

Wabash Cannonball Wrecked, 1 Dead

ATTICA, Ind. (UPI)—Wrecking crews labored today to clear the debris left Wednesday when the famed Wabash Cannonball passenger train slammed into a truck loaded with concrete blocks at a rural crossing near here.

Truck driver Harold E. Mauck, 52, Tilton, Ill., was killed in the crash and more than 40 passengers and crewmen on the train were injured.

Eighteen of the injured remained hospitalized today at Danville, Ill., while seven others were released after treatment at Danville hospitals. Several others were treated at the scene of the crash at Johnsonville 20 miles southwest of here near the Illinois state line.

The injured taken to St. Eliza-

beth's Hospital at Danville included John Duffey, 47, Fort Wayne, a postal employee. Those at Lakeview Hospital, Danville, included Bertha Lueders, 78, Auburn, and George Moule, 48, Fort Wayne.

Spokesmen for the Wabash Railroad estimated there were about 50 passengers and 10 crewmen aboard the twin diesel train which was bound from Detroit to St. Louis.

Conductor A. L. Johnson, Peru, said he was on one of the train's two passenger coaches when the accident occurred.

"The cars began leaving the tracks right after the impact," he said. "The people did not panic but there was quite a bit of screaming."

The impact threw both diesel locomotive units, an express car, two mail cars and the dining car from the rails and ripped up about 1,000 feet of main line track.

Johnson, who said he had survived about five previous wrecks, said this was his worst. He estimated the damage at more than a half-million dollars.

Mrs. Edna Olden, Logansport, said she was looking out a window when "all of a sudden a big cloud of dust blocked my view and I felt an impact. I thought we had hit another train but I heard someone say we had hit some other object. A lot of people flew into the aisles but I managed to stay in my seat. I wasn't hurt. I'm just real nervous and shaken up a bit."

Francis Van Leer, whose nearby home was turned into a first aid station for the victims, said the passengers "had a stunned look on their faces as if they didn't know what happened."

Van Leer said he heard Mauck's truck pass his house, then heard the train whistle and an explosion which "sounded like a cannon."

"I ran out the door and looked south. I saw a tremendous

amount of dust and the two engines went right past in a ball of fire," he said.

The truck's fuel tank exploded from the impact and flaming gas flew into the cab of the locomotive, burning engineer Clay Peck, 64, and fireman Milford T. Robb, 44, both of Decatur, Ill.

Several mail sacks cascaded from one of the overturned mail cars and fell into the blazing grass but a postal inspector said the sacks apparently were empty.

"As far as we can determine, there was no serious loss of mail," he said.

Affidavits Filed On Meter Violations

Affidavits have been filed in Decatur city court against three local residents for failure to pay parking meter violations, Judge John B. Stults said today.

Three counts of failing to pay meter violations were filed against George R. Thomas, a resident of 925 Winchester St., and one count each was filed against Sarah Philpot, 318 S. 13th St., and May Myers, route 6, Decatur.

The affidavits, signed by city clerk parking meter officer Raymond Seltz, were filed in the city court today by city attorney John L. DeVoss.

Judge Stults has set Saturday, September 26, as a date for hearing in all three cases involving the local people.

What would have been taken care of with 25 cents, will now cost the individuals considerably more for each unpaid ticket.

Judge Stults said the three may pay the \$1 fine, plus \$10 court costs, with the city clerk-treasurer before the September 26 hearing date. If summoned for trial, the fines will be \$10 and costs, or a total of \$21 for each unpaid ticket.

The meter violators, of course, did not pay the 25 cents within 24 hours of receiving the ticket, and were notified of the unpaid violation, which they could have paid for with \$1 at that time.

They were notified a second time of the unpaid violations, but none apparently heeded the warning, and thus have been cited into court.

Truck Damaged By Fire This Morning

A semi-trailer truck suffered more than \$1,000 damage in a fire early this morning south of the city.

Jack Ihrig, of Chicago, was operating a semi-trailer rig owned by Sprague, Inc., of Chicago, on U. S. 27, when a tire, or tires, blew out near the small county road that leads to Monroe, at 6:45 a.m. The truck was loaded with dog food.

