

Gives Names Of Men In Ill-Fated Airplane With County Youth

Paper Story of Rig Bomber Crash in Pennsylvania Made Available

Through the courtesy of the Reading (Pa.) "Eagle", the paper story of the big Army bomber crash in which Tech. Sgt. Rufus N. Mobley, Martin County young man lost his life, near Elverson, Pa., on Saturday, December 4, is being printed in part, below.

In addition to Sgt. Mobley, eight other Army men were killed in the crash. The paper lists their names as follows:

Second Lieut. George W. Winsatt, of Evansville, Ind., the pilot.

Second Lieut. Alan B. Hamilton, of Buffalo, N. Y., co-pilot.

Second Lieut. George E. O'Brien, of New York City.

Second Lieut. Martin Queenith, of Milford, Conn., navigator.

Tech. Sgt. Walter G. Killbach, of West Bend, Wis.

Staff Sgt. Vincent C. McNally, of Philadelphia.

Staff Sgt. Joseph R. Gray, of Fall River, Mass.

Private Robert E. Hawkins, of Hood River, Ore.

Two other men, Sgt. John F. Gillespie, Philadelphia, and Sgt. Vern A. Vanderline, of Detroit, survived the crash, but one of them has since died.

The paper story: "... Bodies of the dead were mixed in the wreckage and officials said that all apparently were killed outright."

"Col. Bernard S. Thompson, commander of Will Rogers Field, (Okla.), said the plane was en route to Reading on a routine cross-country training flight. Apparently because of low visibility the pilot was unable to land at Reading and decided to seek a landing field in the vicinity of Philadelphia."

"The huge plane, which was powered by four motors and was of the type being used to dump bombs on Germany, is believed to have circled over Berks County for nearly an hour before the crash. Many residents of Reading reported hearing a large plane over the city between 10 and 11 o'clock. A Mt. Penn resident said he saw a Liberator flying low over that community at 10:40 that night."

"Army officials said that the plane struck an embankment on the north side of a country road, 'bounced' across the road and then ploughed through a small forest, shearing off trees as it progressed."

"Its momentum was such that it knocked down large trees for a distance of more than 200 yards. Parts of the plane were found strewn over a large distance and the biggest piece found was about one-tenth of its fuselage."

A series of small explosions occurred after the crash and the wreckage burst into flames. Fire companies from Elverson, Morgantown and Glenmore were dispatched to the scene."

Approximately 20 miles south of Reading, the site of the crash is in rolling, hilly country and the plane struck a small knoll on the southern side of a much higher hill. Officials said the tops of trees were sheared off and that telephone wires had been torn down some distance from the crash, indicating that the plane had been flying at a low altitude."

"Word of the accident spread rapidly and within a short time hundreds of persons were at the scene. "Sgt. Vanderlin who escaped sudden death when the plane crashed, was rescued by John Yoder, 55, a farmer who resides nearby."

"An eyewitness of the crash, Yoder ran to the scene and found Vanderlin pinned under a wing of the plane. The soldier was unable to get out as his parachute harness was hooked into the brush on which he laid. Yoder cut away the harness and helped Vanderlin to safety as the plane burst into flames."

"An official board of inquiry, which was impeded at the Reading field and reached the scene within an hour after the crash, started conducting an investigation."

The board findings have been made known here.

Man Is Hospitalized Following Accident

Mayo Wynne, Bear Grass Township white man, is in a Washington hospital recovering from injuries received when he was struck by an automobile on the Robersonville-Stokes Highway late last Saturday night. He was said to have suffered a serious back injury.

Details of the accident have not been fully determined. According to one story heard here, Wynne, traveling from Robersonville to his home in Bear Grass, was working on a tire when a car, driven by Clifton Cullipher, struck him. Wynne was quoted as saying that the Cullipher car skidded into him. Cullipher, a Williamston man accompanied by Dallas Mizelle, was quoted as saying that Wynne stepped in front of the moving car.

