



FIREMEN battle the flames that broke out amid the tangled wreckage of this T-33 jet when it exploded and burned in this vacant lot on Balsam Drive Sunday afternoon. It narrowly missed several occupied homes in the residential area, and came to rest within 20 feet of the home in the background. — Photo by M.Sgt. Charles Bennett



THIS VIEW shows the twisted, tangled, jagged wreckage that remained after the T-33 jet crashed into this vacant lot in the Stewart-Lenox area Sunday afternoon. The tail assembly is at far left. The explosion and fire did no damage to adjacent homes, but did demolish a play house and storage shed. Some of this wooden debris can be seen in the immediate foreground.



THE TAIL ASSEMBLY is about all that remained undamaged in the crash. Apparent victim of a flame out, the plane struck the rear of a garage adjacent to the H. H. McCann residence, shown at upper left, and spun into the vacant lot. The area was quickly roped off and a huge dinosaur crane later cleared up much of the jagged debris.



ALL THAT REMAINS of a skillfully designed and machined aircraft is this jumbled mess of wreckage. The only portion that resembled an airplane was the tail assembly which can be seen at far left. This T-33 jet crashed and burned in this vacant lot in the residential area of Stewart-Lenox addition Sunday afternoon.



OBSOLETELY SHAKEN by the experience was H. H. McCann, 4522 Cleveland, who watched the plane miss his home by only a few feet, smash a corner of his garage and explode and burn in his back yard. He was in the driveway of his home with his 10-year-old son and another man when the plane passed over them by only a few feet. McCann is a captain in the Stewart-Lenox Fire Department.



MUTE TESTIMONY of a disaster is this ejection seat, which is specially arranged to be blasted from the cockpit of a jet in trouble. It lies in the back yard of the Lee Klinger residence, 4147 Douglas, where the body of Major Maris J. Mason fell, his chute having failed to open in time to save his life. A.C. Donald Martin maintains a watch over the equipment.



THIS IS THE CORNER of the garage adjacent to the H. H. McCann residence where the T-33 jet first struck. It clipped the garage a glancing blow and smashed on into the rear yard where it destroyed a play house and a storage shed.



SURPRISINGLY, the heavy jet failed to dig up more than just this small groove when it crashed into a vacant lot in the middle of a residential area. Airmen from Kingsley Field and a police officer examine the gouge where the plane hit. Splintered wood from the play house and storage shed can be also seen in the foreground.