

## Crop-Dusters Crash Land, Held By Snow

### Three New Biplanes Are Damaged From Freak Accident

"This is one trip we should've stayed home on," drawled crashed crop-duster Bill Tucker said to a group of new-made friends from the Back Mountain. All the of the navigator's brand-new planes, which made emergency landings in Dallas Township Thursday afternoon, were damaged.

Louisiana-bound, with the next check-point Harrisburg, the lanes ran off course and out a gas, whistled inches over Shriview clotheslines, and miraculously landed, one upside down.

Blizzard conditions for several days after forced the pilots' two of the open-cockpit, 2250 pound Grumman AgCats to postpone their trip from Forty Fort airport to Lyons Flying Service, Welsh, Louisiana.

Only slightly damaged by the forced landing Thursday, although one flipped upside down, the took off next day from their makeshift landing area.

The third plane, having landed intact in a clover field on the Dorrance Reynolds farm along with the one that flipped, somersaulted on take-off Friday when a wheel locked, and smashed badly. It was disassembled the next day and trucked back to the factory in Elmira, origin of the trio.

Tucker thrilled the crowd along Route 118, just west of Whitesell Brothers Friday, by taxiing on a short distance and banking sharply almost immediately upon clearing the ground.

His audience, most of whom had just arrived from the scene in East Dallas where pilot J. C. Stanford, 29, had his spectacular accident, were anticipating possibility of more of the same.

The 39-year-old pilot, with more than twenty years experience, then joined the other salvagable craft at the airport. The latter was flown from the Reynolds farm, after its propeller was replaced, by owner Emery Lyons himself, who had come from Elmira by car.

Tucker had landed on Route 118 Thursday without serious damage, after seeing that Stanford pit down on rough ground. He did not see pilot Kenneth Kramer, 21, as he sprang ditch with his right wheel and flip his AgCat upside down.

Hotly pursuing Tucker was Stanley Gardner, Assistant Chief of Police, who followed as best he could through the Shrine Acres area. Complaints had mounted from terrified housewives who swore that airplanes were trying to crash into their homes.

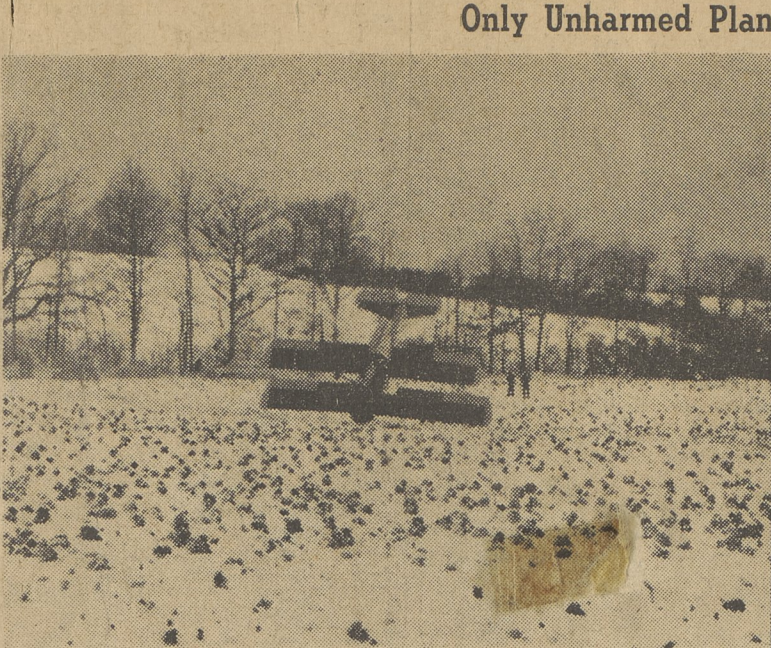
Actually, the three pilots had been buzzing Route 309 trying to land, but the traffic was too heavy. Tucker was navigating by map and ground check-points for the light planes, which carry almost no equipment for long-range flight.

He said he looked for ground-markers, but could see none, speculating that the Dallas marker was covered by snow.

Without radios and directional equipment, crop-dusting planes are helpless in poor visibility. Tucker attributed misdirection to unpredictable winds which blew the planes fifteen to eighteen miles off course in the first 60 miles.