Influenza Cases Believed To Be Increasing In This Area

Making its appearance a few weeks ago, influenza, after a slight decline in the number of new cases, is believed to be on the increase in this area at the present time. No definite count on the number of cases could be had, but estimates offered by representatives of the medical profession indicate that the victims are confined by the hundreds. One practicing physician reported more than 150 new cases last Saturday, and there were at least 100 more cases reported the following day. Nothing about the apparent epidemic has been reported by the health department, and it is impossible to get a true picture of the situation.

It is fairly well agreed that the sickness, while not to be considered lightly, is not to be compared with the epidemic a quarter of a century ago. However, victims are warned

not to take any chances, but to exercise every possible precaution. When one is stricken, he is advised to get to bed at once and not try to get out too soon. No deaths have been reported in this section as a direct result of influenza, but it is possible that one or two deaths were indirectly caused by it. Several victims are quite ill at this time. It was learned today.

Up until now, the disease seems to be centered in this immediate part of the county, no large number of cases having been reported in the Robersonville section and other communities.

Unable to visit all victims, local doctors in many cases are prescribing for the illness by telephone or by messengers. Quite a few victims have been delivered to the doctors' offices and hospital, one child dying a few hours after making a visit to the doctor.

IN PACIFIC



Stationed somewhere in the South Pacific, Lt. Lue B. Mallory, son of Mrs. Effie T. Mallory and the late W. S. Mallory, recently completed his twenty-fifth mission, it was learned here a few days ago.

Grand Jury Takes Action To Lower Absences in School

Calls for Prosecution of All Violators of Compulsory Attendance Law

While the body did not take into consideration the effects resulting from the spread of influenza, the Martin County Grand Jury last week did take action to lower school absenteeism. The jurymen suggested certain action be taken and if the desired results are not obtained, then the violators are to be prosecuted in the courts.

The grand jury report submitted by Foreman J. W. Eubanks follows in detail:

- We, the Grand Jury of Martin County, for the above mentioned term of Superior Court, submit to you our report, as follows: 1. We have passed on all bills of indictments presented to us. 2. We visited the Clerk of Court's office and found it in good condition and all records in good shape. 3. We visited the Register of Deeds office, and found same in excellent condition, all records were found in order, and all bonds renewed. 4. The Sheriff's office and the Tax Collector's office were visited and both were found in good condition, with all records up to date. 5. We visited the County Jail and found eight violators lodged there (two whites and six colored). The jail was found in a very clean and

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Compares 1941 And 1943 Farm Prices

Table comparing 1941 and 1943 farm prices for various commodities like Corn, Cotton, Tobacco, Hogs, Chickens, Eggs, Butter, Peanuts, Irish Potatoes, and Sweet Potatoes.

Gives Facts About Use of Gasoline in Waging World War

Summary of Reports Prepared by Office of War Information

American motorists have mumbled and grumbled, lied and cheated about gasoline rationing, knowing little about the necessity for cutting down or out the pleasure trip and unnecessary driving. Few facts could be revealed, but now a comprehensive report prepared by the Office of War Information and giving a few facts, is being released by the Office of Price Administration.

Following is the fourth and final in the series: The main problem of wartime petroleum transportation is that you can't load an ocean-going tanker alongside the refinery at an inland point like Tulsa, Okla., or Wichita Falls, Texas.

Gasoline must be transported to a seaport where an ocean-going tanker is loaded and sent on its mission overseas.

For that reason, the heaviest drains on wartime gasoline stocks have been made in the regions east of the Rockies because of their nearness to gulf and Atlantic ports.

Before the war, 95 percent of the east's gasoline came around I. orida in tankers which carry between 60,000 and 154,000 barrels per trip. On an average a tanker left a gulf port every 100 minutes.

The Axis knew this. As soon as war broke out, the Axis concentrated submarine attacks on coastwise tankers and sank many of them. The rest of the tanker fleet had to be diverted to supply the European and Pacific theaters.

