

TO ATTEND FUNERAL FOR WILLIAM IVES

Decatur Teacher, Student To Attend

A teacher and a student from Decatur junior-senior high school left this afternoon for Wapello, Ill., to attend funeral services on Wednesday for Cadet William T. Ives as representatives of the local school. Sigurd Anderson of the school faculty, a personal friend of the former Decatur school teacher, and John Spahr, school senior and a member of the athletic teams which played under Ives as assistant coach, are the representatives. Cadet Ives died Saturday in a two-plane crash near Frederick, Okla., where he was taking advanced instructions as a pilot in the U. S. army air forces. The crash victim, a native of Wapello, taught and coached at the local school during the 1940-41, 1941-42 and part of the 1942-43 school terms before entering the service as an aviation cadet in January. No further details have been learned of the accident. It is known only that Cadets Ives and Keith James of Fort Wayne died after their plane collided with another in mid-air. Both were to receive wings and commissions in about six weeks. Definite time of the funeral is not known here.

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Burial: Memorial Park Cemetery, Clinton, DeWitt County, Illinois, USA

WM. IVES KILLED IN ARMY PLANE CRASH

Former Decatur H. S. Teacher and Assistant Coach Died in Training

Funeral services were held this afternoon at Wapello, Illinois, for William T. Ives, 24, former vocational and agriculture teacher and assistant basketball coach at the Decatur junior-senior high school, who was killed in a mid-air collision between two training planes from the Frederick, Oklahoma, near the airfield there. Cadet Ives was well known to a number of local people.

The plane in which Cadet Ives was killed was piloted by Keith James, 22, of Fort Wayne, who also was killed. Occupants of the other plane involved in the crash, escaped death and managed to land their plane.

Ives, a graduate of Illinois university, joined the Decatur faculty in the fall of 1940, teaching in the Decatur schools until he entered the army air force January 9 of this year. He was scheduled to receive his wings within a few weeks.

He taught vocational agriculture, which had been added to the school curriculum, and to assist in coaching football and basketball under Hugh Andrews, athletic director.

He also served as a seed inspector for the state agriculture department during the last few months he was in the county.

He is survived by his wife; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joy Ives of Wapello, and a brother, Paul Ives, stationed at an army air base in Michigan.

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