The pilots tried to find Wyoming Valley airport, but visibility was such that it was not possible to see even Wilkes-Barre, according to this navigator.

Operations for righting the Kramer plane and plowing a runway for the two who landed in East Dallas were directed by land-owner



Although they didn't know it at the time, the three crop-dusting pilots who crash-landed their new planes out of gas in Dallas Township Thursday were lucky. The worst was yet to come.

## Crop Dusting Pilots Off Ground

Two Louisiana crop-dusting pilots took off from Wyoming Valley Municipal airport late Tuesday evening, according to the tower, after waiting out a frozen New Year which prevented their engines from working.

The new planes were salvaged from a forced landing in Dallas Township Thursday, when they ran out of gas en route from the Grumman factory in Elmira to Lyons Flying Service, Welsh, La.

One other crashed in an attempted take-off Friday from its makeshift runway on the Dorrance Reynolds farm, East Dallas.

## Postage Rates Rise January 7

The day of the four-cent stamp is on the way out. For the remainder of this week it will still carry a first-class envelope.

Monday of next week it will take a five-cent stamp for regular first class mail, an eight-cent stamp for air mail.

Four-cent stamps are still good if supplemented by a one-cent stamp. They will also come in handy for airmail, a pair of fours.

## Besecker Home

James Besecker came home four days before Christmas, after three weeks spent at Nesbitt Hospital. He is now permitted to be up for four hours a day, recovering satisfactorily from a heart attack.

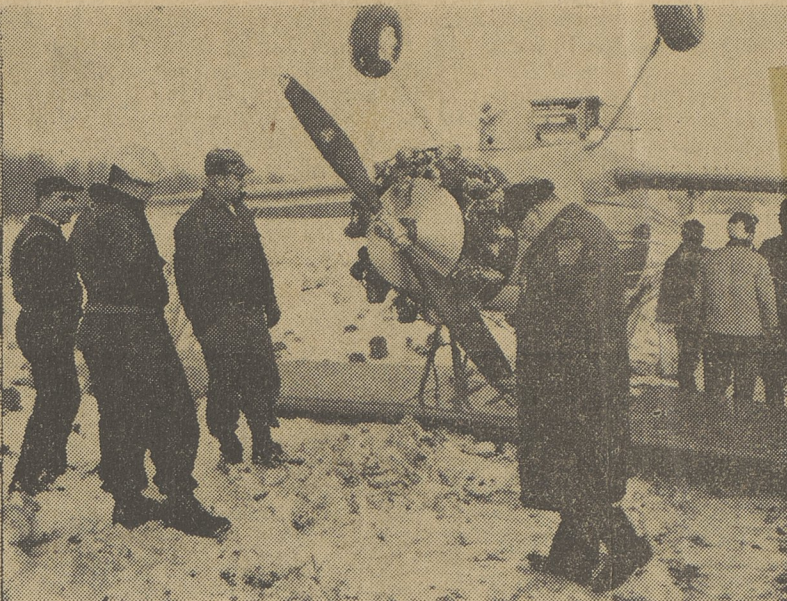
Pat Reynolds and her lessee, farmer Joe Rodriguez, with tractors. Assisting there, and also with the plane at Whitesell Brothers' were State Police Aviation Investigator Nick Pauley, Police Chief Frank Lange, and Gardiner.

Damage to the land was little, according to Rodriguez, but Stanford's plane suffered a broken crankshaft and rudder assembly, and miscellaneous damage to wings, struts, and propeller.

All pilots were held in their crafts by safety belts. Only other extra equipment carried were some spare wingtips, which regularly get knocked off during the hazardous crop-dusting.

Gas tanks have only thirty gallons capacity, in order to keep weight down, and the planes, brought on the market in 1960, can fly just a few hours between refueling.

## Only Unharmed Plane Crashes On Take-Off



Takeoff of the only undamaged plane the next day was disastrous, when a wheel locked and the craft skidded and smashed head over heels (above left).

## Hears Himself Reported Dead On Late Broadcast

Back in Lockport, N. Y., Air Force Base as good as new except for one cracked rib, Rowland R. Ritts Jr. says the report of his death on the late news Christmas Eve was greatly exaggerated. When the news flash came, the 19-year-old radar and electronics man was enjoying television at home, while his parents were at midnight Mass at Our Lady of Victory Chapel where Mrs. Ritts directs the choir.

