

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 1944

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Training Crash Kills Local Cadet: Flier Lost Over Reich

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Cadet Smith

Enlisting in the air forces in November, 1942, Cadet Smith was to receive his pilot's wings April 13.

His brother, Pvt. James E. Smith, had been in training with the field artillery division at Ft. Knox, Ky. He had been on a seven-day furlough and left 30 minutes before the telegram arrived about Cadet Smith's death. The brother was contacted by the Red Cross while on his way to Ft. Meade, Md., and will return for the funeral.

Survivors besides his parents, wife and brother are a sister, Joann; three other brothers, Robert, Donald, and Max; his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Smith of North Salem and his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Smith, Tipton.

Funeral services will be held in the J. C. Wilson chapel of the chimes but complete arrangements will not be made until the body arrives. Cadet Smith's wife will arrive in Indianapolis tomorrow from Oklahoma.

LT. THOMAS J. THOMPSON, bombardier-navigator with the 15th air force in Italy, has been missing in action over Germany since Feb. 25.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Thompson, 1146 N. Beville ave., and husband of Mrs. Ellen Thompson, Fulton, N. Y.

Entering service in 1940, Lt. Thompson has been overseas since last September. He was commissioned in February, 1943, at Victoria, Cal., and received the air medal in January.

Before going overseas and participating in 25 missions, he took training at Santa Ana, Cal., and in Texas. Grandson of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Mogle, of the Beville ave. address, Lt. Thompson was graduated from Syracuse university.

His brother, Robert, is a store-keeper 3-c in the navy at Farragut, Ida.

SECOND LT. ROBERT W. KENNEDY, son of Mrs. Frieda Kennedy, 621 N. Beville ave., was wounded in a fight with a German ME-109 over Belgium Feb. 24.

The 21-year-old Thunderbolt pilot returned to his base in England with his plane riddled. After being treated in an English hospital, he is now back on duty.

Lt. Kennedy, a graduate of Tech- nical high school, joined the air forces following graduation in June, 1941. He has been overseas since last Dec. 1.

FOUR HOOSIERS have been killed in army and marine action. Pfc. Ralph F. Steffel, son of James Steffel, Rensselaer, died of wounds received in combat in the Mediterranean theater.

Marines killed in action are Pfc. John D. Crum, son of Mrs. Minnie Whitecraft, Chesterton; Pfc. Donald Edgar Dixon, son of Mrs. Lena Saul, Cayuga, and 1st Lt. Hobart Kemp, son of Mrs. Theodore Kemp, Gary.

RADIOMAN 3-c JAMES LEO THOMAS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard L. Thomas, New Albany, is missing in naval action.

NINE INDIANA men are among the 423 U. S. soldiers and 104 marines and naval members wounded in recent battles.

Pfc. Donald M. Warren, son of Mrs. Ola Warren, Rensselaer, was wounded in marine fighting.

In the European theater S. Sgt. Benjamin E. Ambler, husband of Mrs. Evelyn O. Ambler, Bedford, was wounded.

Those hurt in the Mediterranean theater are Pvt. David A. Hall, son

of Mrs. Marian, Indianapolis.

EVENTS TOMORROW Red Cross annual fund campaign.

Easter seal campaign. Waster paper collection, at schools 84 and 20.

Indiana Shipper-Motor Carrier Conference of Indiana, Hotel Lincoln, 10 a.m.

Indiana State board, Washington hotel, 12:15 p.m.

Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce Industrial Safety club, Columbus club, 6:30 p.m.

Indiana Business Men club, Columbia club, noon.

Indianapolis Association of Life Underwriters and the Indianapolis chapter of Chartered Life Underwriters, Hotel Lin- coln, noon.

Electric League, Hotel Lincoln, 6:45 p.m.

Post-war social problems lecture, University building, 7:30 p.m.

Farm security administration, Washington hotel, 9 a.m.

Pike Township Parent-Teacher association, Technical high school, 7:30 p.m.

Technical high school, "Red Mill," school gymnasium, 2:30 p.m.

Washington high school, vaudville, school gymnasium, 7:30 p.m.

Indianapolis Business and Professional Women's club, clubhouse, 6 p.m.

'DREAM CARS' MUST DEVELOP

Auto Industry Will Not Be Able to Revolutionize Models.

Known how and can be equipped to build. It would take a year or more to design and test radically new models, to retool the plants and get into production.

Costs to Be Higher

And before that year had passed, stagnation and unemployment in Detroit and countless other places in all the branches of manufacturing and trade dependent on or related to the automobile industry would reach tragic proportions.

Another reason is costs. It is predicted here that prices of the first post-war cars will be 25 or 30 per cent higher than they were in 1941. Wages and other costs have advanced far during the war. The best way to offset such increased costs, and start prices down again, is by mass producing for a mass market—but every week of delay will lessen the chances for high-volume output and sales.

