

Everglades News

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I am sure everyone will forget me if today's column isn't very long due to the tragedies that have plagued our small town over the week-end. I don't believe there is a single family in Everglades that hasn't been effected by one or the other of the unusual circumstances.

First we heard of the death of Winford J. Janes, long time resident of Collier County. Mr. Janes served on the Collier County Board of Commissioners for 14 years, was the owner of the famed Janes Restaurant at Copeland and the Janes Grocery Store and a member of the Masonic Lodge in Everglades. He is survived by his wife Dorothy, a son and two daughters. Funeral services were held in Naples at Pittman Funeral Home at 10 a.m. on Wednesday morning.

MORE SAD NEWS

The next tragedy of the day was the death of Bill Reifenberg and David Jerrold Hoffman on Sunday afternoon in the airplane crash. Bill was reportedly divorced and his wife and daughter live in Miami. David is survived by his two small daughters, Suzanne and Patricia, and his wife Virginia, who is expecting another child. Other survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Hoffman, Sr., of North Carolina, his brother, J. I. Hoffman, Jr., of Everglades; and sisters Mrs. Barbara Braman of Everglades, Mrs. Anita Parker of Fort Myers, and Mrs. Armida Potter of North Carolina. At this writing funeral arrangements have not been com-

pleted, but have been tentatively set for 2 p.m. at the Pittman Funeral Home in Naples with the Masonic Order in charge. We have no further word on the rites for Bill at present.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Mr. and Mrs. Foy Balance in the death of their infant daughter — and also to Mr. Harmon Turner in the death of his sister.

I must admit that this is the hardest column that I have ever attempted to write in the short time that I have been doing the Everglades News. There are so many things I would like to say about "Ginny" as she is affectionately known around Everglades, because we are like sisters instead of zunt and niece, but I feel I must refrain from this in respect to the others of whom I do not know as much about.

This certainly has not been a happy holiday for any of us in Everglades and for myself, it is even hard to concentrate on this writing. As I said previously, I don't really believe that anyone will condemn me for something that I may have forgotten to report.

BE CAREFUL

School has started and I myself want personally to caution each and everyone of you to drive more carefully. School zones are limited to 15 miles per hour — even though the signs may not be out, you in Everglades know where the zones are. I know the signs were not out earlier this week but they should be at any time now. Remember, a lot of children walk to and from school and even though they are taught the rules of safety, they do not always obey them. Please be careful where our children are concerned.

Among those from Everglades who were in Immokalee Saturday night to hear "The Unknowns" play were: Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne DeBusk, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest "Bum" Riggs and Mr. and Mrs. Norman "Snuffy" Smith.

This will have to end my column for the present. I am sorry for the shortness of it — but with David being my uncle, I don't much have the will power to call and ask people for news. The ones I do call only tell me of the happenings of the weekend which I already have in print.

'Stunting' Fatal

2 Collier Countians Die In Plane Crash

Two men were killed Sunday afternoon when the light plane in which they were stunting in an ice-manufacturing business there. He was a Korean war veteran and a member of scores of witnesses fishing into the shallow waters of Chokoloskee Bay in the view of Tamiami Trail Lodge 262, F. & A.M.

The dead were William C. Reifenberg, 35, of Ochopee, pilot of the plane, and David Jerrold Hoffman, 31 of Everglades. It was several hours before the bodies of the men were removed from the wreckage with Sheriff's deputies and volunteers struggling against the tide to drag the plane onto a sand bar.

According to witnesses the plane had made several loops after taking off from the Everglades airfield before going into the fatal spin. Just before it crashed the plane reportedly spun around twice and then dived nose down straight into the shallow water.

A Masonic funeral service was held Wednesday afternoon for Hoffman.

Hoffman is survived by his wife, Virginia, and two daughters, Suzanne and Patricia. He is also survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ivar Hoffman Sr. of Everglades; a brother, J. Ivan Jr., Everglades and three sisters, Mrs. Barbara Braman, Everglades Mrs. Arita Parker of Fort Myers, and Mrs. Armida Potter of North Carolina.

The Rev. Homer Weisbecker of the First Community Church of Everglades officiated at Wednesday's service at the Richard A. Pittman Funeral Home. Burial was in Naples Memorial Gardens.