The car which he was driving early the morning of the 24th was completely demolished when it struck a tree three miles south of Tunkhannock. State Police called Tunkhannock Community Ambulance, which took the dazed service man to Tyler Memorial Hospital for X-Rays and for suturing of scalp lacerations. In spite of hot coffee and a rest in Towanda, Ritts apparently fell asleep at the wheel.

Young Ritts is a 1962 graduate of West Side Catholic High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rowland Ritts of Oak Hill. Mrs. Ritts reports that the State Police could not have been more concerned, and that she is sold solid on the service which they rendered.

## Hillside Cow Is "Iron Grandma"

Latest entry in the super-select "iron grandma" club of the dairy world is a 14-year-old Registered Holstein cow in the herd of Hillside Farms, Inc., Trucksville. She is Hillside Princess Pathfinder 2964467 (GP) who ranks as the 179th cow to top the 100-ton mark in the official production testing programs of The Holstein-Friesian Association of America. "Princess" has averaged more than 44 lbs. of milk a day for every day, milking and dry, since her second birthday in June, 1950. Her cumulative total of 200,017 lbs. of milk and 7,177 lbs. of butterfat is more than eight times the lifetime output of the average U. S. dairy cow.

She hit her peak as a 13-year-old with 305-day totals of 23,859 lbs. of milk and 870 lbs. of butterfat.

Weighing and testing of all of her production has been supervised by Pennsylvania State University as part of the official breed improvement work of the national Holstein organization.

Disposible personal income will remain high. With increased savings deposits and little change in the cost-of-living, the public should continue to spend freely, especially if merchants maintain their advertising outlays.

Inventories will remain about the same during 1963. But government spending will increase over \$3 billion — largely on defense — and \$2 million on new roads. Whether manufacturers will hike their expenditures for new machinery in 1963 in view of the depreciation tax credit, I would not now forecast.

All this means that business and employment for your city in 1963 will depend largely upon the attitude of its leading businessmen. If they will be optimistic and spend more on new plants, advertising, and salesmanship, we should have nothing to fear.

Stocks and Bonds  
My father used to tell me, "It is okay, Roger, for you to make forecasts . . . but never put dates on them!" I forecast that the Dow-Jones Industrial Average will register lower sometime during 1963 and stocks will show an average yield of about 4%. Either dividends must be increased or prices of stocks must go lower. Both cannot continue forever so poorly adjusted.

The above comment refers primarily to industrial stocks. I forecast that both the gross and net earnings of utility cumulative preferreds have reached a point where they will closely follow interest rates as determined by the Federal Reserve Bank. The utility common stocks should slowly rise in price provided they are not unjustly limited by legislation or by state and federal regulatory commissions.

As for the railroad stocks, I generally feel bearish. A war with Cuba or a world nuclear war breaking out anywhere could cause the stocks of all our transcontinental railroads to go up sharply in price; but down they would come again. We are today in an electronic age and no longer in a railroad age.

## Spear "Moderately Optimistic" — Says Timing Vital In 1963

Babson Park, Mass. — Fast footwork will be the key to profitable stock investments in 1963, according to Spear & Staff, Inc., investment advisors. Taking only a moderately optimistic view, Roger E. Spear, president, said, in the firm's annual forecast "The process of buying good stocks is going to become a lot tougher, and profits will be anything but guaranteed. We look for a continuing news-sensitive and technically-oriented market in which the idea of buying a stock and putting it away will probably give way to the concept of accurate timing — buying sound issues on weakness and selling on rekindled enthusiasm."

Spear expects the Dow to range between 570 and 750 in '63, with 600-720 as the "inside" range to be maintained if no outright bull or bear assault occurs. Earnings of the Dow Industrials are pegged at 34 for next year in the Spear forecast, or close to '62's anticipated results. "With the market now trading in the lower portion of its expected '63 range," said Mr. Spear, "the upside potentials somewhat outweighed downside risks."

Observing that there is little evidence suggesting another economic boom in the near future, Spear had this warning for investors: "Don't tie your investment purse strings solely to words from Washington, for certain economists are apt to adjust their own economic thinking to suit political purposes. Frankly, we see little chance for renewed economic vigor in the year ahead."

