

FRIDAY, NOV. 29, 1940

SPECIAL PAROLE TO STEPHENSON

Ex-Klan Leader to Have Operation in Hospital At La Porte.

(Continued from Page One) owners who have legal actions pending in any court.

Doctor Called to Jail

Stephenson's ailment first was brought to the attention of the Parole Board by Dr. J. D. Sturdivant, Noblesville, who was called to attend the prisoner while he was in jail at Noblesville during a hearing on the court action a year ago.

Dr. Sturdivant's diagnosis was that Stephenson was "suffering from gallstone colic."

Dr. W. P. Woods, Evansville, also examined Stephenson in the fall of 1939 at Noblesville.

"I am positive he was suffering from cholecystitis, with stones," Dr. Woods said at that time.

Advise Operation

He also examined Stephenson at the Prison last summer and made the following report:

"It is my opinion as a surgeon, and I have been making a specialty of surgery for the last 25 years, that Mr. D. C. Stephenson should be operated upon and should have the gall bladder removed in order to remedy the diseased condition that now exists."

Dr. A. T. Jones, until recently a physician at the State Prison, reported last Oct. 21, that Stephenson had "pathological gall bladder, probably with calculi."

Dr. Bowell to Assist

Dr. Bo Bowell, La Porte, who will assist in performing the operation, examined Stephenson Nov. 12 and sent the following report to the Governor:

"I consider the patient's condition serious and recommend immediate hospitalization where he can have a complete examination, preliminary to what I believe to be a necessary surgical operation in the gall bladder. In my opinion, the condition is urgent."

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'We Had Great Dreams,' Says Shank's Dad

Probe Opens in Air Collision Killing Young Guard Flier And Two Others.

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about 250 feet apart, the Guard plane burning.

Many persons living in the vicinity heard or saw the crash and police and Hoosier Airport officials were on the scene immediately.

Mrs. Robert F. Shank, mother of the dead lieutenant, received the call at the airport and immediately notified her husband. He went to the scene, returned to the airport and verified by photograph the wrecked Guard plane had been piloted by his son. Because the plane was afire when he was at the scene, he could not identify his son's body.

'Had Great Dreams'

"Bob and I had great dreams," Mr. Shank said today. "He dropped plans for a newspaper career of his own accord when I started teaching him to fly. When he got the National Guard appointment to get Army aviation training, he started at Love Field, Texas, where I was an aviator during the World War."

"He preferred to be in the National Guard because he had his heart set on coming back here to help me raise our boys to fly, when he wasn't on active guard duty. I was proud of his flying ability and both of us were looking forward to a lot of enjoyment working together at the airport."

"Perhaps the accident could not have been avoided by either pilot. Although neither of them expected any other plane to be in the vicinity, it looks as if Bob and both fellows in the other plane were looking in the wrong direction. Both pilots apparently were maneuvering for a landing at our airport and were intent as they looked in that direction instead of looking around them."

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Flaming wreckage of the National Guard plane in which Lieut. Robert Shank Jr. died.



Harold King . . . flying instructor at Hoosier Airport. Willard Mount . . . student pilot on instruction flight.

what he wanted in it. He went to college when he wanted to and he left college to learn to fly when he wanted to do that. He joined the Guard and went to an army flying school and came back here to work with me, all when he wanted to."

"He was having the time of his life when he was killed. It happened so quickly and so completely, I'm sure he never even knew what happened."

"So I have no regrets."

Mr. Shank started the Hoosier Airport in 1928 and is its president and general manager.

The National Guard investigation will be carried out by a board composed of three Guard officers, appointed by Maj. Oliver Stout, commander of the 113th Observation squadron, which Lieut. Shank was a member. Maj. Stout said he hoped to have the board named today.

Investigations also will be conducted by two separate Civil Aeronautics Authority agencies. The C. A. A. Air Safety Board was expected to send a representative here today. It is believed Philip C. Salzman, Safety Board representative in Chicago, will come to Indianapolis for that agency.

Moulton to Aid Probe

It also was reported that Maj. Charles Cox, Chicago regional director for the CAA civilian pilot training program, would join Harold Strickland, Indianapolis, program director, in investigating the accident. Daniel Moulton, local CAA inspector, at the Municipal Airport, began assembling evidence last night.

James Fitzgerald, hostler at the Algonquin Riding Club, saw the crash. He told this story:

"I was in the barn and I heard a plane making funny noise. I ran to the door and I saw a yellow plane and a big plane about 300 feet up."

"They collided. There was a terrific explosion. The yellow plane scattered into three parts and the big plane spun around in the air."

"I was in a garden patch about 150 feet from the club house. Two men in the yellow plane either bailed out or were knocked out and one of them apparently pulled his parachute ring. His chute sort of spread out as he fell. The chute of the other man didn't open at all. I didn't even see him fall."

"I ran over. By this time both planes were burning on the ground. The man in the big plane didn't get out at all. He burned in the plane."

"When the planes collided, there seemed to be a ball of fire shot out of the yellow plane and it went over in the woods near the field. I don't know what that could have been."

'Not Very High'

Earl Meyers, a farmer, living at Tibbs Ave. and 30th St., was building a fence when the crash occurred.

"I heard a crash and looked up and saw two planes had collided. They were not very high above me. I could see one of them was an Army ship. It dropped straight down only a few hundred feet and a building the fence.