Furthermore, the men who must build and sell post-war automobiles are convinced that the public just wouldn't like those "dream cars," those super-streamlined, beetle-shaped showcases on wheels which have been pictured in many articles about the world to come.

Agree With Desmet

Most of them thoroughly agree with E. C. Desmet, executive engineer of the Willys-Overland Co. at Toledo, who undertook at a recent meeting here of the Society of Automotive Engineers to demolish what he termed the "hallucinations" created—on paper—by certain designers, stylists and artists.

Cars with bulbous fronts and tops of curved glass or transparent plastic would prove decidedly unsatisfactory, Mr. Desmet asserted. They'd cost more. They'd give less protection to drivers and passengers in accidents. Vision through curved windshields would be distorted. Plastic would get scratched and blurred.

Steel bodies will continue to be superior to bodies of aluminum, plywood or laminated plastic, he predicted. Steel is easier and less expensive to shape and weld and repair. It dent or bends in accidents, instead of cracking, breaking or tearing.

Has Its Disadvantages

Drivers' seats, moved farther forward as some "dream" designs propose, would be directly between the car's front wheels. Drivers and front-seat passengers would have to enter through doors placed well back, then take several steps to reach their places.

And any advantages gained by moving engines to the rear of cars would be more than offset by practical and psychological disadvantages, Mr. Desmet continued. "It would be interesting," he said, "to know the average driver's mental reaction if he found himself sitting right out in front of a car going 80 miles an hour, with 95 per cent of the weight behind him and no visible forward protection except a front bumper and a glass or plastic bay window."

All that doesn't mean, however, that the industry's engineers and salesmen reject the idea of post-war change and improvement. They accept that idea enthusiastically. But they believe the changes must evolve by steps, not by leaps; that the improvements must be real, not merely innovations.

Automobiles will continue to get better year by year, as they have since the industry was born, and progress is likely to be more rapid after the war than it was before.

THIEF TAKES PURSE, \$53 FROM WOMAN

A purse snatcher and a holdup man got away with \$87 in their raids last night.

Mary Whittaker, 18 N. Jefferson ave., lost \$53 when a man grabbed her purse as she was walking in the 300 block on W. Washington st.

A masked holdup man drove in a filling station at 1079 E. 10th st. and, pointing a gun at the attendant, 16-year-old James Kirshner, 1129 W. 18th st., forced him to give up \$25.

CARD PARTY SLATED

Monumental division 128, Auxiliary to Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers will sponsor a card party at 1:30 p.m. tomorrow in the Citizens Gas and Coke Utility.

BOSSETT WILL SPEAK

Walter Bossett will speak at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow at the meeting of group 1, Indiana Old Age Pension program in the English hotel.

NAVY COMMISSIONS ORBISON, OPA AID

Robert H. Orbison, rent attorney for the Indiana district, office of price administration, has been commissioned a lieutenant (j.g.) in the U. S. naval reserve and will report for active duty April 25, at Holly- wood, Fla.

Lt. Orbison practiced law in Indianapolis for 10 years before joining the OPA in July, 1942.

His wife, Beatrice, and their two children will remain at the Orbison home, 6162 Park ave.

DEATHS

Robert, Bessie Beckett, at St. Francis Frank, Dorothy Everett, at St. Francis Vincent, Florence Howard, at St. Vincent's. James, Mary Loe, at Coleman. Earl, Fannie Frank, at Methodist. Lloyd, Mildred Laugher, at Methodist. Vincent, Catherine Rogers, at Methodist.

Walter, Madeline Hause, at St. Francis Irene Sullivan, at St. Francis Virgil, Dimple Vernon, at St. Francis. Lucy, Anne Pirtle, at St. Francis. Robert, Margaret Duncan, at Methodist. Earl, Clara Ford, at Methodist. Earl, Eva Roth, at Methodist. George, Rebecca Wall, at Methodist. John, Norge Williamson, at Methodist.

DEATHS

Robert, Hasting Viers, 43, at Veterans.

John C. Camp, 72, at 2322 Adams, died.

George W. Sykes, 72, at 1443 Broadway, coronary occlusion.

John L. Lovell, 76, at 718 E. New

Arthur Calloway, 19, of 1147 N. Illinois;

Dixie Belle Carter, 16, of 338 E. Washington.

Durrell Lockhart, 22, U. S. navy; Mary Mae Hawley, 21, of 128 S. 2d, Beech

Tom Rivers, 43, of 129 N. Delaware.

George Viers, 56, of 718 Virginia; Tamara

Pauline, 19, of 129 N. Delaware.

Robert, William Lee, 24, of 1006 Shabby.

300 School Janitors, Matrons Threaten Walkout on April 10 in Union Squabble

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and Keystone ave., to the government for conversion into 10 housing units or apartments.

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grievance appeal and setting up of a nine-hour day and a 48-hour work week.

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