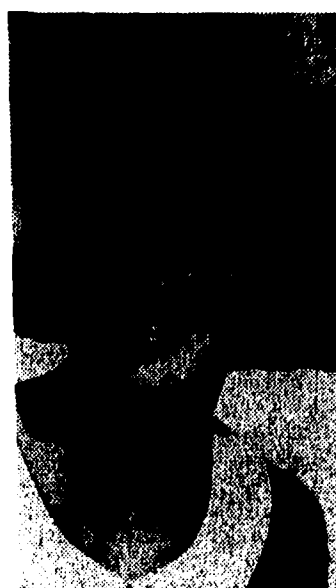


## The Victims



SALLY MIXON



NANETTE J. PORTER



PATRICIA STEINBICER

## The Survivors



CONNIE HEFTY



BONNIE WAIT



DOROTHY ZYC

# Thant Goes to London After Talks in Moscow

MOSCOW (AP) — The Soviet Union publicly urged on the Vietnamese Communists to new victories today while Kremlin leaders secretly discussed peace prospects with U.N. Secretary-General U Thant.

After his talks, Thant departed for London to confer with Prime Minister Harold Wilson. He had come to Moscow from India where he met with Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, U.S. Ambassador Chester Bowles and a North Vietnamese diplomat.

Britain is cochairman with the

Soviet Union of the Geneva conference which ended the French-Indochina war in 1954. India is a member of the International Control Commission for Vietnam.

**Pledge Hanoi Backing**

Complete Soviet support for the peace programs of Hanoi and the Viet Cong, and promises of continued aid in fighting the United States, were given here while Thant was meeting with Premier Alexei N. Kosygin, Communist party General Secretary Leonid I. Brezhnev and President Nikolai V. Podgorny.

Thant's London schedule called for a meeting Tuesday morning with Foreign Secretary George Brown and luncheon with Wilson before departing for New York.

Wilson said Sunday after a visit to Johnson that he supported President Johnson's San Antonio formula as the road to peace in Vietnam. He said he had carried the proposal to Moscow when he visited Moscow Jan. 22-24.

Johnson in a speech in San Antonio, Tex., last September promised an end to the bombing of North Vietnam when there is assurance from the Communist side that this will lead to prompt, productive peace talks. North Vietnamese Foreign Minister Nguyen Duy Trinh said last week the talks could begin as soon as the bombing stopped.

Wilson was interviewed on the CBS television-radio program "Face the Nation."

# Allies Bomb Enemy in Hue

SAIGON (AP) — Vietnamese warplanes bombed and strafed Communist forces holding out in Hue's Citadel today after U.S. Marine reinforcements were sent into the walled fortress for the first time in the two-week battle.

The allied assaults were part of an all-out effort to drive the Communist North Vietnamese regulars and Viet Cong guerrillas from areas they have held since Jan. 31.

The Communists, holding the Citadel's southeast corner, put up a hail of 50-caliber anti-aircraft fire at the attacking planes. Cloudy cover lifted to

permit the first air attack on the fortress in 10 days. Two companies of Marines—about 300 to 400 men—entered the Citadel from landing craft sent up the Perfume River Sunday and another two companies of Leathernecks were taken to the Citadel's northern wall by assault boats today.

**South Part Captured**

The Marines have already recaptured the southern part of Hue in a series of street battles in the old imperial capital since the Communists attacked Hue in the early stages of their big offensive against 35 cities and towns. South Vietnamese troops pushed the Communist troops into one corner of the Citadel but had been unable to drive them out.

The U.S. Marine force in Hue was about 1,000 men. AP correspondent George McArthur reported from Hue that the Marines were meeting only occasional sniper fire in the southern part of the city 400 miles north of Saigon.

He said there were indications all North Vietnamese troops had withdrawn from the fighting for the south side, leaving only local guerrillas, including some who infiltrated among the 30,000 civilians.

**300 Shot**

Lt. Col. Phan Van Khoa, province chief, mayor of Hue and district military commander, said Communist troops in Hue executed 300 civilians Friday and buried them in a mass grave south of the city. He said the grave was in an area not yet reached by allied forces but that his reports of the executions were precise and unquestionable.

The victims were province officials, technicians, policemen and others who long had been marked for death by the Communists, he said.

A Vietnamese civilian reported 125 to 150 Catholics being led from the city as captives Saturday.

## Groppi Fined \$500, Placed on Probation

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Father James E. Groppi, white Roman Catholic priest who has guided Milwaukee's open housing demonstrators since last August, was fined \$500 and put on two years' probation today on a charge of resisting arrest.

County Judge F. Ryan Duffy Jr. first sentenced Groppi to six months in the House of Correction, then stayed the sentence and imposed probation. He told Groppi that if the priest were arrested again during the period of probation, he would reinstate the jail term.