Ihrig continued driving the truck until he reached Coppers Corners, where he stopped to summon aid. Moments later the truck became ablaze, apparently from the left rear tandem tires, which caught fire first.

The sheriff's department was called, and also the Monroe rural fire department, which extinguished the fire.

In all, four tires and the trailer panels of the truck were damaged by the blaze. Damage was estimated at \$800 to the tires and \$500 to the truck.

List Participants In Water - Safety

One of the largest water-safety programs in Adams county was completed this summer, according to Claren Neuschwander, chairman of the local Red Cross chapter, and Gerald Durkin, water safety chairman.

The Red Cross' water safety program was held at the Berne community pool, with pool manager Timothy Roehrs, Alicia Brookmeyer and Sally Brookmeyer serving as instructors.

Neuschwander and Durkin expressed today their thanks to the manager of the pool, Roehrs, and his staff, and to all those who made it possible for the student transportation service from the Adams Central school.

Those who completed the various stages of the program are as follows:

Beginner swimmers — Bill Hitchcock, Leon Amstutz, Reta Roth, Jane Habegger, Marilyn Yoss, Janice Humbleson, Jeff Weisman, Aleta Mitch, Doug Steury, Bruce Schug, Cynthia Neuschwander, Stephen Kislir, Bruce Fisher, Thomas Stevens, Tim Light, Velma Lehman, Lee Von Gunten, Joyce Baumgartner, John Kaeser, Debbie O'Dell, Jeff Baker, Teresa Evers, Rikki Reichart, Carol Tumbleson, Samuel Weaver, Steve Baker, Kim Elder, Diane Gaunt, Sharon Mankey, Lynn Stucky, John McClain, Jay Vore, Keith Moser, Dick Bollenbacher.

Ross Andrews, Mike Hoopingarner, Paul Hill, Joyce Tumbleson, Jim Baumgartner, Peggy Liechty, Alan Johnston, Sharon Bunker, Charles For, Joan Stuckey, Sandy Lichtenberger, Debbie Affolder, Joy Arnold, Brad Miller, Becky Bryam, Chuck Hamilton, Jill Lehman, Lynita Carter, Brent Landis, Kim Fisher, Cheryl Cook, Rebecca Sheehan, Karen Yoder, Mike O'Dell, Norman Amstutz, Melinda Zurcher, Ann Steury, Kathy Lehman.

Advanced beginners — Russell Sprunger, Kay Stuckey, Scott Sprunger, Tim Stucky, Jack McCrory, Cindy Knose, Kay Sprunger, Gail Masten, Alan Johnston, Randy Liechty, Christine Beitter, Sheldon Christner, Cindi Rich, Pat Grove, John Fulton, Tom

Glendening, Jenny Knose.

Greg Glendening, Pam Lehman, Barry Rich, Andrea Sprunger, Gail Sprunger, Kim Fruechte, Debbie Everett, Allen Hamilton, Berry Kolter, Roger Tullis, Bob Haines, Jackie Neussbaum, Randy Landis, Jim Steury, Dennis Bieberich, Roger Reynolds, Susan Luginbill, Von Jones, Bob Muth, Kristy Doherty, Janice Tumbleson, Steve Person, Mike Engle, David Carver, Joan Riff, Alan Arnold, Dan Kirschner.

Rosie Lehman, Denise Amstutz, Kenny Moser, Renee Sprunger, Vickie Steiner, Vicki Baxter, Jo-sette Baxter, Mike Heare, Bruce Slusher, Amy Mitchell, Kenny Jones, Sally Leyse, Robin Landis, Cheryl Byerly, Steve Tullis, Sara Jo Bieberstein, Kandace Duff, Kevin Hanni, Jerry Burk, Sandy Lichtenberger, Carol Tumbleson, Ronny Yoss, Jim Myers, Randy Miller, Irene Kaehr, Alvin Mitchell.

Dawn Lehman, Kathy Habegger, Sandy McCrory, Sharon Amstutz, Paula Zimmerman, Steve Zurcher, Bill Borne, Gary Tullis, Lois Beavers, Rhonda Arnold, Chris Yoder, Janice Mankey, Phil Arnold, Larry Zurcher, Vicki Schrock, Becky Minnich, Jane Habegger, Jeff Pearson, Leon Amstutz, Ricky Lichtenberger, Joyce Tumbleson, Jim Buckingham, Melissa Kipfer, John Sipe, Barbara Nussbaum, Phil Kirschner.

