



John Boyington of Goodland was an aviation radioman and gunner during World War II, flying with a pilot on "inner air patrol." This photo shows their plane landing in the water after an unsuccessful attempt to take off from the U.S.S. Maryland, a battleship.

Man remembers Pearl Harbor Day

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attack took place. "I was quite a sailor by that time," he said.

Boyington was in the Pacific for six years. However, the crew would go back and forth to the United States to get repairs made on the ship from time to time.

Before Pearl Harbor, he was a deckhand, then he went to San Diego to radio school, to learn Morse code. Then he went back to the ship, where he would copy messages in Morse code in the radio room below deck and send it up to the decoding room. He typed the dots and dashes on a typewriter

"That was the language for the fleet," he said. "We had three or four guys copying."

He did this for about three months before Pearl Harbor. About six months after Pearl Harbor, the Americans made an attack on Tarawa Island in the Pacific, southwest of Hawaii.

There were about 4,000 elite Japanese troops living in underground caves and tunnels. Boyington was flying in one of the planes that laid a smoke screen for the Marines to come ashore under.

The Japanese said the island couldn't be taken, he said.

"We took it in four days," he said, "but it cost us dearly."

He saw a thousand Marines die at once. They were just coming off a barge, he said, and Japanese machine guns caught them in a crossfire.

Boyington said the Americans responded in kind, which should have made the Japanese happy.

They didn't want to be taken alive, he said.

"We only took seven prisoners off that island," he recalled.

Boyington was in the Navy for four years after Pearl Harbor. He was a regular Navy man, so he couldn't get out early, and was not discharged until March 17, 1946.

Boyington lost a brother, Eldon Eugene Boyington, in the Normandy

Invasion in France. It was after the city of Forbach had been secured, he said. He was shot by a sniper while crossing the street.

Boyington said his brother was in the Army Reserve Officers Training program at Kansas State University. When war broke out, he had to go. His brother was a lieutenant and lieutenants went to the front lines, he said.

Boyington named his first child, a son, after his brother, who is buried in the Goodland Cemetery.

Boyington's wife, Loretta, said kids today don't understand about Pearl Harbor because they didn't live through it, just like we might not understand about the Civil War.

2,395 Americans died in the attack, which crystallized American opinion and pushed the country into the war against Japan and Germany.

The nation came together and won the war, but at a tremendous sacrifice.

"Don't forget Pearl Harbor," Boyington said.

School bus collides with pickup truck

KINGMAN — A bus carrying 29 students collided with a pickup truck at an unmarked intersection on a dirt road near this south-central Kansas town Thursday, sending most of the bus passengers to hospitals.

At least four victims — two aboard the bus, two in the pickup — had critical injuries. Three of them were taken to Wichita hospitals, the Kansas Highway Patrol said.

A teen-aged girl was listed in critical condition at Via Christi Regional Medical Center-St. Francis campus.

A 16-year-old boy and an older boy were in critical condition at Wesley Medical Center, hospital officials said.

The location and condition of the fourth victim were not immediately

available.

Most of the other students were at the local hospital, said Gary Tiller, chief executive officer of Kingman Community Hospital. Some of the students had been released to their parents by mid-morning.

"There may be a broken bone here or there, but the great bulk is just bumps and bruises," Tiller said.

Students aboard the bus ranged in age from 5 to 18, he said.

The crash occurred about 7:50 a.m. near an intersection about three miles south and two miles west of Kingman.

State Trooper Craig Presley said the northbound bus was struck by the east-bound pickup, spinning the pickup and sending the bus into a ditch, where it

overturned and came to rest on its top, with the body of the bus separated from the frame.

"This one took a pretty good hit and rolled over," Presley said.

"Even though it separated from the frame, it is in pretty good condition."

The pickup's driver and a passenger were ejected, the patrol said.

The bus driver was not seriously injured and he called in the report of the accident. The older model bus was not equipped with seatbelts for passengers.

"It's pretty bad. In 26 years, it is the worst one I have seen," said Master Trooper Jack Veverka.

Kingman is about 40 miles west of Wichita.

Visitors tour technical school

Over 400 high school students and 100 business people and educators from the Tri-State area visited the Northwest Kansas Technical School last week to check out programs and comment on the curriculum.

Richard Hoffman, assistant director, said the annual two-day Tech Expo is the school's biggest opportunity to get out-of-town students on the campus.

The expo began last Thursday, Hoffman said, with 140 business people, educators, administrators and instructors meeting to go over the curriculum.

Each department, he said, has an advisory committee comprising business people and teachers from other cities — some as far away as Denver and Kansas City — who tell the school

what skills students need in the work world.

"They ensure what we're teaching," Hoffman said, "is what needs to be taught to make our graduates employable at a very competitive wage."

He said committee members supported the school's plan to become a college next year, saying the change will benefit students. The Kansas Board of Regents approved the switch last month, leaving the final decision to state legislators. If granted college status, the school could award two-year degrees to students who now receive graduation certificates.

Hoffman said Kim Wilcox, executive director of the Regents, spoke to committee members during a luncheon, discussing the school's and

Goodland's impact on the global economy. He said Wilcox congratulated the school's staff, board members and committee members for their commitment to preparing students for employment.

Prospective students attended workshops, Hoffman said, on financial aid and enrolling and toured the campus, including student housing, the Murray Center and the resource center.