Those who desire to invest in common stocks should stick to the oils, chemicals, and electronics. Even then keep in mind Newton's Law of Action and Reaction which will always determine the time to buy and sell common stocks.

Regarding bonds I am not pessimistic for 1963. Certainly, the non-taxable bonds will sell higher during 1963. Also, good short-term corporation and government bonds will be safest to hold. Long-term corporation and government bonds may sell for less sometime during 1963. Long-term bond prices vary with interest rates and the probability of inflation.

Building and Real Estate  
There may be some decline in residential building in 1963; and shopping centers in many developments may remain at a standstill for a while. However, so much money is piling up in savings banks which must be invested, it seems that by 1964 many more new homes will be built. In this connection, when purchasing a house or business property, be sure to study the land, which usually improves in price while the value of the building declines.

When constructing new frame houses, build either single homes or houses with only two apartments on the ground floor. There will be considerable new building of brick apartment houses, which should keep filled so long as they are well maintained. Old apartments and old houses will decline in price during 1963.

The less attractive outlook for home building generally does not apply to government or public buildings, or to all commercial buildings. The real estate developers, however, must spend more on advertising in 1963 to meet the growing competition.

Retail Trade  
Naturally, there will be a seasonal letdown in retail trade after Christmas and the markdowns which follow January 1. That will be the time to look for bargains. Scan the advertisements well. This especially applies to merchandise that depends more or less on style, such as dresses, coats, hats, and shoes. Buy good-quality items that can be passed down to the younger children. Over all, I expect 1963 to see a somewhat higher level of retail trade than has prevailed in 1962.

Purchases made at real markdowns could be good cause for opening a new charge account. But be very careful to buy the name for

## Schools Suffer Minor Damage

### Sub-Zero Weather Freezes Plumbing

Dallas schools, which remained closed yesterday because of minor damage suffered by plumbing over the sub-zero weekend, will open again this morning.

Lake-Lehman schools had no shut-down, though drinking fountains were frozen in some of the more exposed locations in the new high school, and minor trouble was experienced at Ross Township, where custodian John Taylor remained on duty night and day during the sub-zero emergency.

Some of the custodians in the Dallas District also remained on duty for twenty hour stretches, under direction of John Paul, maintenance man.

Yesterday, Dr. Robert A. Mellman, Mr. Paul, and architects conferred with plumbers over trouble centering about the auditorium.

Dallas Junior high school suffered similar freeze-ups. Shavertown frame elementary building was the only unit which remained unscathed.

Insulation had not been entirely completed at the new Lake-Lehman building, but damage was astonishingly light. At Ross Elementary, principal Myron Moss gave the credit for keeping the damage almost to the vanishing point, to a dedicated custodian.

Custodians all over the Back Mountain sacrificed their holiday to keep the heating plants in full enough operation to ward off catastrophe.

## Brutal Cold Sweeps Area

### Service Stations Do Landoffice Business

Brutal cold swept into the area last Sunday night on the wings of a bitter northwest wind which piled new fallen snow into drifts, immobilized cars, froze plumbing, and forced the thermometer down to sub-zero temperatures.

It was eight below at noon out on Upper Demunds Road on Monday; zero in central Dallas; fifteen below at Pikes Creek, long considered the ice-box of the Back Mountain; a similar reading out at Orange Dairy; eight below at the State Institution. And colder weather predicted for the early morning hours of the New Year.

Service stations were swamped with frantic calls. By New Year's morning the weather had moderated, and a bleak forecast of fifteen below was not realized.

Yesterday the thermometer was on the way up, and furnaces that had run constantly enjoyed a brief breathing spell.

Service stations reported that it has been years since there was so great a demand for help.

## Brings Federal Suit

A Lake Township woman is bringing suit in Federal Court, Scranton, for injuries sustained in an auto accident along Route 115 in Saylorsburg, October 28, 1961.

Commencing the action is Louise Scholl, Harveys Lake Rd 1, claiming \$25,000 damages. Defendant is Louise Wnukowski, Dunellen, N.J., operator of the car in which plaintiff was passenger.

Suit may be brought in a federal court when litigants are citizens of different states.

## Fund In Memory Of H. W. Risley

### Memorial Library Will Reap Benefit

A Memorial Fund is being started for Howard Risley, for benefit of Back Mountain Memorial Library.

