

## Harry Sievers Escapes in Airplane Crash and Saves His Mail Cargo

Friends of Harry A. Sievers, air mail pilot and former Highland Park resident, were gratified to learn that he escaped without serious injury Sunday when his plane crashed near Warren, Ohio. This is the second time Harry has been in a serious airplane accident. On a former occasion while carrying the mail he was forced to leap with the mail and trust to his parachute, which landed him safely, although his plane was wrecked. The parachute leap automatically made him a member of the Caterpillar club, composed of aviators who have made forced parachute leaps. The story of his crash last Sunday appeared as follows in an Associated Press dispatch from Warren, Ohio, to the Chicago Tribune:

"Harry A. Sievers, air mail pilot on the Pittsburgh-Cleveland run, crashed near here today on his last trip with the mails. He escaped alive after a desperate struggle, as ice forming on the wings of his ship forced the craft earthward in a tight spiral.

"Sievers jumped as the ship plunged down, but was knocked unconscious when he struck the ground. His only injury was a slight cut over one eye. The ship was wrecked but the mail bags were not lost.

"The pilot had announced his resignation as an air mail pilot on Saturday to become sales promotion manager for the aviation division of the Standard Oil company of Cleveland. Weather reports indicated "all clear" as he left Cleveland early this morning on his last trip, but after passing an emergency landing field at Parkman, Ohio, he ran into a snowstorm.

"He ducked and dodged, he said afterwards, attempting to get out of the storm. Then, at an altitude of 2,000 feet, the ship went out of control, and spun to earth."

## How State Is Paying Off Road Bond Issues

This year Illinois will retire \$8,058,-\$55.87 in principal and interest of the outstanding road bonds in the \$60,000,000 issue, according to a report made to Gov. Louis L. Emerson today by Director H. H. Cleveland of the department of public works and buildings, and Chief Highway Engineer Frank T. Sheets.

To date, the state has retired \$8,-000,000 of the \$60,000,000 issue. It will begin retiring the principal and interest of the \$100,000,000 road bond issue in 1932.

From 1932 to 1944, inclusive, the principal and interest payments on the two bond issues will be met simultaneously. The payment in 1944 will retire the last of the bonds in the \$60,000,000 issue, while the final payment on the \$100,000,000 issue probably will be made in 1959 or 1960.

Field Museum of Natural History has received a gift from Frank Vondrasek of Cicero, Ill., of 90 specimens of gems, minerals and North American Indian artifacts.

The successful businessman, rehabilitating a run down business is one who can bring orders out of chaos.—Farm & Fireside.

# An Open Letter To Overseer Voliva Of Zion

March 31, 1930

Mr. Wilbur Glenn Voliva  
Zion, Illinois

My dear Mr. Voliva,

I understand that over the radio yesterday, you announced among others, that you and your followers were supporting Elmer Green for Sheriff of Lake County, and have instructed your followers to cast their vote at the primaries, to be held on April 8th, 1930, for Mr. Elmer Green.

First: I want to go on record with you, Mr. Voliva, and your followers, by stating that I am not in politics, I do not seek any office, never have, and never will.

Second: My interest in this campaign, is concentrated upon County affairs, as I am personally interested and have charge of real estate in this county, involving millions of dollars.

Conditions confronting Lake County are very serious, and I am quite sure that a man of your standing, to come out as you have, and indorse Mr. Green, which you have a right to, but under the circumstances, I am quite sure, you have personally failed to give this matter your most careful consideration, by investigating the records and character and past performance of the various candidates, for should you have made a personal investigation, you certainly could not have indorsed Mr. Green as you have done, keeping in mind that you have the interests of all of the citizens of Lake County at heart, in so far as law and order and ability is concerned for the benefit and good for the entire community.

You have ample time to make an investigation and if it is your intention of doing what is best, not only for your own community, but for the entire community, you can correct, what I consider a very big mistake, and set the people in Lake County right, by using your radio and go over the record and character of each of the candidates, and allow the community to use their own judgment, as to which of these candidates are best qualified and suited for the position of Sheriff of Lake County.

Your personal standing, and your honorable followers, in my opinion, are such that you cannot lend yourself to any person who does not measure up to the qualifications of the office of Sheriff, and whose past record is subject to severe criticism, and then expect to hold the high opinion of the entire community for you and your followers, that you have enjoyed in the past.

If you are too busy to make the investigation of the various candidates, I will gladly furnish you, under oath, the results of my investigation, and if you do not find the results of such an investigation will prove to you that the only candidate who is qualified for the position of Sheriff, and the only candidate whose past record is immune from any criticism, and the only candidate who is absolutely independent, free from any promises, or affiliations with any clique, or political organizations, and who has never done anything in any way, manner, shape or form, that was unbecoming an act of a gentleman, who is no other than Lester T. Tiffany, I will be glad indeed to donate one thousand dollars to any charitable institution that you might name.

As above stated, you have time to make this investigation, and you have the right to cast your vote for Mr. Green, personally, but I do take the liberty to challenge your right, on account of the position you hold, and the confidence your followers have in you, to come out in the open way that you have, to indorse Mr. Green, or any other candidate, without giving your followers the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, as to the record, and the ability, and qualifications of each and every one of the candidates, which in my opinion is the only honorable and truthful way for you or any other person in your same position to do and expect the community at large, to believe in and respect you.

I am quite sure, with the ample time you have before you, as an honest and honorable man, you will only be too glad to give this matter further consideration, and not allow your personal, or if I may say, your selfish reason to withhold the truth from your devoted followists, and most honorable community, who look to you for the truth and the facts, for it is my opinion, in your indorsement of Mr. Green, you have not taken into consideration the welfare of law and order, qualifications, of the other candidates which is to the benefit of, not only to you and your followers, but to every honorable and honest citizen of Lake County. An investigation will prove beyond a doubt that the above statement will convince you that the one candidate who is immune from criticism, and whose past record and qualifications will bring about the overwhelming indorsement and election of Lester T. Tiffany. I stand ready, if you so desire, to discuss this matter in person or in an open debate, at any hour, any time, or any place you may select.

Kindly read the copies of a letter sent out by a few of the most honorable citizens in Lake Forest, to their personal friends, as well as a copy of a letter I sent out to my personal friends, and all I ask that the Good Lord will guide you in your judgment for the benefit of your community and the community at large, and let your conscience be your guide.

I beg to remain, your Honorable Sir, your most humble servant, for peace, law, order and truth.

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