

Printing "All" the News

Newspaper readers frequently get in their minds the idea that a newspaper is able to print "all" the news in a given locality. Even the New York Times, which circulates three pounds of news in each Sunday edition, and claims to print "All the News that's fit to print" misses quite a bit.

Just consider the thousands of things which happen every day. Why, novels with more words than this newspaper prints in a year can cover the activities of six or seven characters in just a single day, and still not exhaust the possibilities.

Newspaper reporters extract news. They are limited by time and space. They have only so much time in which to gather and write their stories, and these stories must then be fit into the available space.

People sometimes imagine a reporter being "on the scene" of crime and accidents. Actually, this is quite unusual.

Let's take an example. A wreck occurs. One of the drivers duly calls the police, and the policeman arrives on the scene, after the accident has happened, sometimes after the cars are removed.

The policeman interviews both drivers. They are so scared and shocked that their reports are usually pretty sketchy, and they usually are somewhat interested in showing how the accident was the "other guy's fault."

The policeman then looks for, and interviews witnesses. They frequently give conflicting testimony. From all this, the policeman makes notes. When he gets back up to the station, sometimes a day later, he takes his "cold" notes, and tries to reconstruct what he thinks happened.

Then the newspaper reporter comes in. He reads the report, and again he abstracts as much information as strikes him as pertinent. He then makes his notes, and after visiting all of the offices and sources on his "beat", he returns to the office, and types up his story.

Ordinarily, this is checked by the editor, given a head, which in the very few words that fit into a headline, must try to give the gist of the story. The editor checks for spelling, names, punctuation, etc., and sometimes rewrites parts of the story.

It then goes to the linotype operator, and proofreader, and make-up man. At any point it is subject to human error in making a mistake.

But finally it appears in the paper, usually the day after it happened. Frequently the parties in the accident are horrified. They had hoped that their side of the story would be told in more detail, that certain things would be included that they remembered to tell some of their friends. They then blame the newspaper for not including the "whole" story.

The newspaper and its reporters do the best they can in the time and space allotted them. They cannot cover every story in person. They have to briefly sum up many stories. And 99% of the stories depend on how accurately someone else reports the news to them — in official releases, or in publicity releases, or as organization reporters.

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T V PROGRAMS

Central Daylight Time

WANE-TV	
Channel 15	
MONDAY	
6:00	Bachelor Father
6:30	Walter Cronkite — News
7:00	The Big News
7:30	To Tell the Truth
8:00	Let's Get A Secret
8:30	Big News
8:30	Lucy Show
9:00	Danny Thomas Show
9:30	Edgar Bergen Griffith Show
10:00	The Detectives
11:00	Big News
11:30	Surprise Six
TUESDAY	
7:25	Daily Word
7:30	Sunrise Semester
8:00	Captain Kangaroo
8:30	Day Court
10:00	CBS News
10:30	I Love Lucy
11:00	The McCoy's
11:30	Pete and Gladys
Wednesday	
12:00	Love of Life
12:25	CBS News
12:30	Look for Tomorrow
12:45	Guiding Light
1:00	Ann Colono Show
1:25	News
1:30	All the World Turns
1:45	Power
2:00	Houseparty
2:30	To Tell the Truth
3:25	CBS News
3:30	Edgar Bergen
4:00	Secret Stories
4:30	Early Show
Thursday	
6:00	Bachelor Father
6:30	CBS News
7:00	Death Valley Days
7:30	Big News
8:00	Look for Tomorrow
9:30	Jack Benny Show
10:00	Gary Moore Show
11:00	The Big News
11:30	Surprise Six
WPTA-TV	
Channel 21	
MONDAY	
6:00	Evening P.M. Report
6:15	Ron Cochran — News
6:30	Quick Draw McGraw
7:00	"I Search for Adventure"
7:30	Special
8:00	Train
8:00	Breaking Point
11:00	Murphy Martin — News
11:10	Weatherman
11:15	Sports News
11:20	Tonight Show
TUESDAY	
9:00	Fun Time
9:30	The Rock LaLanne Show
10:00	Tennessee Ernie Ford
10:30	Day In Court
10:55	Farm Day Round-Up
11:10	Price Is Right
11:30	Teen Keys
Wednesday	
12:00	Noon Show
12:15	Gatesway to Sports
12:30	Weatherman
12:30	Huntley-Brintley Report
12:45	Day Court
1:00	Monday Night Movie
1:30	Holleywood and the Stars
1:30	Sing Along With Mitch
11:00	News & Weather
11:30	Sports Today
11:30	Tonight Show
Thursday	
6:00	6 P.M. Report
6:15	Ron Cochran — News
6:30	Yogi Bear
7:00	Day Court
7:30	Combat
8:00	McHale's Navy
8:30	Price Is Right
10:30	Fugitive
11:00	News — Murphy Martin
11:10	Weatherman
11:15	Steve Allen Show
WKJG-TV	
Channel 33	
MONDAY	
6:00	News
6:15	Gatesway to Sports
6:30	Weatherman
6:30	Huntley-Brintley Report
7:00	Day Court
7:30	Monday Night Movie
7:30	Holleywood and the Stars
10:00	Sing Along With Mitch
11:00	News & Weather
11:30	Tonight Show
TUESDAY	
6:00	6 P.M. Report
7:00	Today Show
9:00	King and Odie
9:15	The Lee Phillip Show
9:30	Coffee Break
9:30	To Live By
10:00	See When
10:30	NBC News
10:30	Word for Word
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No One Injured In Rash Of Accidents

Sunday's blast of wintry weather brought the usual rash of traffic accidents, with three occurring in the city and two more in the county between Sunday and this morning's early hours. Fortunately, no injuries resulted from any of eight weekend crashes.

