## Midland Daily News Midland Michigan, Worlds Greatest Chemical Center Thursday, March 31, 1949 Extra Edition

# Headlines Dr Willard H Dow, Four Others Meet Fiery Death in Ont. Crash Calvin A Campbell blames wreck to Ice on Plane Wings

London, Ont. Dr Willard H Dow, 52 year old of Dow Chemical Company, his wife, and three other persons were killed today when their plane crashed and burned three miles east of the London airport.

The victims were Dr and Mrs Dow, Mrs Calvin Campbell, 45, wife of the company's general counsel who escaped with injuries, and company pilots Frederick C Clement, and Arthur J. Bowie, 38, all of Midland, Mich.

Campbell, 46, staggered from an emergency door of the plane as the craft crashed and burst into flames. The control tower at London airport had been in constant contact up to the time of the accident and aid was sent immediately.

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Campbell said ice on the wings apparently caused the crash.

They were traveling in the company owned plane.

At the time of the crash, London airport's control tower reported, the ceiling was 800 feet and a light rain was falling. Visibility was about four miles. The plane had circled east of the airport which is about two miles from here.

Bodies of the victims were badly burned, according to police dispatcher Harry Gilchrist. They were removed to Funeral homes in London to await word from relatives.

The two motored plane crashed on the farm of William J Carpenter. Carpenter, his son grant and Ernie Dobinson were in one of the farm buildings when they heard the plane's roaring motors and then a loud explosion as it hit. Carpenter said the plane, flying west at the time, struck the ground tail first and crashed headlong into a 30 foot knoll before bouncing along the ground. The ship caught fire immediately, Carpenter said.

The impact when the plane struck the knoll knocked the motors loose and they rolled down the slope. Authorities believed the plane was traveling more than 100 miles per hour when it struck....because of the direction in which the plane was flying when it crashed, it was believed the pilots had encountered bad weather east of London, Ont and were attempting a forced landing.

Pilot of the plane was Arthur J Bowie who resided at 3812 Concord St. He was born Sept 3, 1910 in Newport Ark, and is married to Olive Lorraine.

Frederick C Clement of 3818 Concord St was mechanic on the ill fated plane.

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#### Newport Daily Independent, Newport Arkansas, Thursday Mar. 31, 1949

### front page-7 column wide headline: 'BUDDY' BOWIE DIES IN CRASH

#### two column wide secondary header: President of Dow Chemical Co. Also Killed in Canada

Newport relatives were advised this afternoon that Arthur (Buddy) Bowie, 38-year-old pilot for the Dow Chemical Company, a Multi-million dollar company of Midland, Mich., was killed in a plane crash near London, Ontario, Canada, this morning.

According to the United Press, six persons were aboard the plane and five were killed. Those other than Mr. Bowie were:

Dr Willard Dow, president of the chemical company.

Mrs. Dow

Mrs Calvin Campbell.

Fred Clements, pilot for the company.

The sixth person in the plane, Calvin Campbell, general counsel for the Dow Chemical Co., was injured in the crash. The plance, owned by the chemical company, took off this morning from Midland for Buffalo, NY, flying over Ontario.

It crashed three miles east of the London Airport and burst into flames. The airport reports that the ceiling was 800 feet with visibility only four miles. Campbell said ice on the wings apparently caused the crash.

Mr. Bowie was the son of Mrs A. Bowie and the late Mr. Bowie of Newport. He was born here Sept 3, 1910, and was a member of the Methodist Church. He had been with the Dow Chemical Company for nearly two years and had been connected with aviation shince 1929. During the war he served as instructor and test pilot for the Army and the Ferry Comand.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Olive Smith Bowie of Midland, Mich. and three sons, Arthur James Bowie Jr. of Augusta, and Bruce and Mike Bowie of the home; his mother Mrs. A Bowie of Newport; three brothers, Billy Bowie of Augusta, Bobby Bowie of Arkansas State College, Jonesboro, and Maz Bowie of Teachers College, Conway, and one sister, Mrs John Mulholland of St Louis and a number of uncles and aunts.

Funeral arrangements were incomplete at press time.