"As the plane crashed, it exploded. The wings flew about 15 or 20 feet from the ship. The front of the plane was on fire but not the fuselage."

Lieut. Shank attended School 75 here and then was graduated from Shortridge High School. He entered the University of Missouri.

Henry E. Ostrom, chairman of the aviation committee of the Chamber

IN INDIANAPOLIS

Here Is the Traffic Record

County City Total
1939 40 51 91
1940 46 85 131

—Nov. 28—

Injured 7 Accidents ... 15
Dead 0 Arrests ... 24

THURSDAY TRAFFIC COURT

Cases Convic- Fines
Violations tried sions paid
Speeding 3 3 \$25
Reckless driving 5 4 38

Failure to stop at 7 5 4

through street 7 5 4

Disobeying traffic 3 3 3

signals 3 3 3

Drunkards driving 4 3 60

All others 21 18 22

Totals 43 36 \$152

MEETINGS TODAY

Exchange Club, luncheon. Hotel Severin

Foundation of Community Civic Club, meeting. Hotel Washington, 8 p. m.

Optimist Club, luncheon, Columbia Club

Phi Delta Theta, luncheon, Canary Club

Delta Tau Delta, luncheon, Columbia Club

Kappa Sigma, luncheon, Canary Cottage, Inn

Indiana League, luncheon, Claypool Hotel, noon

Indiana Bar Association, dinner, Claypool Hotel, noon

Trinity Spiritualist Church, meeting, Hotel Washington, 7:15 p. m.

MEETINGS TOMORROW

Indiana Roadside Council, meeting, Claypool Hotel, 10 a. m. and luncheon at 12:30 p. m.

Indiana Bell Commercial Association, meeting, Claypool Hotel

Indiana National Guard Association, banquet, Indianapolis Athletic Club

MARRIAGE LICENSES

These lists are from city records in the County Court House. The Times is therefore not responsible for errors in names and addresses.

Herbert R. Sicks, 36, Mariana, Pa.; Pauline Rule, 22, of 5009 N. Pennsylvania; Joseph A. Price, Jr., 22, of 408 E. 16th; Mary E. Payne, 22, of 1706 N. Rural

BIRTHS

Charles, George Foster, at City.

Robert, Rosemary Allen, at City.

John, Edna Vanderveer, at St. Vincent's.

Karl, Florence Stegemire, at Methodist.

Albert, Pauline, at 1001 N. Meridian.

Raymond, Theresa, Myers, at 315 Ed-wards.

BOYS

Eugene, Marie Bailey, at St. Francis.

Ralph, Peachie Payne, at St. Francis.

Bernard, John, Weimer, at St. Fran-cis.

Harold, Talcia, Miller, at St. Francis.

William, Pearl, Super, at City.

Kenneth, Betty Hill, at Coleman.

John, John, at Methodist.

Raymond, Esther Flanagan, at Meth-odist.

Floyd, Pauline Blair, at 2715 Paris.

DEATHS

Euseio Mar. Bennett, 41, at City, nephritis.

Walter J. Connaughton, 48, at Veterans.

Giuliano, 63, at St. Vincent's.

Fernando W. Wagner, 66, at 43 Addison.

Daniel Hughes, 43, at Central Indiana, physician.

Stella Soltis, 84, at 648 N. Sherman.

Dr. carcinoma.

Patrick Dycus, 61, at City, pulmonary

carcinoma.

Caroline Altmann, 60, at 121 E. Ray-mond, arteriosclerosis.

John, John, 65, at Central Indiana, apoplexy.

Conrad, Helm, 78, at 3030 E. Wash-ing-ton, chronic myocarditis.

Margaret E. McKinney, 60, at 30 N. E. 16th.

Adolph H. Brackmier, 77, at 128 Spen-ner, chronic myocarditis.

Frank Fox, 82, at 2810 McPherson, car-cinoma.

FIRE ALARMS

YESTERDAY

7:28 A. M.—338 Central, paint ware-house, cause unknown, loss unestimated, 2nd floor, 10th floor, residence, not known on door, \$10 loss.

4:30 P. M.—25 Monument Circle, store room, 2nd floor, in Christmas wreath, \$100 loss.

11:50 P. M.—2109 Alfree, residence, un-known, \$10 loss.

LEADERS NAMED FOR HOME GUARD

Unit Expected to Begin Functioning by Dec. 15 To Replace I. N. G.

Organization of an Indiana Home Guard to replace the National Guard when it is called into service in January not under way today with the naming of the regiment and 12 battalion commanders.

The officers, all members of the National Guard or Reserve Corps group, will receive Home Guard commissions, from Governor M. Clifford Townsend immediately. Adj. Gen. Elmer F. Straub, who announced the appointments, said:

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Mr. Straub said the organization would be completed and the Home Guard functioning by Dec. 15.

The company captains will serve as their own recruiting officers and each company will have about 55 men.

Enlistments will be voluntary and there will be no pay unless the units should be called into active service.

Enlistments for the Home Guard will be kept an individual basis, being drafted, Mr. Straub said.

It will be recommended that the Guard units drill twice a week in the National Guard armories for the first three months and once a week thereafter. Rifles and machine guns for practice will be provided by the Federal Government.

There will be no uniforms unless the Legislature provides funds for them in the coming session, the Adjutant General said.

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