry Lee Green, 3517 Princeton. He died Saturday after a long illness. Larry, 16, was a sophomore at the Irving High School.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold R. Green; one brother, Lannie Ray Green; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Rogers, Yokum, and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Green of Ft. Worth; and several uncles and aunts.

Services were held at 1:00 p.m. at the Weiland-Merritt Funeral Chapel. Rev. Henry Kipkeade and Dr. Arthur E. Travis officiated. Interment was in Laurel Land Mausoleum, Ft. Worth.

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Gressett

Funeral services were held Tuesday for Jack K. Gressett, Route 2, Dallas. He was the father of an Irving woman.

Gressett is survived by his wife; one son, L. M. Gressett of Dallas; five daughters, Mrs. Liline Johnson of Glade-water, Mrs. Idaie Shanz of Kytle, Mrs. R. L. Smith of Irving, Mrs. W. A. Youngblood of Hutchins, and Mrs. Daton Perkins of Fort Worth; two brothers, Geord Gressett of Waco and Bill Gressett of Sherman; one sister, Mrs. Pearl Burrow of Lancaster; 20 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 2 p.m. at the Byrum Funeral Chapel, with Rev. Luther Hill officiating. Interment was in the Ferris Cemetery (North).

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Griffin

Funeral services were held Thursday in St. Jo, Texas, for Mrs. Alice Griffin, 89. She was the mother, grandmother and great-grandmother of three Irving women,

~~Maness and Mrs. Eddie Sam.~~
Mrs. Griffin had been ill for some time and she died Wednesday in the Horizon Manor in Nacoma, Texas. She was a member of the First Methodist Church in St. Jo, and had been a St. Jo resident for 49 years.

Her husband preceded her in death 27 years ago, and one daughter also preceded her in death. She is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Leon Coward of Irving, Mildred Rose of Grand Falls, Mrs. Ben F. Parks of Kermit, and Mrs. Herschel Boyd of St. Jo; one son, Cecil D. Griffin; two sisters, Mrs. U. S. Platt of Forney, and Mrs. Eli Lee of San Antonio; nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 3:30 p.m. at the First Methodist Church. Interment was in the St. Jo Cemetery.

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Rites Set For Grandmother

Funeral services will be held Friday for Mrs. Emma Griffin of Graham, Texas. She was the grandmother of Mrs. Lou Brown of Hurst, circulation clerk of the Irving Daily News Texan. She was also the grandmother of three Irving people. Mrs. Griffin, 87, died Wednesday after an extended illness.

Rayburne DeLong, Wiley Brisco, and Mrs. Avis Jordan, all of Irving, are among 90 grandchildren surviving.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. at the Morningside Baptist Church. Interment will be in the Medlin Chapel Cemetery. Rev. Ed Stockard will officiate.

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One Dead, 22

Injured In

Bus Accident

HOUSTON (UPD) - A chartered bus taking 35 girls and five adults to a church convention overturned on a rain-slick highway Monday, killing one girl and injuring 22.

Gail Griffin, 10, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James B. Griffin of Houston was thrown from the bus when the driver swerved to avoid hitting a bridge abutment. She was crushed to death when the bus fell on her.

The accident occurred on State Highway 73 in east Harris County, 18 miles east of downtown Houston.

None of the 22 was injured seriously. All but one were released soon after being admitted to three nearby hospitals.

The girls, ages 9 to 16, and their adult sponsors, had boarded a chartered Kerrville Bus Co. bus early Monday to attend a Southern Baptist Convention in Memphis.

About 55 minutes after leaving the church, driver Jerry James Guldry, 26, said his bus hit a slick place in the highway, about 100 yards west of the bridge.

Guldry told police his bus began fishtailing and he said he saw he could not control the bus before hitting the abutment so he swerved sharply to the right.

The vehicle turned over on the left side of the shoulder of the highway.

The Griffin girl was thrown from the bus and it fell on her. The bus had to be hoisted up before her body could be removed.

Mrs. Griffin, mother of the dead girl, was sponsor and trip director.

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Family

~~Hacked~~

To Death

ENGCORO, South Africa (UPD) -- Assaults believed to be members of a dreaded African underground organization massacred five whites, including two young girls, with native knives, spears and axes as they slept in a house trailer near here Tuesday.

The bodies of the victims -- the two girls, a woman and two men -- were badly mutilated by the attackers who set the trailer afire after they hacked the occupants to death.

Police immediately launched a widespread search for the killers, believed to belong to the native underground "poqo" organization which staged recent riots in Queenstown and Paarl.

The massacre victims were identified as Norman Grobelaar, a road contractor; his wife, Natalie; their daughters, Edna, 14, and Dawn, 11, and Dereck Thompson, 19, a mechanic and friend of the Grobelaar family.

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A 23-year-old Amarillo man, Floyd Groom and his son Val were asphyxiated in their home Wednesday.

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4 Die In Church Robbery Attempt

OTTAWA (UPI) -- Four persons were killed Sunday when the planned robbery of a Roman Catholic rectory erupted into a shooting melee.

Noon Mass at the little church of Christ the King was nearing an end when two men were discovered waiting in the rectory for the priest to return with the day's collections and the shooting started.

Canadian Justice Minister and Deputy Prime Minister Lionel Chevrier, a member of the Roman Catholic parish, was among the 350 worshippers who saw and heard the events unfold.

Two women and a man were shot to death Sunday in an abortive robbery of the rectory in the heart of this Canadian capital city. Then one of two brothers, the suspected gunmen, killed himself in panic as police closed in. The other brother surrendered and was charged with murder.

Victims of the shooting were Miss Alberte Guindon, 45, the rectory housekeeper; Miss Doralise Bechard, who lived with a sister in an apartment in the rectory building, and Paul Mercier, a parishioner. Roger Binette, 21, shot himself in the head with an automatic pistol when police with machine guns closed in. His brother Reginald, 17, gave up when he crawled onto a third-

story fire escape and found police guns bristling below.

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