

11 Killed In Midwest Air Crash

MASON CITY, Iowa, (AP) — A Braniff International Airways DC3, warned not to land here after a wild storm had temporarily knocked out power at the airport, crashed into a pasture yesterday, killing 11 of the 19 persons aboard. Eight persons were injured, two critically.

The plane, northbound from Memphis, Tenn., to Minneapolis, was only about 10 minutes out from the field, Braniff officials said, when they radioed it to hold off landing because of the storm.

The field never received an answer, airline officials reported.

The plane crashed on a farm 4 1/2 miles south of Swaledale.

Highway patrolmen reported a wire of a new high-voltage power line between Fort Dodge and Mason City had been snapped and they said they believed the plane had hit it.

Debris from the crash was spread along a line of more than 500 feet. Police said the plane apparently struck the ground, then bounced for some distance. The plane was demolished, only the tail section remaining relatively intact.

The plane's pilot, Capt. W. A. Pickering, 40, of Parkville, Mo., died at the scene of the crash. The co-pilot, W. B. Wilde, 31, of Minneapolis died a short time later at the Hampton, Iowa, hospital.

The hostess, Miss Betty Ann Trully, 23, of Kansas City and Shreveport, La., was reported in "fair" condition at Mercy Hospital in Mason City.

Among the other injured in the Mason City hospital was Mrs. Milton Schoenberg, 54, of Denver, one of two crash victims reported in critical condition. The other, hospitalized at Hampton, was Mrs. Lee Nichols of Minneapolis. Mrs. Schoenberg's husband died in the crash.

Rescue workers had to cut through the tangled wreckage with torches to free some of the groaning passengers. The workers said there were repeated cries of "Get us out! Get us out!"

After the dead and injured were removed, Iowa National Guardsmen moved in to keep spectators from the scene pending arrival of federal officials expected here today to investigate the crash.

In Dallas, Braniff officials said it was the first fatal crash of one of the line's planes since 1939.



Ronald Lowell Wins ATO '54 Undergraduate Award

Ronald J. Lowell, Klamath Falls, will go to Atlanta, Georgia in September to accept the Thomas Arkle Clark Honor Award for 1954, marking him the Alpha Tau Omega undergraduate of the year. Selection of Lowell, graduate of the University of Oregon as the fraternity's No. 1 senior of 1954, was based on his brilliant acad-

emic record, outstanding athletic ability and excellent leadership on the Oregon campus as well as within Gamma Phi Chapter.

He will be the guest of the fraternity at the Dixie Jubilee Congress. Lowell, son of Frank Lowell and Mrs. Margaret McLaughlin, Klamath Falls, has stepped up on a lot of platforms to receive a lot



RONALD J. LOWELL

Showers Cover Central States

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The high plains states had cooler weather Monday but the Rockies and most of the rest of the country was warming up again.

Widespread and locally heavy thundershowers stretched northward from Texas and Louisiana across the central states to the western Great Lakes region.

Sunday night Mason City, Iowa, scene of the plane crash which took 11 lives, had 3.77 inches of rain within less than six hours.

Except for the central belt and a few light showers in the Pacific Northwest, Louisiana and Florida, the rest of the nation had mostly fair weather.

Temperatures in the desert southwest moved up to 103 while Red Bluff in Northern California reached 100, St. Louis, Mo., 97, and Chicago 90.

of different kinds of awards. In the difficult pre-med curriculum, Lowell maintained an almost straight-A average, marred only by a couple of Bs during his four years.

He wears the keys of Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Eta Sigma.

As a freshman he won the Phi Eta Kappa Book prize. In his junior year he was awarded the Koyle cup as the outstanding scholar-activities man on the campus. During the past school year he was a member of the "Senior Six" of Phi Beta Kappa, one of the half dozen top senior schol-

ars. For four years Ron held Standard Oil scholarships. In his junior year he was chosen as the outstanding student in the state of Oregon, and represented his state at the 57th Congress of American Industry in New York. He also won the Van de Velde prize given each year to the outstanding stu-

dent in Spanish at Oregon. The \$1,000 MacKenzie scholarship was given him for his last year of pre-med work. He holds a scholarship to the University of Oregon Medical School in Portland, where he will begin work for an M.D. this fall.

Ronald played tennis for three years and captained the team in his senior year. He won membership in the Order of the "O", Oregon's lettermen's society; Druids, Junior honorary; Friars, senior honorary; and Asklepiads, pre-med society, which he served as vice president.

He was active in United Students Association, Interfraternity

Council and Religious Evaluation Week. Alpha Tau Omega (Oregon chapter) elected him as worthy master of 1953-54. Earlier he had been scholastic chairman and on various chapter committees. A suitable climax to his well-

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rounded career came to him at the end of the spring term at Oregon when he was awarded the Emerald trophy as outstanding athlete. This award was based on his achievements in athletics, scholarship, leadership and citizenship on the Oregon campus.

He will receive the Clark award from Educational Adviser F. N. (Ting) Abbot, Maine, '25. He will also receive a jeweled key, symbol of his selection as ATO's outstanding senior.

Lowell, graduate of Klamath Union High School is 21 years old.

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