

Girl, 5, Killed When Struck By Truck In Norfolk

Elsie Ann LalPante, 5, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice LalPante of Norfolk, was instantly killed about 4 p. m. Saturday, when she was struck by a truck as she crossing the road near her home.

The child had gone from her home to a gas station across the road to purchase a bottle of pop. It was on the return trip that, according to authorities, she ran in front of a farm truck operated by Noel Revitt, who works for Henry Tye, a farmer of Route 4, Massena.

The bumper of the truck struck the child's head and she died instantly of a fractured skull. Dr. S. Pope Brown of Potsdam, St.

Lawrence county coroner, declared the death accidental following an inquest.

Elsie Ann LalPante was born in Norfolk March 29, 1940, daughter of Maurice and Mary Elsie Sykes LalPante. She is survived by her parents; two brothers, Ralph and James, and three sisters, Marjorie Bracker, Glendora Campbell and Clara LalPante.

Funeral services were held at 10 a. m. Tuesday in the Church of the Visitation, Norfolk. Burial was in Norfolk. Rev. Francis J. Connors, pastor, officiated.

Nicholville

Mrs. Sophia Stacy of St. Regis Falls, is spending a few weeks with Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Reed.

Mrs. Frances Chambers who spent the winter with her son in Pennsylvania, has returned to her home here.

WAC RECRUITING UNIT HERE ON WEDNESDAYS

A recruiter for the Women's Army Corps will visit Potsdam regularly every Wednesday, and will be available to give out information and to receive applications to the WAC at the post office from 3:30 p. m. to 4:30 p. m.

Demand for more WAC personnel is expected to be heaviest in administrative and hospital positions; but additional numbers may be required by all branches of the army.

To facilitate recruiting under these changed conditions, WAC applicants will be accepted only for general assignment.

They will receive classification tests at the training center and will then be assigned to an army post requiring that particular skill.

For further information, see the recruiter Wednesday, or write the U. S. Army Recruiting Station, 401 P. O. Bldg., Watertown.

Fine

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Kilbourn of Star Lake and Sarasota Fla., were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Green.

The W. S. C. S. met Friday with Miss Mildred Finley. Twenty-eight were served an excellent dinner.

Their next meeting June 7th will be with Mrs. George Sykes. Two new members were accepted Friday. Mrs. Ida Jones and U. S. Demmon read a message Tuesday of the death of their sister, Mrs. Rose Thompson, who died suddenly at Altmor of a heart attack. Mrs. Jones had been ill for several days and was unable to attend the burial.

The funeral of Thomas Willis was held Friday, at 2:30 p. m. at the Methodist church. Rev. Myron French officiating. Mr. Willis had been in failing health for several months, having been confined to his bed the past two months.

IN DAYS OF YORE

Turning Back the Clock

25 Years Ago

Memorial Day exercises were scheduled to be held in the Potsdam opera house. Admiral N. R. Usher, U. S. N., Ret., was to be chairman of the meeting. Speakers scheduled included Admiral Usher, Dr. S. Pope Brown, Rev. Father Booth and Dr. F. J. Fuller. The Grand Army of the Republic had charge of decorating the graves of veterans.

After a period, during which manufacturers' and retailers' prices were very high, prices began to fall in all lines as a wave of price-slashing swept the nation.

Raymond W. Lane, son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Lane of Potsdam, was cited for bravery by Major General O'Ryan for destroying a German machinegun nest on Oct. 18, 1918, on Jone de Mer Ridge. A posthumous citation for courage was made to Lawrence Perkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Almon Perkins of Potsdam, who died as a result of wounds suffered near Ronsoy, France, Sept. 28, 1918, during the battle of the Hindenberg line.

A Courier editorial urged the Legion to take over the responsibility of Memorial Day observances as the G. A. R. was no longer able to do so due to the advanced age and dwindling membership of the Grand Army.

More than 150 Marcabees from Tents in Massena, Canton, Nicholville, Parishville, Colton, Norwood and South Colton met with the Potsdam lodge in Potsdam. They were welcomed by Frank L. Cubley.

The 12th annual convention of the Jefferson-St. Lawrence Firemen's Association was scheduled to be held in Potsdam June 2, 3 and 4. A total of 2,000 firemen in 26 departments were expected to participate.

Several hundred dairy farmers met in the North Lawrence Masonic hall to plan a Dairyman's League plant in that community.

50 Years Ago

The Democratic club of Brooklyn held a banquet to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the birth of Silas Wright, St. Lawrence county native and famous statesman.

Lieut. Governor Saxton was scheduled to address the Memorial Day exercises at Potsdam. Marsh Mast, G. A. R., the Women's Relief Corps and the Sons of Veterans were in charge of arrangements.

A meeting was planned at the Baptist Church. It was called for the purpose of forming a union of the young people's church societies of Potsdam and surrounding towns.

Potsdam village was being improved by the addition of a great amount of sandstone sidewalks. Cedar street, Upper Bay and Lawrence avenue were among the streets being improved.

Hundreds of wheelman were planning to participate in the bicycle races at Potsdam on Memorial Day.