It was up to the government to improvise and more than 100,000 railroad tank cars and countless fleets of trucks and barges were mobilized into a west-to-east oil transportation system.

As a result, essential military and war plant needs were met and most automobiles were kept rolling through rationing and sharing. One of our major home front victories came out of it.

The question often arises; "Who allocates the gas supplies?" The answer is that five government agencies, each specializing in a certain phase of the problem cooperate in the supply and distribution.

The Petroleum Administration for War has charge of supplies and production. The Office of Defense Transportation estimates the needs of the entire civilian transportation system. The War Food Administration figures the farm requirements for machinery, implements, lighting and water supply plants. The Office of Civilian Requirements claims gas for industry, for railroads, etc.

After these quotas are set, the Of-

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Two Are Hurt In Accident Friday

Two persons were painfully but not badly hurt and several others suffered slight shock when two cars collided on Collie Swamp Bridge, near Everetts, on Highway No. 64 last Friday afternoon. Mrs. Ben Godwin, of Conetoe, received painful knee injuries when she was thrown against the dash board of her husband's car. Miss Rachel Godwin, sister to the driver of the car and also of Conetoe, was cut on the chin and forehead. Mrs. J. T. James and companions in the second car figuring in the crash were not hurt but they suffered slightly from shock. The James car was traveling west and skidded on the bridge and into the path of the Godwin car traveling west. The James are from Ahoskie. Damage to the Godwin car was estimated at \$150 and about \$100 to the Godwin car by Patrolman W. E. Saunders who investigated the accident.

TOWN - FARM IN WARTIME

(A weekly news digest from the rural press section of the OWI news bureau)

Seed Prices Under Control

The 1944 program for winter cover crop seed will support prices on hairy vetch, common vetch, crimson clover, and ryegrass seeds at levels from 5 to 40 per cent higher than last season, through purchases by the Commodity Credit Corporation. Fourteen types of vegetable seeds, including about 200 domestic and imported varieties, have been placed under ceiling prices by OPA. Seeds included are bean, pea, corn, beet, cabbage, carrot, cauliflower, Swiss chard, cucumber, lettuce, mangel, onion, rutabaga and turnip. All alfalfa seeds, including all state certified improved varieties, have been made subject to control of the price regulation governing legume and grass seeds by OPA. This regulation now includes the following domestic and Canadian seeds: alfalfa, medium red and mammoth red clover, alsike clover, sweet clover, timothy and all mixtures of those seeds.

Farm Help for Lumber Supply

Because of the critical over-all lumber and pulp-wood shortage, which directly affects farmers, who are large users of lumber and wood products, Marvin Jones, War Food Administrator, indicated that farmers should help by: (1) increasing production from farm woodlands during the winter and (2) providing labor for forest industries during the slack winter season on farms. Lumber used on farms for the construction and maintenance of farm buildings requires three and one-half billion board feet of lumber annually, Jones said.

Plant Victory Gardens Now

Although Victory gardeners exceeded their goal of 18 million gardens for 1943 by about 10 per cent, they are asked for another 10 per cent increase in 1944. Arrangements should be made now for the use of vacant land, and considerable preparatory work can go on through the winter. Hard coal ashes can be sifted and stored on plots. Compost piles and supplies of manure can be accumulated, and either turned under wherever ground is not frozen or stacked for use in early spring.

Gift Packages Point Free

Gift packages of jams, jellies, fruit butter, preserves, and non-citrus marmalade that were packed before October 23 for sale as Christmas gifts may be bought point-free through January 8, OPA said recently. Because the packages were made up before these foods were rationed, and because they are often assembled in packages with such highly perishable products as cakes and cookies, it is necessary to sell them speedily to prevent waste.

