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## A Typical Fatality

Recent facts released by the Indiana office of traffic safety show that from June through August the traffic death rate zooms upward at an alarming rate. So far, we in Adams county have been fortunate. The bulk of the summer driving is still to be done, though, and we hope to make it through this danger season unscathed.

If you are a typical Indiana traffic fatality, here are your essentials:

As already stated, you are more likely to be killed near the first of August than at any other time of the year.

Odds are 2½ to 1 that the accident that takes your life will occur in the country, instead of in city traffic.

The accident will occur around six in the evening, with Saturday being the most likely day for it.

The majority of fatalities involved people that lived within 25 miles of the crash. The average fatality is male, between 25 and 34 years of age, while in all accidents the major contributing factor is failure to yield the right of way, the main cause of fatalities is excessive speed.

You will be driving a pleasure car, on dry pavement and a straight road, and away from an intersection.

You will be missed by your many friends and your family.

These are not pleasant statistics. Nor are traffic accidents or fatalities pleasant. But one of the interesting things about all these statistics is the fact that the "average" fatality occurs under almost perfect driving conditions.

The road is straight and dry. It is still light out, and in the summer particularly, there is full daylight. Being August, the temperature would be sufficient to prevent any windshield fogging. A presumably healthy, reasonably young man is at the wheel. He is within twenty-five miles of his home, so the road should be familiar. In a matter of seconds he is dead.

This is the typical Indiana fatality. Not all of the accidents will be like this. The biggest contributor to traffic accidents has nothing to do with statistics, but with common sense.

So, no matter where you drive this summer, no matter what time of day, and regardless of the road conditions, if you stay alert and courteous, you have a pretty good chance of staying alive. If you get drowsy, careless or mad, again conditions notwithstanding, it has been nice knowing you.

## TV PROGRAMS

Central Daylight Time

## WANE-TV

Channel 15

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Evening  
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6:25—Now I'll Tell One  
6:30—Tom Cathers News  
6:45—The Millionaires  
7:00—Hotel De Paris  
7:30—Bishop Sheen Program  
8:00—The Big Girl  
8:30—Dobie Gillis  
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