

Another Tragic Death

In the early 1500's, Martha "Mother" Shipton, the prophet, wrote,

"Carriages without horses shall go,
And accidents fill the world with woe."

Decatur has found this increasingly true. For the third straight week a tragic death has marred the weekend vacation. Others have been maimed and injured.

It is too late to correct these accidents. All of our sympathy goes to the bereaved families. Everyone in the area has been saddened by the loss of life and maiming resulting from these vehicle crashes.

While it is too late to bring back the lives of those already departed, and soothe the grief, worry, sorrow, and heartsickness of those involved, it may not be too late to prevent a fatal "accident" next week.

Notice that we wrote "accident". That is what parents, families, and newspapers call them. It is not what the courts or the insurance companies call them. Tragic as they are, the real tragedy is that almost every traffic death could easily have been prevented. It is the needlessness that is the real tragedy.

Most accidents result from some combination of the big three — speed, drinking, and late hours. The inexperienced driver, the boy between 16 and 25 years of age, is most likely to be involved. This is not a guess — insurance figures, covering accidents in every state, show it unmistakably.

If you ask the average "boy" in the 16-25 year age group if his sister or girl friend is a good driver, he would reply something like, "Gosh, no, she's terrible. She isn't nearly as good a driver as I am — she can't this, do that, etc."

That's very true. A girl between 16 and 25 years of age doesn't squeal the tires making a turn, doesn't "stop on a dime", doesn't "out drag" all the speedsters, or drive late at night, all over the county. She just drives safely, not killing her friends who are riding with her.

It's interesting to note that insurance companies "bet" against the boy every time. In Indiana during the nine years between 16 and 25 a boy pays, for just public liability and property damage coverage, \$773.64; his girl friend who "can't drive" pays, during the same period, \$219.60. That's \$554.04 less.

When young men begin to realize that they waste more than half a grand just showing off, killing themselves and their friends by driving in a reckless manner, they will start saving some of that \$554.04, as well as a lot of personal grief, or grief to their friends and relatives.

Let's discuss, the rest of this week, some of the things that we as adults can do to help reduce this useless slaughter of the youth of this country on the highway. If you have some ideas, why not write them in a letter to the editor?



MAKING FRIENDS—Decked out in a miner's outfit, U.S. Vice President Richard M. Nixon visits a mine at Degtyarsk, Siberia. In the meantime Mrs. Nixon is entertained by a miner, Anatoli Kalaygin and his wife. At top, right, U.S. Secretary of Defense Neil H. McElroy is shown as he made a tour of the Soviet Exhibition at the Coliseum in New York. He is looking inside a model of the Soviet atomic icebreaker Lenin. He said

where the Vice President delivered a radio and TV address that climaxed the ten-day tour of the Soviet Union. At bottom, right, U.S. Secretary of Defense Neil H. McElroy is shown as he made a tour of the Soviet Exhibition at the Coliseum in New York. He is looking inside a model of the Soviet atomic icebreaker Lenin. He said

20 Years Ago
Today

Aug. 3, 1939—Miss Amelia F. Niblick, 76, member of a pioneer Decatur family, died at the Adams county memorial hospital following a long illness.

A float of the Equity Dairy store was badly damaged by fire soon after the conclusion of the float parade at the Decatur street fair.

Sen. Robert A. Taft, (R., Ohio.) is the first to formally announce his candidacy for the Republican nomination for president.

The Adams county council has approved additional appropriations of \$12,916.50.

COURT NEWS

Complaint Case
In the Universal C. I. T. Credit

Co. vs Richard K. Eller, an affidavit for immediate possession is the basis for the charge by the plaintiff. A summons was ordered issued to the sheriff of Adams county for the defendant, returnable September 8.

Marriage Applications

Donald Patrick Teeple, 21, of Decatur, and Theresa Rose Laurent, 18, of Decatur.

Earl Branton, 27, of Mt. Gilead, O., and Dorothy Eugenia Sutton, 26, of Mt. Gilead, O.

Modern Etiquette
By ROBERTA LEE

Q. How should a woman be governed about rising from her chair to show respect to an older woman?

A. This is not considered the best of manners.

A NEW MYSTERY
COUNT of 9 by A. A. FAIR
[Erle Stanley Gardner]

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CHAPTER 15
BERTHA COOL'S friend, Sergeant Frank Sellers, was in charge of the detail from Homicide Squad that came up to the Crockett apartment.

