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### STEWART A. SLAYTON PLANE ACCIDENT VICTIM Meets Death When Plane in Which He Was Passenger Plunges to the Ground

Stewart A. Slayton met a sudden death early Wednesday evening as a result of an airplane crash at North Manlius. He, with a number of other members of Tully Hose Company, had been attending the Firemen's Convention at Minoa. Airplanes had been making flights with passengers during the day, and Mr. Slayton had taken three flights. About six o'clock the plane which was in Tully last Saturday piloted by Clarence Snyder, an acquaintance of Slayton's, arrived on the grounds and he expressed a desire for another flight, inviting Miss Muriel Nugent to accompany him. She refusing, Miss Genevieve Bullion of Minoa accepted the invitation and the plane took off immediately, watched by friends who after waving them goodbye at the flying field returned to the village for supper.

A few minutes after entering the dining room of the church, word was received that the plane was in trouble and had fallen near North Manlius. Harold Eades started at once with the Slayton car and arrived on the scene to find the plane wrecked and a tangled mass. Help had arrived from nearby. The body of Mr. Slayton had been crushed, a rib puncturing the heart, causing instant death; the pilot was unconscious from a fractured skull, the young woman was conscious and suffering from a fractured arm and leg. The pilot and Miss Bullion were taken to the hospital and Mr. Slayton's body removed to the morgue and later in the evening brought by Undertaker Baldwin to Tully.

It is believed Miss Bullion will recover. Snyder's condition is serious.

The cause of the accident is not known. Snyder's companion, watching the flight, saw something was wrong shortly after the start, suddenly the plane started a tail spin, then straightened out and plunged nose down to the earth, pinning the victims in the wreckage.

News of the accident reached Tully shortly after seven, the report at first stating that Mr. Slayton had been seriously injured, and when the report of death was later confirmed, the entire town was plunged in sorrow.

Stewart A. Slayton was born December 17, 1901, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Slayton. Mr. Slayton died January 10, this year. He had always resided in Tully and received his education in Tully High School, later taking a business course after which he was associated with his father in the produce business which he continued after his father's death. He was a member of Tully Lodge 896 F. & A. M., Washington Chapter, R. A. M., Homer; Cortland Commandery, Cortland; the Tully Citizen's Club and Tully Hose Company.

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He was a young man of genial disposition with a promising career, and his untimely death has caused sorrow among a wide circle of friends and acquaintances who will miss his cheery greetings. He is survived by his mother to whom his devotion has been a support since the death of his father.

The funeral will be held from the late home on South street at 3:00 o'clock Saturday afternoon, Rev. F. W. Betts<sup>1</sup>, D. D., officiating, assisted by Tully Lodge F. & A. M. Honorary pallbearers will be Dee W. Leahman, Ralph W. Wheeler, Dr. C. H. Fellows, Fred Strong, A. T. Smith and Dr. L. H. Wheeler. Active pallbearers: Elton J. Smith, J. Kenneth Reagan, Ellis Houck, Donald M. June, Harold Eades, Leland E. Hurlbut. Burial in the family plot, Tully Cemetery.

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