

Priest Injured as Plane Crashes on Crystal Lake

DRY MILLS—A Roman Catholic priest and his companion were injured Wednesday morning when a pontoon-equipped light airplane, operated by the priest, crashed on Crystal Lake, facing Camp Gregory. The plane was demolished.

Rev. Thomas M. Lee, 26, a native of Portland and now serving at St. Martin of Tours parish, Millinocket, and Stanley Sanborn, Portland, were taken to Mercy Hospital, Portland.

Dr. Leo McDermott reported the priest suffered a head cut. Sanborn was knocked unconscious and received numerous bruises.

Father Lee, an airplane en-

thusiast, has been vacationing at Camp Gregory, a boys' camp operated by the diocese of Maine, making flights from the lake surface, thus delighting the boys.

According to witnesses, the plane had taken off, circled and then came in for a landing. There was no wind, a factor necessary for the operation of seaplanes. As the light craft touched the water, it crumpled and crashed.

The men were removed from the wreckage and driven by automobile to the Portland hospital. The plane was towed to the public beach on the North Raymond road, awaiting arrival of the State Aeronautics Commission.