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seen at their farm near
which is Mrs. Geib's share
Lowland Green Wilks, a
The multi-million-dollar
charity. Mrs. Geib, 76,
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get old." They plan a
AP Wirephoto.

Five Passengers Injured In Northern Train Crash

C.N.R. Flyer Ploughs Into Freight Near North Bay: None Badly Hurt

North Bay, Ont., Feb. 1. (CP) — Five persons were slightly injured when the Crack Canadian National Railways flyer, The Northland, early today ploughed into the rear of a freight train standing on a siding with the last of its 85 cars sitting out on the main line. Several freight cars were smashed and three were catapulted from the rails. Traffic was blocked for six hours by the accident which occurred several miles south of here at 12.30 a.m.

Leaps To Safety

Railway officials said four of the 50 passengers and a news agent were injured.

Harry Cook, a brakeman, standing on the platform of the freight caboose, leaped to safety a second before the crash, while the fireman and engineer of the passenger locomotive crouched on the floor of the caboose as a mass of debris swept over the engine.

Railway officials said the freight, powered by two Diesel units, had pulled into the siding to allow the Timmins bound train to pass. The caboose and several rear cars abutted on the main line and the passenger train tore through them and veered into the siding.

The caboose and a box car were wrecked and three other freight cars were derailed. Fire from a stove in the caboose set one car ablaze after

it was heaved at a grotesque angle about the front of the big mountain-type passenger steam locomotive. Flames shot high in the air, illuminating the scene and attracting motorists from miles around.

Thousands of cans of string beans and other goods were scattered over the rails and the sides of the tracks from the smashed box cars. A number of persons were observed removing cases of merchandise and many passengers kept a can of beans as a souvenir.

Seat cushions in the front-end day coaches were wrenched from their positions. The passenger train continued on to North Bay with an auxiliary engine from the Ontario Northland Railway.

The Northland is a C.N.R. train until it reaches North Bay where it becomes an O.N.R. unit.

Railway officials declined to release the names of the injured.

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