Groppi was convicted by a jury last Friday of resisting arrest during an attempted march last August. The demonstration, held during a brief period when Milwaukee Mayor Henry Maier attempted to ban such activities by proclamation, ended in a melee with police. More than 100 persons were arrested, including Groppi.

The court ordered the fine paid within 24 hours.

# Crash Near Edgerton Fatal to 3 Girls From Janesville

By LARRY VAN GOETHEM

Sally Mixon was 16 years old, and she had passed her drivers license examinations just this past December. Last Saturday she wanted the family car to take her girl friends to a wrestling match at Edgerton High School.

Her father, Jack Mixon, of 605 Ringold St., said Sally had never before won permission to drive his 1966 four-door sedan outside of Janesville.

But it was different Saturday. He recalled today that she had been pleading to take the car and he finally gave in.

"I didn't much want her to go," Mixon said slowly, "but I finally agreed to let her go. You've got to let them go sometime."

Sally took the car and drove around the city picking up her girl friends—five of them. Within an hour two of the girls were dead, and a third would die within 26 hours.

According to the log at the Rock County Sheriff's office, the car careened off River Road below a hill at 12:45 p.m. about a half mile southeast of Edgerton.

It left 150 feet of tire marks as it crossed the road. It hurtled 60 feet along a steep ditch, tore down 50 feet of wire fence, traveled another 270 feet, and smashed into a large oak tree in a field.

**2 Die Immediately**

Two lives were blotted out in the first instant of the crash. Sally and Nanette J. Porter, also 16, of 126 S. Randal Ave., were found dead somewhere between the car's motor, which was pushed back toward the car, and the front seat, which was wedged against the dash.

The accident did not happen as the girls were driving to Edgerton but took place off Highway 59 as Sally Mixon was apparently driving to a cottage on the Rock River owned by Nanette Porter's grandmother, Mrs. Grace Brenhaug of Edgerton.

Nanette's father, Wilfred C. Porter, said the girls must have detoured off Highway 59 to see the cottage which is called Pleasant View and is reportedly one of the oldest on that stretch of the river.

Nanette spent many summer weekends at the cottage and her father said the girls must have gone to see it because "she loved it so."

"I know she just wanted to look at it and see the river. She loved it so," he said.

**Horrible Bystanders**

Eyewitnesses at the accident scene, including some residents along the rural road who happened to drive by within minutes after the fatal crash, were horrified at the scene.

One man, who didn't want his

name used, said "I've seen some messes in my day but this was the worst."

The same man said a rise in the hill created a roller coaster effect for cars if they were traveling fast. He speculated that Sally Mixon lost control of the sedan coming off the hillcrest where the road is rough and veered into the ditch.

"I had an accident at that very place 12 years ago," he said. Referring to the hill the man said "I call it a thrill hill."

Patricia Steinbicer, 16, of 425 S. Lincoln St., was rushed to Memorial Community Hospital at Edgerton and transferred to University Hospital at Madison Saturday night where she finally died of severe head and back injuries at 2:22 p.m. Sunday.

The toll: Three dead, three injured.

Most seriously hurt were Connie Hefty, 16, of 309 Clark St., who was reported in satisfactory condition at Mercy Hospital today with two broken legs and facial cuts; and Bonnie Wait, 16, of 500 Apache Drive, at Memorial Community Hospital in Edgerton with a broken ankle and broken leg.

Dorothy Zyc, 16, of 1042 Milton Ave., was released this morning from Edgerton Hospital after being held for observation. She had a cut lip.

**Girls Close Friends**

The parents of the three dead girls were all in seclusion at their homes today. The parents spoke of the closeness of the six girls, how they were always seen together and did things together.

"They were a group," Mixon said. "The whole group, they were all just a fine bunch of fun loving kids. They were just great."

Sheriff's department deputies who spoke to Bonnie Wait and Dorothy Zyc this morning said they had no explanation of the accident.

**'They Slid'**

A spokesman for the department reported that Miss Zyc told him, "they were going around a little curve and up a little hill and they slid. That's all she remembers."

He said Miss Wait could shed little light on the accident either when interviewed at the hospital. "I don't think any of them will ever know what happened," the deputy said. "They just started sliding."

Mixon, a mathematics teacher at Parker High School, said his daughter was planning to go on to college but hadn't picked out a career yet. "She was interested in everything," he said. "She was one of those kids who had enough energy for three kids and she had to be going all the time."

She majored in mathematics and languages at Craig High and like her friends, Miss Porter and Miss Steinbicer, got good grades in school—As and Bs said their parents.

Nanette Porter's father, an insurance agent, said Nanette

was planning to major in music after high school. She played the bass viol in Craig's orchestra and was taking piano lessons.

**'Close Knit Group'**

Mrs. Porter is a teacher at Craig High School. She was doing

ing "as well as can be expected" this morning, her husband said.

