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THE WOODWARD

Air Tragedy Takes 5 Lives Saturday A.M.

Army Bomber From Topeka
Crashes in Cornfield
North of Town

Five men, all of those who were aboard the bomber, were killed Saturday morning when their plane crashed about ten miles north of Woodward. The wreckage of the four motored craft was scattered over a square mile.

The crash occurred shortly after 8 o'clock just a few minutes before a heavy rain, wind, and electrical storm. The plane crashed on the O. E. Grady farm. Many farmers in the vicinity noticed the plane flying low and one witness said the plane exploded then crashed to the earth.

Another explosion apparently occurred after the plane hit the ground. A number of trees in a grove were cut off by the force of the plane when it landed. Glass from broken windows at the Grady home cut Mrs. Grady in a number of places. Half the windows in the house were shattered. Mr. and Mrs. Grady were both knocked down by the force.

It was later learned that the four-engine bomber was flying with a short crew from the army air base at Topeka, Kansas.

The dead were listed as first Lt. Melvin S. Meeker, Dallas, Ore. Second Lt. Samuel Levitt, Philadelphia; Second Lt. Matthew J. Radosevich, Balboa Island, Calif; Tech Sgt. James M. Parker, Webb, Alabama and Thomas J. Leyshon, Guilford, Pa.

The bodies of the men were horribly mutilated and scattered over a wide area.

Hundreds of people flocked to the scene of the accident. Those to arrive early saw the wreckage, but later in the day members of the Civil Air Patrol from surrounding towns were called to police the site, and crowds were not allowed within a mile of the scene.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

It is the desire of people in this community to have a supervised play ground and volunteers are needed to carry on the program. Tentative plans are that youngsters will meet each even-

DRAMA, MUSIC, COMEDY, AT SUN

"Stand By For Action" a great drama of the navy will show at the Sun Theater Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. This picture was photographed with the fleet and is highly recommended by navy officials. Robert Taylor plays the part of a Lieut. (J.G.) in the picture, a rank which he now holds with the navy in real life. Charles Laughton plays a similar role of that played in "Mutiny on the Bounty."

An all colored cast will present "Cabin in the Sky" Sunday and Monday. This was an original New York production and was the first successful all-colored picture produced on the screen. It is photographed in sepias, making the story and coloring more effective.

Ethel Waters, the great star of the stage, Lena Horne, the famous blues singer, and Rochester, of radio fame, are all starring in this fine production.

"Yankee Doodle Dandy" will show here Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, July 12, 13, and 14. This is one of Hollywood's outstanding productions of all time. It is made in technicolor, and is a full evening's entertainment. James Cagney plays the part of George M. Cohan. The picture is a story of his life and the songs he wrote. Songs featured are the ever popular "Over There", "Mary", "Give My Regards to Broadway", "Yankee Doodle Dandy", and "It's a Grand Old Flag."

Services For W. J. Smith Held Friday

Long Time Resident This
Community Dies at
Granger home.

Funeral services were conducted last Friday afternoon at Granger for W. J. Smith who died at the family home Tuesday of last week. Services were conducted by the Rev. G. H. Varco. Pall bearers were Clarence Miller, Merrill Fitzsimmons, Till Taylor, Cecil Kahler, O. Grigsby, and Stacy Murray all of Granger.

Robert Broadie sang "Jesus Saviour, Pilot Me," and "God Will Take Care of You". He was ac-



MARITIME SERVICE OFFERS OPPORTUNITY

Due to tremendously ship building in addition to increased safety of the unusual opportunities are today to patriotic Americans willing to volunteer to in a merchant marine.

The announcement was Tuesday from the maritime vice headquarters for at the Medical Arts Building, Omaha, Nebraska. The open to men between the 17½ and 50, and is the vice still accepting between 18 and 38.

Handsome pay in addition to the best of food and aboard ship are additional benefits for enrollment.

7,000 men and officers trained each month to ships being built today. This large a number, the Service has lowered their requirements to more conform with those of the navy.

Volunteers receive training, food and quarters \$50.00 per month while three month training period can choose the deck or stewards department or if they wish, may at