Students also saw presentations on the department of their choice, he said, and were able to visit other departments of interest.

Hoffman said it's the school's advisors who make the event a success each year.

"We appreciate the support of business people and the advisors," he said.

Attic fire causes damage to house

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roof was built over the old roof as well as the addition of the garage and patio area.

Jensen said the damage to the back part of the house was pretty extensive, maybe as much as \$30,000.

"I smelled smoke when I got up about 5:30 a.m. to go to work," Verda Scheck said. "At first I thought it was a neighbor's chimney, but I saw smoke when I let my puppies out."

"Then I heard crackling, and there was smoke in the cellar," she said. "I woke up Elmer and when I saw a red glow over the patio door, I called the fire department. I saved my house. The Lord was with me this morning. I don't care about the back part; we can replace that; but I am worried about my remembrances in the front rooms."

The first fire call went out at 6:23 a.m., and the firemen arrived about 6:27 a.m. They found smoke in the garage and kitchen, coming from the

attic.

A team went into the garage using breathing equipment and began working into the attic from there while water from another hose was being forced into the door frame and attic over the kitchen patio door.

It took the firemen about 20 minutes to extinguish the first fire. When they returned a couple hours later, they worked for about 40 minutes.

Chief Jensen said the original fire appeared to be caused by an electrical short in a circuit going to the outdoor patio light. He said possibly the second

fire was from another part of the same circuit running across to the south.

"We were able to contain the first fire to a small area within a foot of where it started," Chief Jensen said.

"The second fire was mostly in the attic and involved the old flat tar roof, but it was more extensive and covered a larger portion of the back of the house."

Mrs. Scheck told firemen her husband sleeps with an oxygen mask on and did not have his hearing aids in, which might have kept him from noticing the fire earlier.

Collect tickets, win big

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run in Thursday's edition.

There will be one big winner when the newspaper gives away \$2,000 in scrip at the grand prize drawing on Saturday, Dec. 16.

The drawing will begin at 1:30 p.m. in front of the Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce office near Eleventh and Main.

Before that, the newspaper plans to give money to 10 instant winners.

"It'll go," said Irvin of her winnings. She said the lucky ticket actually belongs to her husband Vernon, who bought some "car stuff" at Brenner's, but she picked up the scrip money.

Smith said she's never won anything before and was delighted that her purchase of a mattress and box spring at Garcia's got her \$50 extra dollars. She didn't have any plans for the scrip yet.

"I haven't really thought about it," she said.

Though the paper has drawn and printed eight ticket numbers, only four

people have claimed their prizes. After the numbers are printed, winners had four business days to come forward.

In today's paper, there are six winning numbers placed in ads in the Christmas on Us section.

There will be more winners in Tuesday's paper. If 10 instant winners haven't collected their money by the grand prize drawing, the staff will give those prizes away at the drawing.

No purchase is required to win, and anyone can get one free ticket at the Daily News or Chamber office.

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FARM & CATTLE EQUIPMENT: '67 John Deere 4010 w/JD158 Loader w/Grapple, new clutch, 8,600 hours; '85 MF 1050 Grinder w/Weightronic Digital Scale; '92 GEHL 7335 Feed Wagon w/Digital Scale; Vermeer 605 F Round Baler; Philson Squeeze Chute; (2) Hand Pump 100 gal. Fuel Tanks; Ottawa Hydr. Grapple Fork; Feterl 8" Rotary Grain Screen; Shop Light; Aluminum Toughguy II Toolbox; Several Blade Spears; Farrowing Crate; 3pt. 5' Box Blade; 3pt. 5' Rototiller; Round Bale Feeder; Blue Mule Cattle Chute; Sears Rototiller.

VEHICLES & TRAILERS: '68 Chevy C-50 Truck w/15.5' Omaha Steel box, new paint, rollover tarp, 4x2 trans., 350 V8; '63 Chevy C-60 Truck, 16' steel box, 350; '72 Ford F600 4x2, w/16' steel box; '88 Chevy Scottsdale 1500 Pickup, 4WD, 350, new auto trans., new brakes; '88 GMC Sierra 1500 Pickup, 4WD, A/C, carpenter's rack; '83 Toyota 1/2 Ton Flatbed Pickup, 4WD, All-terrain tires, A/C, sunroof; '65 Chevy 1/2 ton Pickup; '48 Chevy Fleetline Sedan, 4 dr, great chrome, good upholstery; 2000 Dual Axle Car Trailer w/Side Rails; Martin Caterpillar Trailer; 17' low boy, dual wheels; Army Jeep 2-wheel trailer.

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FURNITURE & OFFICE EQUIPMENT: Cherry Lingerie Cabinet; Velvet Chairs; Stereo Speakers; Walnut Full Size Bed; Walnut Low Boy; Sleeper Sofa (Floral); Green Love Seat; Wood Shelving Unit; Various Wooden Tables; '60s floor to ceiling lamp; (3) Floor Lamps; Aromatic Cedar Dresser; Aromatic; Cedar Chest; End Tables; Dresser; Entertainment Center; Chairs; Lamps; Sound System Cabinet; (10) 48" Restaurant Tables (butcher block style); Ash Computer Desk; IBM Compatible Computer (Internet-ready); Ink Jet Printer; Computer Desk; L Shaped Metal Desk; Oak Office Chair.

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