The Library was Howard's continuing interest. Everything that affected the Library, affected him. Without the Dallas Post's continued support, and the unswerving loyalty of its editor, the Library could never have attained its present status.

It is fitting that the man who freely gave his property and countless hours of his time to establishing the annual Auction which in large part supports the Library, should be given a living memorial.

Many people will feel privileged to contribute. Checks should be made out to the Howard Risley Memorial Fund and sent to the Library.

It always gave Howard a tremendous thrill to see how many children used the Library.

Let the children contribute as well as the parents, so that they can feel themselves a true part of a sorrowing community. It is a heartening experience to join hands in a common grief.

Children who have dropped by for a lollipop; children who have been taken on a personally conducted tour to see the monkey; children who have had their fourth-grade poems accorded a place of honor in the Dallas Post . . . they all deserve the privilege of having a hand in the Memorial Fund.

Let them come to the Library in person with their small change. Taking part in a heartfelt expression of affection for an irreplaceable leader of the community is part of growing up.

## Faculty Team Named For Zany Ball-Game

Dallas Senior High School Faculty All-Stars have announced their winning combination team for tomorrow's basketball game with the redoubtable Harlem Satellites.

On the floor at 8 p.m. for the home team will be: Clint Brobst, Leonard Kozick, Don Fossedal, William Price, Arthur Honiz, John Cathrall, George McCutcheon, Robert Delbar, Gerald Simson, Alan Husband, William Morgan, Louis Palermo, and John Sulkoski.

Sponsored by Dallas High School Athletic Council, the game proceeds will be used for annual School Recognition Banquet in the spring, when all athletes, band and outstanding students are honored.

Tickets are on sale at many local business places, 75 cents for students and \$1.00 for adults.

## Heartless Wretch Shoots Terrier, Five Blind Puppies Freeze To Death

Claude H. Cooke, Overbrook Avenue, was shocked to come upon the body of a female terrier shot to death at Nulton Hollow, North Mountain, while out bird hunting recently with his grandson, Charles H. Cooke, Utah.

Six feet away from the mother's body lay five little black puppies, four days old.

Mr. Cooke, who raised English setters for years and has always loved dogs, says it appears that some wretch carted the animals to the spot, then killed the mother. The little pups, blindly searching for warmth and nourishment, were left

## Howard Risley Leaves Area The Last Time

### Editor Is Buried Saturday Morning At Tunkhannock

Howard West Risley, editor and publisher of the Dallas Post, who in the early morning hours of Saturday morning in the fall plot at Sunnyside Cemetery, Tunkhannock.

Rev. Russell Lawry, pastor of Dallas Methodist Church, was assisted by Rev. Charles Gilbert, conducting services held at home. Committal services at cemetery, where a bitter wind swirled the snow under the canopy and glazed the highways, were held to the minimum.

Honorary pallbearers were Fred Eek, David Schooley, Sheldon Evans, Henry Peterson, Raymond Hedden, H. W. Smith, Atty. Mitchell Jenkins, Frank Slaif, and Wilbur Fleck.

Carrying the casket were Leighton Scott, Durelle Scott, Dana Swan, Robert Bachman, Harry Smith, James Lohman, and Warren Hicks.

Incredulous friends thronged the house in the days before the funeral. People were asked not to send flowers, but people could not bear to see Howard go to his final rest without the sad tribute of flowers were there in profusion, scenting the house, blanketing the frozen ground.

It is over, and the Dallas deal an almost mortal blow to the death of this man, is pleased to carry on its responsibilities to the people of the Back Mountain.

The staff cannot pencil a date at the end of his obituary. A "third" means the end.

Howard will live in the hearts of his community, blazing the way of tolerance and understanding, a bright future for the Mountain.

## Two Cars Smash Due To Snow-Drift

In the only serious accident of the mountain over the holiday, two old cars were smashed on the Fairmont-Road road, and two teenagers received minor injuries.

Drivers were Robert Evans, Glen Lyon and Samuel Kittle, 2 Dallas RD 4. Charelyn Evans, 17 passenger in Evans' car suffered bruised knee. Marvin Kittle, 17 passenger in the Kittle car was on the forehead.

State police said both vehicles collided when both attempted to pass through the one-lane opening through the snow.