"They were a pretty close knit group," Porter said. He said the girls had many other friends but the group in the car were tighter friends.

Teachers said the deaths cost a pall over classes at Craig High today.

And the tragedy struck home Saturday night at the Parker High basketball game as the (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)



Crushed front of car shows impact of crash in which three Janesville girls were killed.

## Prefering 'Bum's Life,' Man Refuses \$19,000

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "I'd rather stay at the bottom of the barrel. I'm not ready yet to go over to the other side."

With these words bearded, tattered Clin Wescott, 51, who says he's been on the bum for 15 years, refused \$19,219.

"Hand me a dollar," he said, "I'll take it—buy a little drink, a little smoke. But I don't want the nineteen thousand."

"I just don't want the money." The money belongs to Wescott, who sleeps in weeds in a vacant downtown lot and lives with his friends "One-eyed Jack," "Big Swede," and "The Missing Man."

His current assets are 44 cents, he says.

The money is from the foreclosure sale in 1961 of a gas station in Burnt Hills, N.Y., near Schenectady, that Wescott abandoned in 1953 when he headed west. The \$15,124 sale price plus interest are in two bank accounts.

A law firm, appointed by the New York Supreme Court to handle the case, has searched for Wescott since 1961.

Two weeks ago, Wescott told newsmen of his friends and their home in an undeveloped area a few blocks from the county courthouse.

In Burnt Hills, attorney John P. Brown read the story. Brown phoned the Los Angeles Times and told of the money owed Wescott.

is a great relief. The sooner I hand over the money to him, the better I will like it." He said Wescott had been a popular resident of the town and had built the station with his own hands. "Then suddenly one day 15 years ago he said the hell with

it and took off," said Brown. Brown sent a letter to the newspaper carrying a separate note informing Wescott of his wealth.

Reporters found Wescott over the weekend asleep in a pile of newspapers beneath a bridge. He ignored the tale of his fortune.

"It's not a bad life," Wescott said. "No cares. A man lives in the weeds with \$30, \$40 in his pocket—it's a different story. A few dimes, pennies. There's no danger of anything."

"I'm rich. This is all the richer I want to be. Enough to buy a short jug. That's all I want out of life now. No taxes, no rush to work. Rush home from work. Nothing."

"One of these days I'll go straight. I'll climb out of the bottom of the barrel. But I'm not ready. Not now anyway."

## Some Wrong Turn

HANCOCK, Mich. (AP) — Arthur Pudas was puzzled by the bumpiness of the road but apparently was unconcerned until he saw a train heading his way.

Pudas had been driving along in a blizzard and didn't notice a bend in the road. Instead, he kept going straight ahead along snow-covered railroad tracks.

He traveled about 500 feet before meeting the train. The engineer stopped and the driver got off the track safely.

## More Subzero Weather Ahead for Janesville

JANESVILLE ZONE—Variable clouds and continued cold tonight and Tuesday. Highs Tuesday 12 to 18. Lows tonight zero to 5 below. Precipitation probabilities: 10 per cent tonight and Tuesday.

Lincoln's birthday will not bring the current cold wave to an end, the weatherman warns. Though temperatures moderated slightly today, the low 8 above, the mercury will dip to between zero and 5 below again tonight as it did early Saturday and Sunday.

A few snow flurries fell in this portion of the state overnight as winter continued its show of strength. Still February weather is nothing to complain about. As recently as last year, it was 10 below on this date.

Janesville was the warmest spot in Wisconsin yesterday when the mercury hit 21. The overnight low Saturday and Sunday was minus 1, Saturday's maximum temperature was 13.

There's just a 10 per cent chance of precipitation tonight and tomorrow.

## Smile for Today

A nursery school is where they teach children who hit, not to hit, and children who don't hit, to hit back.

## Parker Students Awed by Plush Surroundings

By PATRICIA KLOTZ

With all the aplomb of a luxury ocean liner, Parker High School welcomed its 1,100 students on board this morning and settled down to a regular teaching routine that's been missing since September.

Students wandered its gleaming corridors with something of an air of awe over the beauty of their \$6 million establishment. Gone were the mountains of cartons, empty boxes and debris, thanks to a custodial crew that labored over the weekend getting things tidied up.

Because of dismissal of classes last Thursday, teachers were ready for their charges, with corkboards covered with teaching aids, brochures and class assignments.

Forgotten were the groans at having to go to school all day. Instead, students were caught up in the excitement of prowling new corridors, using new equipment and furniture and getting oriented to the complexities of the new building.

**Explore Corridors**

As each school bus discharged its passengers, a new wave of students entered the building to find their lockers and move in, then follow the maze of corridors. Once their advisory group room had been spotted, they resumed their strolling, greeting friends and offering directions.

