

## Highway 17 Auto Wreck

### As Owner Doomed Jet

## 5 Santa Cruz Persons Die In Head-On Crash

### Mr., Mrs. William Geyer, Wanda Hansmann, Soquel's Mr. And Mrs. Victor Maddock Killed

Six persons were killed—five of them well known Santa Cruz and Soquel citizens—and two persons were injured in a tragic, almost head-on collision late yesterday afternoon on Highway 17.

The crash, the worst traffic accident in the history of the county, occurred just south of the Cloud Nine restaurant about 6:30 o'clock.

Killed were:

Mrs. Wanda Hansmann, 39, wife of Edward F. Hansmann, prominent real estate man and developer. She had been active in both the social and business community.

Mr. and Mrs. William F. Geyer Jr., a well known public accountant, he was past president of the East Santa Cruz Businessmen's association.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor W. Maddock of Soquel. Member of a pioneer Soquel family, Maddock operated the Olive Springs quarry.

David L. Springer, 21, of San Francisco.

Injured were:

Edward F. Hansmann, 46, who suffered a broken kneecap and other injuries. His condition was described as good at the Dominican Santa Cruz hospital.

Ronald J. Martinez, 20, of San Francisco, whose condition was not completely determined at Dominican Santa Cruz hospital. He suffered tongue lacerations and possible internal injuries.

Hansmann and Martinez were the drivers of the cars involved in the collision which is under investigation by officers of the California Highway Patrol.

Patrol officers said late last night that Martinez' parents said that their son told them he was not driving the car although officers said from the position of Springer's body, it appeared he was a passenger.

According to the highway patrol officers, both right front sections of the cars received the force of the impact which spun both cars wildly. The collision took place on the undivided section of the four-lane highway.

The Hansmanns, Geysers and Maddocks were returning home from the San Francisco Giants- Los Angeles Dodgers game at Candlestick park.

Martinez and Springer were returning to San Francisco after an outing in Santa Cruz.

The right side of the Hansmann car was almost totally demolished. Mrs. Hansmann, Mrs. Geyer and Maddock apparently were killed instantly. Geyer and Mrs. Maddock died shortly after 9 o'clock at the hospital.

Springer was also instantly killed.

The three men were in the front seat of Hansmann's car with the ladies in the rear seat.

Geyer was recently honored for his outstanding work as a leading official of the East Santa Cruz Businessmen's association. He was the owner of the Geyer Accounting company and active in the Exchange club. Both he and his wife, Elizabeth, were prominent members of the Messiah Lutheran church. He was 39, she was 42.

The Geysers resided at 232 Majors street with their three children, Andrew, 14, Gloria, 12, and Dorothy, 8, Geyer is also survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Geyer Sr.

Mrs. Hansmann is survived by her daughter, Becky, 14, and a son, John McCombs, now in the air force. She was active in P-TA and Girl Scout activities, was a former secretary at the First Congregational church. She was also a former president of the Marri-Eds.

Victor Maddock, 49, is a member of a pioneer Soquel family. He

## The Best Man Held The Ring In His Hand--No Pockets

Del Ray Beach, Fla. (AP). — A shapely brunette who wore only a veil and shoes, and a 23-year-old sailor clad only in a suntan were married Saturday under the palms.

None of the 200 or so guests, also nude, got to kiss the bride.

The simple civil ceremony was conducted in the sunshine with no more excitement than accompanies any wedding, except for butterflies felt by the handful of reporters who undressed in public to witness the event.

The only untoward moment was when the bride's father got literally up in arms about a low-flying plane and its ogling occupants before the wedding. He hauled out a rifle and waved it menacingly until the plane flew away.

Besides the veil, which hung to a strategic length down her back, the bride, Sissy Dawson, 16, also wore high-heeled white patent leather pumps. A Star of David hung on a silver chain from her neck.

The groom, Charles Morrow, a sailor stationed with the U.S. Navy at Key West and a nudist since he was 14, stood at the foot of the steps leading to a nearby swimming pool as his bride walked about 25 feet to the open-air altar, decorated with red gladiolus and yellow mums.

A murmur ran through the audience.

The best man, an octogenarian known only as Uncle Dick, held the ring in his hand, having no pockets. The ceremony was performed by a lawyer. He was the only one clothed. Most of the guests stood.

After the wedding, Sissy slipped into a white lace dress and the couple left for a honeymoon at Miami Beach.

They met here about two years ago.

Her father runs the nudist camp, which is about 15 miles south of Palm Beach.

Reporters were invited, but only if they attended in couples — "It keeps down trouble," said Dawson—and wore no clothes.

## Diem's Brother Shot To Death

By Roy Essoyan

Saigon, South Viet Nam (AP). — The Vietnamese blindfolded Ngo Dinh Can with a black silk scarf Saturday, strapped him to a post in a prison soccer field and executed him with a volley from a 10-man firing squad. The squad used U.S.-made M12 carbines.

American appeals for clemency failed to save the diabetic, 53-year-old younger brother of the late President Ngo Dinh Diem. Can was the last important member of that Mandarin family in Viet Nam.

U.S. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge declined comment on the execution.

Two hundred persons — officials and newsmen—witnessed the carrying out of the death sentence imposed on Can April 22 by a nine-man revolutionary court that convicted him on charges of murder, extortion and misuse of power as a former overlord of Central Viet Nam.

Can's body crumpled and hung limply at the impact of the bullets. Blood spilled across

Dong, 36, had been sentenced March 28 on charges similar to those against Can. A silent crowd of 8000 watched.

Can, like other members of the once powerful family, was a Roman Catholic. An official of Saigon's Chi Hoa Prison said Can received last rites in his third floor cell, where he had a wooden crucifix. Two priests accompanied him to the execution.

The victim of a recent heart attack as well as diabetes, Can was reported to have paled and stiffened in his cell when he was notified he had less than an hour to live. But a military spokesman said he responded, after a few moments of silence: "I accept that."

Prison guards bore him on a stretcher to the field, then lifted him up and half-carried him across the muddy grass to the execution post. The priests walked beside him and one, in a white pith helmet and white cloak over his black robes, talked with Can as he was strapped to the post and blindfolded.

Can requested that the blindfold be removed but this was re-



## Begins Grim Tornado

"It exploded with a flashing light," she said. "Just 'boom' and it was gone."

A day-long search of ruins, by National Guardsmen and others found no more victims. At noon police said there were no reports of missing persons.

## In Brief

### lane Explodes

Calif. (AP). — A member of the flying team, Capt. Eugene J. was killed Saturday in the explosion as it started the climb

position in a group of three at about 500 feet altitude. He left and climbed. Devlin

### At Bigotry

ident Johnson wound up a sea Saturday with a scorch-



the excavating business for several years in Soquel before acquiring the quarry.

He was a native of Soquel, was graduated from Santa Cruz high school in 1934 and served in the merchant marine during World War II.

His wife, Jeanne, was 48. They are survived by a son, Robert V. Maddock and Maddock's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Maddock of Soquel. Mrs. Maddock is also survived by her sister, Mrs. Nell McMurphy of 600 Western drive. Maddock is also survived by a brother, Ted.

## Buggy Accident Injures Three

—was carried out by an officer. The time was 6:22 p.m., an hour and 22 minutes behind the schedule set by Premier Gen. Nguyen Khanh's government.

About five hours earlier the chief of Can's secret police, **Phan Quang Dong**, was executed by a firing squad in a stadium at Hue, Can's old stronghold 400 miles north of Saigon.

## Youth Seriously Burned Trying To Light Fire

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