Cole's circus, from Potsdam, was touring Vermont. Gate receipts were low due to the fact that farmers were busy seeding their fields.

The Hamlin house was moved from the Clarkson School of Technology grounds to the Hurley lot nearby.

The rooms of the Potsdam club were in readiness for furnishing and J. R. Weston, treasurer, was collecting initiation fees to pay for a billiard table and a pool table, which the board of mayors had ordered.

The Odd Fellows of Winthrop, Lawrence, St. Regis Falls and Parishville turned out in a body to work all four degrees of the order on eight candidates at the new lodge in Hopkinton.

Henry Parkhill and Miss Lillian Wilber had a narrow escape from death while boating on the Raquette river at Potsdam. Their boat struck a rock near one of the bridge piers and they were thrown into the water. Both were drifting toward the dam when George Raymond and others heard their cries for help. They were hauled out a moment before they reached a current that would have carried them over the dam.

The Teachers Institute for the third commissioner district of St. Lawrence county was scheduled to be held in the Music Hall at Newford.

A note, copied from Scribner's magazine bewailed the fact that letter writing was a lost art.

Wounds Fail To Stop Klock On Okinawa

By Sergeant Harold Klessig Marine Corps Combat Correspondent

Okinawa — (Delayed) — A leg wound and the hospital corpsman who was dressing it failed to stop Marine Private First Class Donald L. Klock of Potsdam, N. Y., from firing at Japs during an ambush.

Klock received a flesh wound in his leg when the Japs opened fire on his patrol in the hills of northern Okinawa. A Navy corpsman propped him against a hillside, and as the wound was being dressed Klock continued to fire his automatic rifle at the enemy. Four of the Japs were killed by the patrol.

A few days before Klock and another Marine saw a Jap rifle protruding from a cave. Klock picked up the weapon but a Jap soldier in the cave tried to pull it back. Klock then yanked the rifle from the Jap's hand as the other Marine killed him.

Klock is the son of Mrs. Elma M. Klock of Route 3, Potsdam.

Cpl. Ludrick Now In Century Unit

With the 100th Division of Seventh Army in Germany—Cpl. Walter A. Ludrick, Jr., of Potsdam, New York, has recently been assigned to the 397th Infantry of the 100th Infantry Division and is now serving with that organization on the Seventh Army front in Southern Germany.

With his new assignment he has become a member of the famous "Century" Division, commanded by Major General Withers A. Burress of Richmond, Va.

The 100th entered combat in November and cracked the proposed German winter defensive line in the Vosges Mountains after only two weeks' front line experience. It then followed through to open up the key Saales Pass leading to the Alsatin Plain and Strasbourg.

Later, at the strongest point in the entire Maginot Line, the area around the town of Bitch, the Century Division pounded German Troops in famous Fort Schiesseck for a full week and finally captured the heavy fortification only to be forced to give them up again when the German counterattack in Belgium caused a regrouping of Allied forces.

Three months later, after the 100th had earned a special commendation from Sixth Army Group Commander, Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, for withstanding the major or hunt of the Nazi January counteroffensive on the Seventh Army front, the division again attacked Bitch and its surrounding fortifications. This time the famous fortress city fell before the smashing attack—the first time the citadel had ever been taken by an attacking force in its 200-year history.

FOUR MORE ENLIST IN THE U. S. NAVY

Four St. Lawrence county youths were sworn in the Navy during the past few days it has been announced at the Watertown Navy Recruiting Station through which they entered service. Each of the new sailors is 17 years of age.

Three are from Potsdam. They are John William Austin, 2 Waverly St.; Robert Lloyd Washburn, 87 Main St.; Andrew James Kelley Jr., 35 Chestnut St. The fourth is Leon Edward Paquette, 10 Water St., Gouverneur.

They were sworn in at Albany where they had been sent for final examinations. Enlisted as apprentice seamen, they were returned home on temporary inactive duty pending transfer to the Naval Training Center at Sampson later.

75 Years Ago

A letter in The Courier from S. B. Partridge described life in Siam, where Mr. Partridge had been living more than a year.

Penians were reported gathering arms for an attack on Canada. More than 200 Penians, all carrying pistols, passed through Potsdam on a Tuesday. The following day four more carloads passed through Potsdam, all going north.

Whooping cough cases were reported in several towns in this area.

Killed in Action



PFC. WAYNE C. CYRUS

Pfc. Wayne C. Cyrus, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Cyrus of Potsdam, was killed in action in Germany on Sept. 17, 1944, while serving with the 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, according to a war department telegram received by his mother, May 14. He had previously been listed as missing in action on that date.

Pfc. Cyrus was born in the town of Stockholm, May 20, 1924. He attended Winthrop and Brasher high school, and prior to his entering the service worked in the Massena aluminum plant. He entered service in March 22, 1943 and trained at Camp Polk, La., before going overseas in May, 1944.

Surviving besides his father and mother are eight brothers: Pvt. James Cyrus who is in training at Camp Mackall; Murl of Ogdensburg; Neil, Jr., William, Ronald, Richard, Lee and Larry; one sister, Margaret; his great grandmother, Mrs. Mary Ann Rockwood; his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cyrus, and his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Nellie Nichols.

