

## Berne Youth Hurt In Auto Accident

### Four Accidents In City And County

The sheriff's department investigated one personal injury accident and the city police covered three property damage accidents Monday, as icy city streets and county roads continued to raise the accident rate.

John Harvey Augsburger, 19, Berne, was taken to the Adams county memorial hospital suffering from fractured ribs and lacerations to his right arm following an accident on state road 118 Monday at 4:20 a.m. Augsburger told the investigating officer that he was attempting to pass a gravel truck and his rear wheels evidently slipped off the road, causing the car to spin out of control. The vehicle slid 43 feet into a tree, causing an estimated \$2,500 damage to the car.

A car, driven by Kenneth W. Nash, 25, Decatur, struck a light post at the intersection of Fifth and Park streets Monday at 9:50 a.m. as Nash tried to avoid a collision with a truck, operated by Chester L. Howard, 64, of Decatur. The Nash vehicle, pulling to the right to avoid the truck, hit a street drain, which threw the car up over the curb into the post. There was no collision between the two vehicles. Damage was estimated at \$100 to the Nash.

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car and \$20 to the lamp post. Erice D. Roop, 52, Decatur, and Franklin Otis Baker, 72, Decatur, were involved in a collision as the Baker car slid through an intersection and struck the Roop vehicle. The accident occurred at 9:50 a.m. Monday at the intersection of Fifth street and Nutman avenue. Damage was estimated at \$40 to the Roop car and \$5 to the Baker vehicle.

A truck operated by Thomas Woodrow Kizer, 39, of route 4, Fort Wayne, was struck by a car, driven by Rufus Samuel Roop, 62, Decatur, at the intersection of Marshall and 10th streets at 11:10 a.m. Monday.

The Roop vehicle slid through the intersection, striking the truck, causing \$200 damage to the Roop car. The truck was undamaged.

Ernest P. Atkinson, route 2, Decatur, reported to the police that a home-made trailer gate bearing license tag 22177 A, was missing from his trailer. He told the police that the trailer had not been used over the weekend and that the gate was probably lost but may have been stolen.

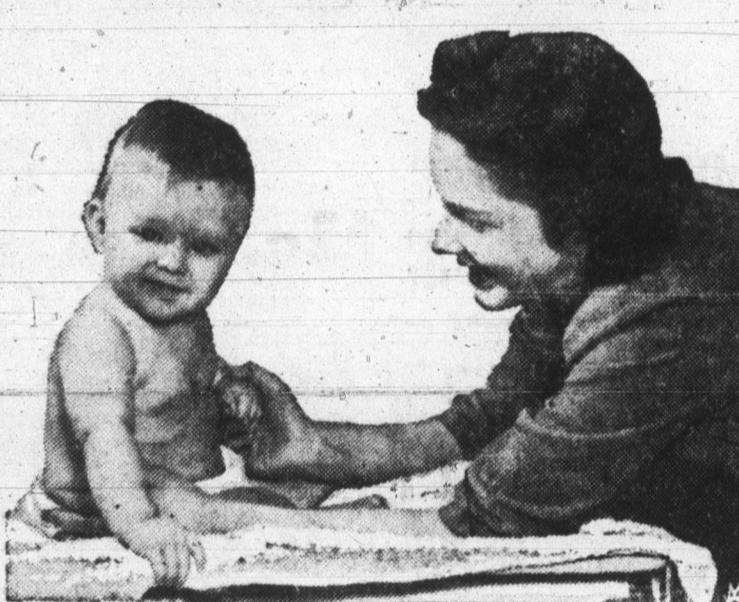
### Escape Injury In Automobile Accident

A car driven by Gordon M. Augsburger, of Berne, slid into a deep ditch three miles north of that city Friday afternoon during a snowstorm.

Augsburger was not injured and the car was undamaged. It was pulled out of the ditch, which flows into Blue Creek, by a wrecker. The car first struck a guard rail after skidding on the icy pavement, then went down the embankment rear end first.

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### Another Report Of Beast At Boonville Beast Is Reported In Warrick County

BOONVILLE (UP)—Another report of a "cat-like beast" sent a posse into the underbrush of Warrick County Monday.

Rainey Lemmons, 24, Evansville newspaper routeman, said he saw a "brown cat, three feet long with a two-foot tail" early Sunday morning lying in the road 3 1/2 miles north of Stevenson Station.