Packed Food Products

Exempted from price control are sales by home canners who sell less than 1,500 quarts a year of packed fruits and vegetables. OPA reported recently. OPA also announced that consumers will pay more for canned sweet potatoes, brined cherries, maraschino cherries, canned mushrooms, and processed dried prunes and prune products.

Catsup Released to Civilians

Nearly a million cases of tomato catsup soon will be released to civilians. The catsup is being released from specified reserves held and owned by government but set aside by them for conversion use.

Suspender Buttons Back

Suspender buttons are to be restored to men's work pants, according to an amendment of WPB's order L-181.

OCB Directors Meet

State directors of Civilian Defense of 30 states are meeting in St. Louis this week to formulate a policy shifting the emphasis on civilian defense activities from defensive to offensive operations for the duration of the war. These directors will determine specific programs to be adopted.

Batteries For Hearing Aids

Batteries designed for use in hearing aids are being sold only by hearing aid dealers, and not in drug or general retail stores. This precaution has been taken by WPB in order to prevent their use for flashlights or other purposes.

Hurt While Fighting House Fire In Hamilton

Mr. R. A. Edmondson, Hamilton postal employee, was painfully but not seriously hurt while fighting fire at the Mathews home in Hamilton last Thursday. He was moving around on the ground when someone tossed a dresser drawer out the window, striking him on the head and causing a three-stitch gash.

County Tax Officials Fix Property Values

Property Listing Is To Get Underway In County January 4th

Inflationary Values Will Not Be Recognized in Handling Listings for 1944

Meeting in the courthouse Monday just before noon, County Tax Supervisor C. D. Carstarphen and tax list-takers laid plans for handling property listings for 1944, the action taken following closely the pattern used in past years. Values for personal properties were determined, the meeting refusing to recognize inflationary prices and agreeing to hold to what the group considered a fair and equitable rate. The main theme discussed at the meeting was an equalization of values, both as to individuals and sections.

Real estate values will remain unchanged except in those cases where properties have been damaged or destroyed or where additions have been made in the form of new improvements.

Property listing will be launched in several of the townships on or about the fourth of next month. Listing schedules will be announced later, Tax Supervisor Carstarphen said. No extension for listing will be allowed, the list-takers were advised, and those persons waiting until after January 31 will be subject to a penalty, running as high as 20 percent of their listings in some cases.

Only two changes in the listing personnel were announced, Mr. N. R. Rogerson succeeding Rossell Rogers in Bear Grass, and Mr. O. S. Anderson succeeding John R. Peel in Williamston. Other list-takers are: F. C. Stallings, Jamesville; Charles Daniel, Williams; W. Tom Roberson, Griffith; Willie Ausbon, Cross Roads; H. S. Everett, Robersonville; L. H. Taylor, Poplar Point; LeRoy Everett, Hamilton, and J. A. Rawls, Goose Nest.

None of the list-takers present at the meeting would comment on a possible trend in values for the new year. It is believed, however, that values will hold their own and possibly show an increase.

Values for personal property listings were tentatively fixed, as follows: Merchandise stocks and inventories and material on hand and in process of manufacture, two-thirds of the actual cash value.

Mowers, \$50 to \$75; peanut pickers, cost price less 20 percent each year, the average to run from \$100 to \$500; tractors, two-thirds of the original cost less ten percent for each year; power haybalers, \$250 and down; wheel cultivators, \$40 and down; disc harrows, \$40 and down; tobacco trucks, \$5 to \$10 each; tobacco sticks, \$5 per 1,000; tobacco transplanters, \$25 to \$90; combines, two-thirds of original cost, less 10 percent each year; wagons, \$60 and down; carts, \$25 and down; stalk cutters \$30 and down; harness, \$5 per team.

Provisions: meat, (packed) 15 cents per pound; lard, 15 cents per pound; live hogs, 10 cents per pound. Washing machines, 75 and down and sewing machines, \$50 and down.