Miss LaVigne To Join Faculty Of State College

Miss Lillian C. Patterson, teacher in the primary grades of the School of Practice of the Potsdam State Teachers College, has resigned her position, effective June 30, 1945, according to an announcement by Dr. Clarence O. Lehman, president of the college. Miss Patterson came to Potsdam last fall after having taught in the primary grades of the Rochester public schools for the past few years. Next year she plans to complete requirements for her master's degree at Ohio State University.

Dr. Lehman announced, also, that Miss Beatrice LaVigne, Potsdam, will succeed Miss Patterson as first grade teacher, effective Sept. 1, 1945. In accepting this position Miss LaVigne becomes a member of the State Teachers College faculty.

A native of Potsdam, Miss LaVigne received her early education in the Potsdam schools and in 1931 graduated from the Potsdam Normal School, now Potsdam State Teachers College. Later, in 1943, she received her bachelor's degree from that institution. Following her graduation from the three year course of study Miss LaVigne held teaching positions in Waddington, Louisville, Massena, and Potsdam, and in 1940 she was appointed as a social teacher in the first grade of the campus school of practice and she has held this position since that time. Miss LaVigne has done graduate work at St. Lawrence University and has begun study toward her master's degree at Teachers College, Columbia University.

North Lawrence

There will be no preaching service next Sunday as the pastor will attend conference.

Homer Baxter is employed by the Borman Company at Norfolk. Mrs. Howard Taylor and children are staying with her sister, Mrs. Gerald Chase while Mr. Taylor is in the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Harmer are spending some time on their farm, it being vacated by Ernest Hand who has rented the Jarvis farm. Mr. King and family who lived on the Jarvis farm have moved to Skimerville where Mr. King will work for Raymond Munson.

Bradish Cited For Pin-Point Bombing Raid

Special to the Courier and Freeman
A Ninth Air Force Bomber Base, France—Flying in a Ninth Air Force A-20 Havoc against an important enemy railroad yard at Northern Germany, Captain Ray F. Bradish, Jr., 26, of 71 N. Main St., Massena, N. Y., formerly of Potsdam, recently shared in a high commendation received by his unit for its bombing accuracy.

The key transportation center, supplying the enemy forces opposing Allied advances toward Berlin, was pulverized by "super-accurate" hits on the target by the 410th Light Bombardment Group, in which Captain Bradish is an A-20 pilot and flight leader. So outstanding were the results achieved by the 410th, that Major General Samuel E. Anderson, commanding the light and medium bomber components of the Ninth Air Force, singled out the unit with the following commendation:

"Your . . . superior strikes at Northern . . . are entirely in keeping with the reputation you are establishing as the best bombing group in the world today. I'm immensely proud of you. Keep up the good work."

Participating in missions carrying him deep into Germany, and nearly to the Czechoslovakian border, Captain Bradish has been aiding the execution of one of the prime missions of tactical air power . . . the isolation of the enemy battle-field.

A graduate of Potsdam High School and Potsdam State Teachers College, Captain Bradish entered the Army in June, 1942.

His wife, Mrs. Marion S. Bradish, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray F. Bradish, Sr., reside at the above address.

Lieut. John Smith Earns Promotion

With U. S. Army Forces in the South Pacific—John J. Smith, son of Mrs. Grace B. Smith, Potsdam, has been promoted from second lieutenant to first lieutenant while serving with an Engineer regiment in the South Pacific. Lieut. Smith is the motor transportation officer of his unit.

Before entering the Army in August, 1943, the Lieutenant majored in mechanical engineering at Clarkson College of Technology at Potsdam, where he graduated. He has been overseas since May, 1944.

As motor transportation officer, Lieut. Smith is helping to maintain the effectiveness of the drive to Tokyo by his outstanding supervision over Army mechanics.

Disease Cutting Pork Production

Chicago, Ill.—America is losing millions of pounds of pork production because of a swine disease, brucellosis, which is now killing tens of thousands of baby pigs before they are born, the swine committee of American Veterinary Medical association warned farmers today.

"This disease is spreading steadily, and swine producers should start a determined fight against it right now, as an aid toward next season's meat goals," Dr. Frank Breed, chairman of the veterinary committee said here today. "The disease, swine brucellosis, is similar to Bang's disease of cattle, which is a major problem of the dairy industry."

"It causes irregular breeding, sows to lose their pigs, and it results in tens of thousands of pigs being born dead, or too weak to survive. Infected animals act as 'carriers' and can quickly spread brucellosis to an entire drove."

"The only way to eliminate it is to have breeding stock blood-tested, as in the case of Bang's disease. Swine which react to the test should be eliminated from the herd. Farmers should also insist on tests of breeding animals which they buy from outside sources—as such animals can easily infect a clean herd. Millions more baby pigs could be added to next fall's production if we could eliminate this costly disease right now."

SURVEY COMPLETED

Mrs. Minnie Estabrook Williams, federal expert in child welfare and expert in child labor laws, recently completed a survey of Potsdam Rural School District No. 13.

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