Frank Sellers had a certain grudging respect for Bertha's hard-boiled outlook on life. He'd never been entirely certain about me.

Sellers said, "Well, well, it's none other than our pint-sized friend, Donald Lam, the brainy fugitive from a law school. Now, what in blazes are you doing here?"

"At the moment," I said, "I've finished calling police to report a murder, and I'm headed out for the office as soon as I've answered the necessary questions."

"Where's Crockett?" Sellers asked angrily.

"Hare's the key. He's behind that door. You'll find some interesting clues."

"After you got through mess-

ing with them," Sellers said.

He took the key and opened the door.

He stood for a long time in the doorway, then he motioned to two of the other men to come and join him.

They stood there silently.

Sellers pointed to the feathered dart that was stuck in the wood, then pointed to the open window, then down to the studio apartment on the other side of the light well. "Find out who has that apartment down there," he said to one of the men. "Then get the manager of the place and we'll get a passkey and take a look."

"There's no need for that," Mrs. Crockett said. "I happen to be the one who occupies that apartment."

"What's the idea of living up here and having an apartment down there?"

"That's my studio. It's where I paint."

Sellers turned to me. "How long you been connected with this thing?" he asked.

"Since three days ago," I said.

"How come?"

"They gave a party. Crockett had suffered losses at previous gatherings, so he retained Bertha to see that it wouldn't happen again."

"So he did, so he did," Sellers interrupted, grinning. "I remember reading about it in the paper. And how did Bertha get along with the guests?"

"Wonderful."

"How is the old gal?"

"Running true to form."

"Some babe," he said enthusiastically. Then he added, by way

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WANE-TV Channel 15 MONDAY

Evening

- 8:30—Peppermin Theatre
- 8:45—Ames & Andy
- 9:00—Tom Colenberg News
- 9:15—Doris Edwards-News
- 9:30—U. S. Marshall
- 9:45—The Texan
- 10:00—Father Knows Best
- 10:15—Frontier Justice
- 10:30—Joseph Cotton
- 10:45—The House
- 11:00—Phil Wilson News
- 11:15—Kid from Kansas

Morning

- 7:30—Peppermin Theatre
- 7:45—Willy Wonderful
- 8:00—CBS News
- 8:15—Kangaroo
- 8:30—Star and the Story
- 8:45—On the Go
- 9:00—Sgt. Robinson
- 9:15—Love Letters
- 9:30—Top Dollar

Afternoon

- 12:00—Love of Life
- 12:30—Search for Tomorrow
- 12:45—Guiding Light
- 1:00—Ann Colone's Woman's Page
- 1:25—News
- 1:45—The World Turns
- 2:00—For Better or Worse
- 2:15—Houseparty
- 2:30—Big Pay-Off
- 2:45—Verdict Is Yours
- 3:00—Brother Rat
- 3:15—Secret Storm
- 3:30—Edge of Night
- 3:45—Dance Date

Evening

- 4:00—Ames & Andy
- 4:15—Tom Colenberg News
- 4:30—Doris Edwards-News
- 4:45—Star Performance
- 5:00—Houseparty
- 5:15—Violence Fiction Theatre
- 5:30—To Tell The Truth
- 5:45—Peeks Bad Girl
- 6:00—The House
- 6:15—Andy Williams Show
- 6:30—Phil Wilson News
- 6:45—Gabeway

WPTA-TV Channel 21 MONDAY

Evening

- 6:00—Fun 'n Stuff
- 7:15—Tom Atkins Reporting
- 7:30—Kingdom of Sea
- 8:00—Polka Go Round
- 8:30—Pantomime Quiz
- 9:00—TV Hour of Stars
- 9:30—Affair in Reno

Morning

- 10:00—Mom's Morning Movie
- 11:30—Susi
- 12:00—Across the Board
- 12:30—Pantomime Quiz
- 1:00—Musie Bingo
- 1:30—Day in Court
- 2:00—Gale Storm
- 2:30—Beat the Clock
- 3:00—Americana Bandstand
- 5:00—Woody Woodpecker
- 5:30—Adventure Time

TUESDAY

- 6:00—Fun 'n Stuff
- 7:15—Tom Atkins Reporting
- 7:30—Cheyenne
- 8:30—Wyatt Earp
- 9:00—Western
- 10:00—Alcos
- 10:30—Alcos Presents
- 11:30—Mr. D. A.

Movies

—DRIVE-IN—

"Imitation of Life" First Feature
Mon & Tues at 8:30