

# CITY NATIVE'S PLANE CRASHES ON N. J. FIELD

Skill and Heroism Of Emery C. Malick, Son Of Darius Malick Of Catawissa Avenue, Prevents Real Tragedy At Camden Yesterday.—Guides Plane Into Wind To Avert Crashing Into Crowd Of Spectators.

Through the heroic and successful efforts of Emery C. Malick, former Sunbury resident and veteran airplane pilot, a tragedy was narrowly averted at the Crescent Airport in Camden yesterday when he brought his plane crashing to the ground to avert crashing into a group of parked automobiles and crowd of spectators.

Two Camden, N. J., young men, John Dziengowski 22, and Edward Dorris, 23, were painfully hurt and had to be chopped from the crumpled fuselage of the plane.

The airplane, a Waco three-seater, piloted by Mr. Malick who is known as a "crank" on air safety and who suffered the first serious air mishap in his seventeen years of aerial experience, took off from the field in fine manner. It ascended to an altitude of about two hundred feet when without warning the engine went dead—"cronked" in the slang of the air pilots.

Malick realized that if he made a forced landing from the position at which the plane was then drifting there was a grave danger of killing or maiming a score of people who were sitting in their cars and standing by them, watching the maneuvers. In an effort to avert such a catastrophe, he threw the plane into a sharp left bank to bring it around and head for the untenanted expanse of the field from which he had just taken off. Unfortunately, again in the language of the airmen, the "wind got under his tail" and the plane side-slipped to an imperfect landing, striking the ground on one wheel of its under carriage and on the left wing. The entire plane seemed to crumple

as if it had been smitten by the fist of a giant. The landing gear was smashed; the left wing crumpled into bits and was separated from the plane, the engine was cracked, and the tail and rudder wrecked.

Malick extricated himself without difficulty, and, without even glancing at the wreckage of the plane, began to rip away the tattered canvas and timber of the rear cockpits to extricate his passengers. Policemen Brickner and Schultz of the Camden police force, and three companions of the two young men in the plane, ran into the field. An axe was secured from a nearby hangar and the fuselage chopped away to release the unconscious Dziengowski and his bleeding companion.

Pilots who were witnesses of the crash declared that Malick and his two passengers could consider themselves as being very lucky that the plane did not turn over when it struck the ground. This with the fact that the fuselage did not receive the full force of the impact, it is said, saved the three men from more serious injury, and possibly death.

Malick who is 45 years of age, is the son of Darius Malick of 601 Catawissa avenue, well known local contractor. He has been engaged in flying for many years and was one of the real pioneers of the air.

It will be remembered that years ago while flying at Rolling Green Park, his big plane became entangled in wires and crashed. Malick escaped with slight injuries but the plane was wrecked.

He was reared in this city and is well known. About a year ago he visited Sunbury when his aunt died.