Horses: 1st class, \$150, and second class, \$100 and down; mules: 1st class \$200, and 2nd class, \$150 and down; milk cows: 1st class, \$100, and 2nd class, \$50, other cattle (live weight) 6 cents per pound; calves, \$10 each; sheep and goats, \$2 each; chickens, 75 cents each.

Electric or mechanical refrigerators, original cost less 10 percent annual depreciation. Bicycles, \$25 and down. Curing barn equipment, \$25 to \$50.

Peanuts held by dealers and not by farmers from the 1943 crop, \$5

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Man Arrested For Thirty-fifth Time

Jos. B. Stewart, white man, was turned over to federal authorities here last week-end to explain in the courts why he has no draft classification card. Arrested here some days ago by Officer Chas. R. Moore for investigation, Stewart said he was from Cedar Town, Ga., but he would not talk much. Jailor Roy Peel declared the man made a lot of racket in jail, and was a problem prisoner during his stay in the county's boarding house. Checking the man's record, officers learned that he had been arrested thirty-five times since 1925. No serious charges were brought against him. Apparently he had been detained as a hobo quite a few times, and he was held several times for investigation. He had been out of the sight of the courts for about a year. Given a hearing before a United States Commissioner in Washington last week, the man was held under bond in the sum of \$200. He was transferred to Wilson.

LT. COLONEL



The son of Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler Martin, of Williamston, Wheeler Martin, Jr., was promoted last week to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the Army Air Forces at Walker Army Air Field, Victoria, Kansas.

Twenty Licenses To Marry Are Issued In County in November

Issuance Is Smallest For Any November in More Than Ten Years

Twenty marriage licenses were issued in this county last month, the issuance being the smallest for any November in more than ten years and nine below the average recorded for the 1933-43 period.

The decrease is traceable to that group of young men who have been called into the service. Quite a few of those marrying last month were well over the draft age, but the "C" registrants were well represented along with some who had been ruled out by the Army.

Nine licenses were issued to white and eleven to colored couples, as follows:

- White: Chester W. Edmondson and Mary Ann Josephine Bunting, both of Williamston. Clifton Clair Andrews and Lorain Weathersby, both of Robersonville. James Nelson Womack, of Bethel, and Frances Thigpen, of Greenville. Frank Lee Whitehurst, of Bethel, and Dixie Tunt Purvis, of Martin County. Edgar Taylor and Mildred Edmondson, both of Williamston. Wiley B. Bunting, Palmyra, and Addie C. Modlin, Williamston. H. Ernest Leggett and Viola Price, both of Hamilton. Mack Wynne and Martha Roebuck, both of Williamston. David O. Bowen and Della Bullock, both of Williamston. Charlie Bullock, RFD 1, Robersonville, and Marie Page, RFD 2, Williamston.

- Colored: Johnnie Bonner, Williamston, and Annie Elizabeth Small, Everetts. Geo. Edward Brown and Christine Briley, both of RFD 1, Robersonville. Henry Massenburg, and Mary Dunn, both of Robersonville. Theodore Brown, and Ella May Best, both of RFD 3, Williamston. Joe Moore, RFD 1, Williamston, and Bertha Phillips, Williamston. Lawrence Askew and Louvenia Williams, both of RFD 3, Williamston.

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County Aviators Making Records

According to indirect reports reaching here, Martin County boys are helping to write war history in the skies somewhere over the South Pacific. It is understood that Lt. J. D. Walters, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Walters, of Jamesville, has made possibly one hundred missions. No details of the missions could be learned, but it can be well imagined that he has experienced much and seen plenty. Lt. Walters' classmate, Charles Daniels, Jr., is flying in the Mediterranean and he is building quite a record for himself there. It was recently learned that Charlie was executive officer for his corps field. Lt. Lue B. Mallory, of Oak City, has successfully handled two dozen or more missions in the Pacific theater. He entered foreign service in June of last year, last reports stating that he was getting along well. In one instance, it was learned the landing gear on his plane was shot away and he had to make a forced landing, but no one was hurt.

