

# Maurice Graham Plane Found On Cedar Mountain

## Shepherders Stumbled on Machine While Guarding Flock

### Parachute Found on Motor of Wrecked Plane --Graham Probably Alive When He Landed.

### Probable that Maurice Could not Wander far From his Plane due to Raging Blizzard on at the Time

### Search for Body of Pilot now on---Evidently will be Found not far Distant From Wrecked Machine.

mail plane, that was lost last January 10, when Maurice (Maurice) Graham, crack Western Air Express pilot left Las Vegas, Nevada, enroute to Salt Lake City in a blinding snow storm.

Ward Orton and Ward Mortensen, both of Parowan, who have been guarding sheep in Kanarra mountains for Harman Bayles of Parowan arrived in Cedar about 5 o'clock p. m. yesterday bringing a parachute, with Maurice Graham written on it in red ink. Orton told the story that it was found by a wrecked plane, which was smashed up but not burned.

Apparently the pilot landed without serious injury to himself and left, because no sign of the body was found. As will be remembered a terrific blizzard was blowing in this locality the night the pilot was lost and it seems certain that he could not have traveled far in that storm regardless of his condition. There may have been from six to eight feet of snow lying on the ground, and coupled with the storm would make his efforts at traveling almost futile.

Immediately after the boys arrived Sheriff J. Mortenson left to lead Sheriff J. Mortenson, County Attorney Reuben J. Stacey and others to the mountain with the idea of guarding it against any intrusion until morning. A search was started in an effort to locate the body.

Master H. H. Lunt was given information and immediately advised Western Air Express officials by word of the find. Within half an

hour, appearing to have been laid there after the plane had landed, indicating that the pilot had stayed with his ship until it crashed.

It has seemed apparent to local observers of the activities of the flyer on the night he was lost that he must be in this neighborhood, but officials have insisted that the only tangible clues available proved that he was in Nevada some where in the vicinity of Pioche and the Bristol mine. Even after flares, identified as the type Graham was carrying, were found near the head of Zion Canyon, the search has been centered in Nevada.

Clarence Lamoreaux and Orin Adams brought the flares to town some three weeks ago and Western Air officials were notified, but they apparently thought he had flown to Nevada after having dropped the flares, if it was him that dropped them. With the finding of the plane it seems certain that it crashed very soon after the flares had been thrown out, as ten to twelve miles would cover the distance between the two.

Men are on the ground this morning and it is expected hourly that word of finding of the body will be received.

Planes arrived during the night from both California and Salt Lake City, bringing men to take charge of the plane, its contents and to handle the search for the missing flyer.

hour of the time the message was received, Pilot Jimmy James, pal of Maurice Graham was flying toward Cedar with Western Air officials and to take charge of the plane and identify it as that of the lost pilot if possible. No official identification has been made but the parachute bearing Graham's name removes doubt from the minds of those that saw it.

The parachute was found laying on top of the motor and had not been