

# FILLING STATION OWNER DIES AS CRAFT PLUNGES

Nick Silva Dead and Brother, Jesus Silva,  
Licensed Pilot, Dying After Crackup  
At Municipal Landing Field

Nick Silva, operator of a filling station on Dyer St., was killed instantly and his brother, Jesus Silva, licensed pilot, is near death at William Beaumont General hospital after Pilot Silva's Curtis Junior pusher plane crashed in front of the main hangar at municipal airport this afternoon.

Hospital attendants said Pilot Silva is not expected to live.

Arthur E. Johnson, airport manager, witnessed the crash in which the small open plane soared 700 feet above the airport.

attempted too steep a turn and crashed in a power spin.

The plane fell upon the fuel tanks directly in front of the airport.

The craft did not catch fire.

The crash was the first at the airport.

Pilot Silva has two years flying experience and is a licensed pilot.

Nick Silva had gone up for a pleasure ride, the guest of his brother. He was killed outright.

About 15 persons witnessed the accident.

A Hartford ambulance answered the call, rushing the injured man to William Beaumont hospital.

# 2000 AT FUNERAL OF FLIER BROTHERS

## Nick and Jesus Silva Buried In Evergreen

The memory of her sons' deaths in a plane crash at municipal airport Tuesday today almost caused Mrs. Jose Silva to order cancellation of an aerial escort for the coffins of Nick and Jesus Silva to Evergreen cemetery.

After entreaties, she consented today to permit one, instead of three planes, to drop flowers upon the sons' graves.

About 2000 persons attended funeral services at Guardian Angel church this morning.

At the sound of the motor of the plane piloted by A. E. Johnson and Jack Weller, the mother of the two dead fliers collapsed near the grave.

Friends placed a propeller decorated with flowers upon the graves. The propeller struck Jesus Silva on the leg last July 4 when he was cranking a plane at municipal airport.

"When I die," he told friends after the accident, "I want that propeller placed on my grave."

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