Seventy-seven Tires Allotted in County By Rationing Board

Board and Panels Will Not Meet Again Until December 31

Seventy-five tires—twenty Grade I's for cars and pick-up trucks, ten for trucks and forty-five Grade III's—were allotted by the Martin County Rationing Board and Panels last Friday evening.

The board will not meet this week but regular schedules will be maintained beginning on Friday of next week.

No certificates for the purchase of cars were issued and no one was called before the meeting last Friday for alleged violation of rationing regulations.

- Grade I tires and tubes were issued to the following: Clarence Hardy, Oak City, two tires and two tubes. Robert Edwards, Williamston, one tire and one tube. Lindsley Ice Co., Williamston, one tire and one tube. Daniel Moore, RFD 1, Williamston, one tire and one tube. American Fork and Hoe Co., Williamston, two tires and two tubes. W. W. Walters, Jamesville, one tire and four tubes. W. R. Powell, Robersonville, one tire and one tube. E. D. Brown, Jamesville, one tire and one tube. M. E. Rogers, RFD 3, Williamston, one tire and one tube. V. G. Taylor, Everetts, two tires and two tubes. Nathan Wynne, RFD 2, Williamston, one tire and one tube. James H. Reddick, Williamston, one tire and one tube. J. S. Ayers, Jr., Williamston, one tire and one tube. V. G. Taylor, RFD 3, Williamston, one tire. R. C. Alexander, Robersonville, one tire. Mrs. Janie Fleming, Hassell, one tire. D. R. Everett, Robersonville, one tire.

Truck tires and tubes were released to the following: Roberson Slaughter House, Williamston, two tires. Martin County Transfer Co., Robersonville, four tires and eight tubes. Slade, Rhodes and Co., Hamilton, two tires and two tubes. American Fork and Hoe Co., Williamston, two tires and two tubes. F. C. Stallings, Jamesville, one tube.

Grade III tires and tubes were rationed as follows: J. D. Beach, RFD 1, Robersonville, two tires and one tube. J. D. Bullock, Williamston, two tires and two tubes. Frank Bell, RFD 1, Oak City, two tires and two tubes. K. B. Chance, RFD 1, Bethel, two tires and two tubes. W. C. Chance, Parmele, one tire and one tube. J. F. Manning, RFD 2, Robersonville, two tires and two tubes. J. F. Martin, Jamesville, two tires and one tube. Howard Coltrain, RFD 1, Williamston, one tire and one tube. D. S. Harper, Robersonville, three tires and three tubes. James D. Riddick, care C. B. Riddick, Everetts, two tires and two tubes. Wiley Hilliard, RFD 1, Palmyra, one tire. Raymond Brown, RFD 1, Palmyra, one tire. J. H. Wynne, RFD 3, Williamston, two tires. James Mann, Robersonville, one tire. Ernest Wynne, RFD 1, Robersonville, two tires. John Ieggs, RFD 1, Robersonville, two tires. L. A. Weaver, Robersonville, one tire. Lee Burt Jenkins, RFD 3, Williamston, two tires. McKinney Williams, RFD 1, Palmyra, two tires. Alonza Brown, Williamston, one tire.

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Funeral Tuesday For Neal Godard

Funeral services for Mr. Neal Godard, well-known Martin County man who died suddenly at his home in Williams Township last Thursday morning, will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, Rev. B. T. Hurley, pastor of the local Methodist church, and Rev. W. B. Harrington, Baptist minister, will conduct the last rites.

Funeral arrangements were delayed pending the arrival of a son who was in Mississippi and a daughter in California.

The son, LeRoy Godard, arrived Saturday night from Camp Van Dorn, and the daughter, Mrs. Morris Stalls was expected home late Monday or early Tuesday.

Interment will follow in the family cemetery near the old home in Williams Township.

Mr. Godard, a victim of asthma, was taken critically ill with influenza and complications last Wednesday while attending to business here.