

Former Minister Here Is Fatally Injured In Accident

The following is taken from a Pennsylvania paper:

Dr. William Ridgeway, Akron deputy coroner, Thursday (March 28) issued a verdict of accidental death in the case of the Rev. Dr. Robert F. Whiston, seventy, Quarryville Pa., Pennsylvania, who was injured fatally in an auto-truck accident north of Ephrata Wednesday (March 27) night.

The Rev. Dr. Whiston's death caused when his auto collided with a tank truck on Route 222, seven miles from Ephrata, was the eighth caused by a traffic accident in Lancaster county this year. The last fatality occurred Feb. 22 when Mrs. Otilla A. Nisley, forty-two, 426 W. Walnut St., city, was killed on Route 72. At the same time last year, nine people had been killed.

According to State Police, the Rev. Dr. Whiston was driving alone from Adamstown to his home near Quarryville when his auto got off the concrete and onto the muddy berm. Police said as he tried to turn back onto the highway, he swerved too sharply and skidded into the path of the truck driven by Joseph W. Wright, twenty-two, Christiansburg, who was enroute to Reading from Gap.

The victim had spent the evening at Adamstown where he addressed the Adamstown Lions Club. The theme of his talk was "God has plans for everyone—Nothing happens by coincidence."

The minister was taken to the office of Dr. William Lober, Reams town, for emergency treatment and later conveyed to the Ephrata Community Hospital in the Ephrata Legion ambulance where he was pronounced dead on arrival. Dr. Ridgeway said death was due to

a fractured skull, fractured ribs and a fractured right leg.

Born in Canada

The Rev. Dr. Whiston was born Jan. 14, 1860 at St. John, New Brunswick, Canada, the son of the late Robert and Sarah Burgess Whiston who moved to this country when he was only an infant.

He was a graduate of the Springfield, Mass., high school and attended the Genesee Seminary, New York. He was also a graduate of Syracuse University.

At the age of twenty, he became pastor of the First Christian Church, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, which he served for two years during which time he was instrumental in building the congregation's first church. For the next four years he served as pastor of the Everett Christian Church, Boston, Mass.

During World War I, he served as a chaplain in the 82nd Division and in his lectures and speeches since then has often told of his association with the famed Sgt. Alvin York, who captured 132 Germans single-handed.

Following World War I, the Rev. Dr. Whiston toured a number of Army camps with Sgt. York when he delivered several lectures. He also shared the platform with William Jennings Bryan for six of his ten years of Chautauque work.

Mrs. Whiston, the former Ruby Wall, who he married in 1889, claims her late husband was always ready to make a speech. She stated "he loved humanity and was always ready to serve. He loved everyone the same and disliked no one."

The victim also toured the Western states as a lecturer and stopped long enough in Nebraska to build a home. However, he and his wife, his only survivor, stayed there only a short time and then moved to Texas. From there he came East and settled at the "Robert Fulton teahouse" which he has owned and operated for the past 18 years.

Last year the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Whiston celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, and since then had been making plans to return to Charlottetown to participate in the rededication of the minister's first church on its 50th anniversary.

Funeral services will be held on Monday at 2:30 p.m. from the Reynolds Funeral Home, Quarryville, with the Rev. Dr. John McComb, pastor of the Broadway Presbyterian Church, New York City, in charge. The Rev. Dr. Whiston substituted in the pulpit for the Rev. Dr. McComb during his vacation.

Dr. Whiston also, was prominent in Quarryville affairs, having been a member of the Citizens' Committee which sponsors Boy Scout Troop 40. He also assisted the Quarryville American Legion in conducting military funerals held for returned World War II dead.

U. S. To Abandon Aleutian Air Bases

OTTAWA, March 28 — (CP) — Transport Minister Chevrier today in the Commons disclosed that the United States air force is abandoning its Aleutian Island bases and this will mean that Canadian Pacific Air Lines will have to find an alternative route to the Orient.

The suggestion has been made that the Canadian air-line switch its route to the Orient from the Aleutians to Honolulu and the United States appears willing to allow Canadian Pacific to use that alternative route, Mr. Chevrier said.

He added that apparently the U.S. feels that it no longer has any need to maintain the Aleutian bases, a focal point in the Allied war against Japan during the Second World War.

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Commons railway committee that an investigation into that accident in which seven persons were injured showed that the engineer of the east-bound Scotian had run through red stop signals.

The number of crew members involved was not disclosed, but a normal crew consists of four men — engineer, fireman, conductor and brakeman.

The conductor has not been dealt with. He suffered a heart attack after the crash and will be questioned when he returns to duty. The Scotian, bound from Montreal for Halifax, crashed into the

west-bound Maritime Express during a snowstorm.

NEW JOE FALOOKA FILM SET TO OPEN AT LOCAL THEATRE

Suspense-packed drama aboard a South American-bound liner is stressed in Monogram's "Joe Falooka in The Counterpunch," now playing at the Capitol Theatre.

This new production, starring Leon Errol and presenting Joe Kirkwood in the title role, deals with the attempts of racketeers to smuggle counterfeit \$20 currency plates into one of the Latin American countries.

Aboard the same ship with the thugs are Errol, Kirkwood and the latter's sweetheart, played by Elyse Knox; and for a while the odds seem well stacked against this trio by Sheila Ryan, Marcel Journet and Harry Lewis, intent upon getting the counterfeit plates to their destination.

HOSPITAL EXPANDS

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