## Dallas Rotary Club Entertains Children At Party

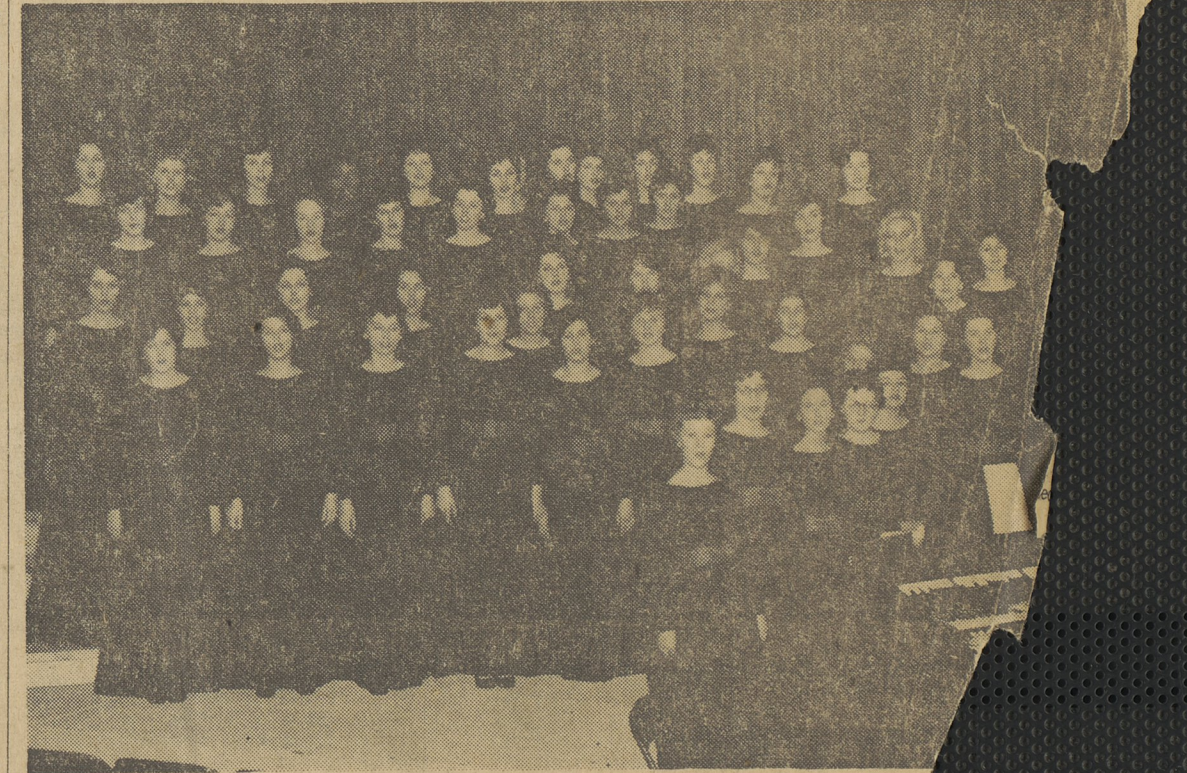


Not all of the Dallas Rotary guests are here. Cheated of their spot in the sun along their pilot, Jack Landis, and children from Lehman who did not arrive in time for the picture-taking December 15 at

parish hall. By the time there were 106 guests, all had a marvelous time. In the background, left to right are Ross Walker, Rev. Anarella, Joseph Law, An-

thony Guida, Dale Parry, Francis Ambrose, Sheldon Mosier, Wilson Garinger, Ralph Postovier, George Jacobs, Dr. Robert A. Mellman, H. R. McCartney, John Konsavage, and Joseph Sekera.

## College Misericordia Glee Club Sings Carols



Misericordia's Glee Club is seen here at the Christmas Assembly held in Walsh Auditorium. Music was the predominant expression of the students' Christmas spirit. Core of the program was the performance of Misericordia's String Quartette and Glee Club. "A Christmas Medley" was also sung by The Camilian

Trio, Carol Ann Smith, Mary Lou Petro, and Margaret Mary Balz. Miriam Howells was their accompanist. Duet Mary Petro and Virginia Menn sang "O Holy Night." Lorraine Rowe and Carolyn Ainge conducted the student accompaniment of

Ann Anton. Sister of the president of Christmas Glee Club.