Then, promptly at 8 o'clock, the good ship Parker signaled her charges with the assembly bell into advisory groups. Thirty minutes later, the public address system announced the start of regular classes.

"This is more like it," one teacher offered. "It's going to take a lot of catching up to cover all the work we've missed."

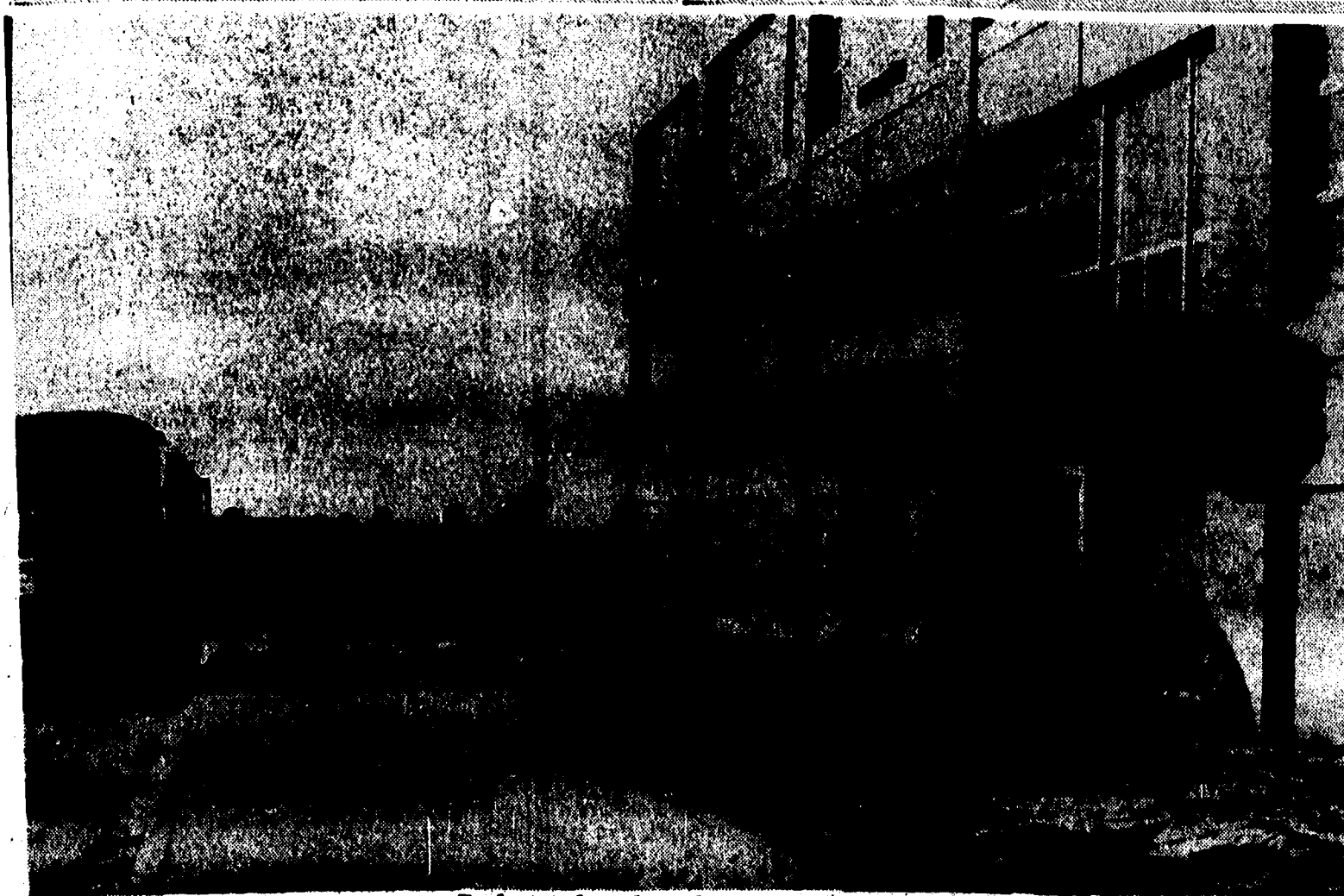
While some areas won't be ready for use until later in the month, teachers are using temporarily assigned classrooms and improvising on curriculum until proper instruction can be started. Instrumental and vocal music classes will be practicing in the lower level of the administration center until rooms off the auditorium are ready.

**Shower Rooms Delayed**

Physical education classes are experiencing a delay and won't have the use of shower rooms until electrical installations are completed.

The most jarring note of all, next to the minor traffic jam that developed on W. Mineral Point Avenue was the complete lack of furniture in a room designated, "Faculty Lounge."

Invention prevailed, however, and an inverted wastebasket became a table, with a single folding chair pressed into service.



Parker students leave bus at east entrance.