At 2:30 a. m. Sunday, a car driven by Arella B. Helmrich, 48, route 2, Decatur, slid around a corner and hit a parked pick-up truck owned by Norman B. Rorick, of 1104 W. Monroe St. The truck was parked on the west side of 11th street, and was struck by the car which was westbound on Monroe street and turned right onto 11th. The auto slid on the slippery pavement and into the front of the pick-up truck.

Damages were estimated at \$200 to the Rorick truck and \$150 to the Helmrich vehicle.

At 7:05 a. m., Sunday, an auto operated by Joe McBride, 50, of 364 Stevenson St., skidded into the rear of a car driven by John E. Shaffer, 22, of 904 N. 13th St.

Hit in Rear

Both autos were southbound on 13th street, and as Shaffer slowed for a car turning into Jackson St., his car was struck in the rear. Damages were estimated at \$350 to the Shaffer car and \$100 to the McBride vehicle.

Autos operated by Larry Leo King, 16, route 1, Decatur, and Frank Schuller, Jr., 53, route 2, Decatur, were involved in a mishap at the intersection of 13th and Washington streets at 7:10 a. m. today.

King was eastbound on Washington, stopped for a stop sign, and then pulled onto 13th, striking the left side of the northbound Schuller vehicle. Damages were listed at approximately \$100 to each vehicle.

Another city mishap occurred at 9:55 a. m. Saturday, at 337 Winchester St., when a car driven by Otto Wefel, 74-year-old Preble resident, hit a parked car owned by Karl F. Johnson, 751 Park View Drive.

Wefel was northbound on Winchester and struck the left side of the Johnson car, which was parked on the east side of the street. Wefel's auto received an estimated \$30 damage, while the Johnson vehicle was not damaged.

Car Totaled

At 7:55 a. m. today, a car driven by Edward James Ross, 21, of Celina, O., went out of control on slippery the highway, left the road on the left side, and then came back onto the road, ramming the right front of the northbound Kahlert car. After striking the other vehicle, the LeFever auto went off the left side of the road again, coming to rest in a field some distance from the highway.

Damage was high, with deputy sheriff Harold August estimating damages at \$300 to the LeFever auto and \$250 to the Kahlert car. A post on the Franklin Steury residence, route 1, Berne, was broken off and estimated at a \$10 loss.

Falls Asleep

A driver falling asleep, and not the weather, was the cause of a two-car crash at 11:50 p. m. on U. S. 224, in front of the Stratton Place entrance, just outside the city limits.

Darvon Dee Light, 25, of route 6, Decatur, was westbound and admitted he fell asleep at the wheel, as his car crossed the center line and hit a car operated by Stephen Lee Brandenburg, 22, of the Hi-Way trailer park. Brandenburg was eastbound, and his auto received approximately \$350 damage, while the Light ve-

hicle suffered an estimated \$75 damage.

Deputy sheriff Warren Kneuss, who investigated, cited Light for driving left of the center line.

Another county mishap happened at 3:20 p. m. Saturday on U. S. 27, a mile and a half north of Berne.

Albert Yoder, 54, of Berne, was answering a volunteer fireman's call, and as he was northbound, he came up behind another northbound auto operated by Mary C. Bollinger, 35, route 1, Monroe.

Yoder was unable to either pass or stop in time, and attempted to pass on the right, but struck the right rear fender of the Bollinger car.

Damage was estimated at \$400 to the Yoder car, \$150 to the Bollinger vehicle, and \$10 to a post on the Ruth Sprunger residence, that was broken off.

Yoder was charged with speeding by deputy sheriff Harold August and will appear in Berne J. P. court at a later date.

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The Delta Theta Tau has voted purchase of a \$5 health bond, officials of the Christmas seal campaign in Adams county announced today. All proceeds from the annual sale are used in the fight on tuberculosis and other respiratory diseases and to provide clinics and otherwise carry on the combat against disease.

20 Years Ago

Today

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Dec. 9, 1943 — Dr. G. J. Kohne, Decatur physician, was reelected president of the Adams county medical association. Other officers are Dr. James Burk, Decatur, vice president, and Dr. Myron Habegger, Berne, secretary.

Twenty-two Adams county schools have been enrolled 100 per cent in the Junior Red Cross.

The Business and Professional Women's club held its annual Christmas party at the K. P. home.

The Ladies Shakespeare club met at the home of Mrs. A. D. Sutts, with Mrs. John Tyndall presenting the paper.

Turkey's foreign minister declares his country will remain neutral in the war.

The Indiana State Fair

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI)—Live-

stock:

Hogs 7,000; barrows and gilts

25-50 higher; 1 and 2, 190-225 lb

15-25-15.50; 1, 2 and 3, 190-230 lb

14.75-15.25; sows steady to 25

higher; 1 to 3, 300-400 lb 11.50-