Lemmons said he fired a pistol at the "cat" and it jumped over a fence into a cornfield.

The report prompted state conservation officer Paul Sanders,

Vanderburgh County Conservation officer Ralph Hirsch and Warrick County Sheriff Robert E. Shelton to lead a second posse into the hills.

They searched for four hours with the help of hounds trained to track down such an animal. A posse Saturday turned up nothing.

Officers said Monday they found "large paw prints." Authorities found paw prints at the scene of an earlier "sighting"—but these were "larger."

Officers said it indicated there was "more than one cat in the vicinity."

The other "beast" had been described as a "black panther."

The animals are blamed for losses of livestock in the area.

Last fall "cougars" were reported seen several times south of Washington. Then two losses of hogs and sheep were reported.

### Three Hoosiers Die As Home Destroyed

#### Mother Dies Trying To Reach Children

ENGLISH (UP)—Mrs. Mildred Onstott, 34, and two of her seven children burned to death Monday when their home at Pilot Knob was swept by flames.

Four-year-old Ella Marie and 9-year-old Ann Frances perished in the flames and Mrs. Onstott sacrificed her life in a futile effort to save them.

Clive Onstott, 38, father of the children, said he was chopping wood in a shed when he heard his wife scream. He said he looked out just in time to see the house roof cave in.

Five other children escaped, and some of them were burned seriously. Jewell, 15, climbed out a window with her clothing afire. James, 10, and Everett, 5, were taken to a Corydon hospital. Betty, 14, climbed out a window unhurt.

Authorities said the children said Mrs. Onstott got out of the house but rushed back in to try to save the children.

#### Railroads Postpone

#### Freight Increases

#### Two-Week Delay In Effective Date

WASHINGTON (UP)—The nation's major railroads today postponed the effective date of their proposed freight rate increases from Feb. 1 to Feb. 15.

Edward Kaier, chief counsel for all the railroads, said the postponement was made at the request of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The commission sought the postponement in view of the number of shippers and interested parties who have requested time to appear during oral arguments on the rate hikes.

Oral arguments begin Wednesday before the commission decides whether to suspend the proposals or let them become effective. More than 80 requests have been made to the commission for arguments.

The railroads have proposed freight rate boosts ranging from 2 to 5 per cent. Shippers have filed hundreds of protests against the proposed new rates.

#### Reported Improving From Accident Hurts

Mr. and Mrs. Guy C. Latchaw, of Evanston, Ill., brother-in-law and sister of Mrs. Dan H. Tyndall of Decatur, are reported improved following injuries in an accident while on their way to Decatur Friday. They were involved in a two-car crash three miles west of Fort Wayne on U.S. highway 30. Both were taken to the Parkview memorial hospital where Mrs. Latchaw was treated for an injured shoulder and facial cuts, and released.

Mr. Latchaw, 78, remains in the Parkview hospital, where he is undergoing treatment for a badly injured right leg, cracked ribs, and facial cuts. Mrs. Latchaw, the former Lillian Egly of Berne, is staying in Decatur with her sister, Mrs. Tyndall.

Oregon adopted a constitutional amendment June 2, 1902, providing for the initiative and referendum and thus set a pattern for similar laws in other states.

### Baghdad Pact Nations Adopt Defense Plans

#### NATO-Type Concept Of Defense Adopted By Baghdad Nations

ANKARA, Turkey (UP)—The military committee of the Baghdad Pact nations has adopted a NATO-type concept of defense bolstered by U.S. promises of military aid, American sources said today.

The military committee was making its formal report to a meeting of the ministers of the five member nations and to Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, sitting in on the crucial meeting as an official observer.

The American sources said the military committee had adopted the NATO concept that a Communist attack on one member would be considered an attack on all, even though the pledge is not specifically written into the pact.

And although the United States refuses to join the Baghdad Pact, Dulles' promise of "mobile" military support greatly strengthened its position. The members of the pact are Britain, Iran, Iraq, Turkey and Pakistan.

While the pact was meeting in Ankara's new parliament building, the Turkish minister of interior formally accused Communist elements of being responsible for the bombing of U.S. Embassy property Sunday night.

The ministry issued a communiqué shortly after police sources said 20 persons had been rounded up for questioning—two Lebanese, an Egyptian, a Yugoslav, five refugees of undetermined origin, and 11 Turks.

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