Intermediate swimmers — Mike Grove, Jean Baumgartner, Roger Smith, Kevin Sprunger, Neil Habegger, Kim Bunker, Carol Reusser, Phil Elam, Rodney Smith, Mike Habegger, Christine Beitter, Nancy Stucky, Roger Geyer, Larry Rich, Karen Habegger, Phyllis Diehl.

Swimmers — Karen Neuschwander, Tom Kirdoffer, Dave Souder, Alan Habegger, Steve Habegger.

Junior lifesaving — Janet DiGiralano, Kathy Beavers, Debbie Souder, Steve Sprunger, Janice Lehman, Janet Habegger, Kathy Rich.

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MISS GLENNYS ROOP, fifth grade teacher at the Northwest school, is shown opening the school year Tuesday with her pupils.—(Photo by Cole)



SIXTH GRADE students of Mrs. Dorothy Eichenauer are pictured in their room as school opened Tuesday.—(Photo by Cole)



WHERE DO WE GO?—Mrs. Sylvester Everhart, secretary at the Northwest school, is shown registering students as the 1964-65 school year opened Tuesday.—(Photo by Cole)

Bar Association To Meet At Fort Wayne

The Indiana state bar association's annual meeting will be held in Fort Wayne next Wednesday through Saturday, it was announced today. The annual meeting is frequently held at French Lick, and this is a good chance for attorneys from Adams county to attend.

Wednesday, the executive committee will have a noon luncheon at the Van Orman Hotel, and the board of managers will meet at 6:30 p. m. at the Fort Wayne Chamber of Commerce.

The board of managers will have an 8:30 a. m. breakfast at the Van Orman Thursday.

First general business will be a Dutch treat reception at the Van Orman at 12:30 p. m., followed by a luncheon for members and their ladies.

At 1:45 p. m. the house of delegates will meet at the Scottish Rite banquet room, and the Indiana bar presidents and secretaries will meet in the Oak room of the Van Orman.

At 2 p. m. there will be a conference of city and municipal court judges in the Chatterbox, Van Orman Hotel, and at 4:30 p. m. the board of Indiana C. L. E. forum meeting will be in the Vista room of the Van Orman.

Friday, the advocacy institute will meet from 10 a. m. until noon, and from 3 to 5 p. m. in the Scottish Rite auditorium.

Candidates appear at 12:30 p. m. the association assembly, with the election of officers and appearances by both the Republican and Democratic candidates for governor, will take place.

At 6:30 p. m., the Allen county bar association will hold a reception for members and their ladies at Hall's Gas House, with a clam bake and skit following. At 10:30 p. m. the IU and Valparaiso alumni associations will have separate "night cap" hours for their members in the Chatterbox and Oak rooms, respectively, in the Van Orman.

From 8:30 to 9:45 breakfasts will be given for the Indiana bar foundation, the patent law section, and the fellows of American college of probate counselors.

From 9 until 9:50 a. m., the Indiana bar title insurance corporation stockholders will meet at the courthouse.

At 9:30 to 10:15 a. m. the corporate counsel section and corporation, banking, and business law section will also meet at the courthouse.

From 10 a. m. until noon, and from 2 to 4 p. m. Saturday the local government law section seminar will be at the courthouse, as will the taxation section seminar, and the joint institute by corporate counsel section, patent section, and corporation, banking and business law sections.

There will be noon to 5 p. m. sessions of the board of directors of the Indiana judges association, young lawyers section, federal practice seminar, and "Playboy Hour."

Joint Luncheon The patent section corporate counsel section, and corporation, banking and business law sections will hold a joint luncheon at 12:15, as will the local government law section, probate, trust and real property, taxation section, and trial lawyers section. These five luncheons will end at 2 p. m.

From 4:30 to 5:30 p. m. the board of directors of the foundation will hold their annual meeting.

The program will culminate in the annual meeting reception, banquet, "Jamboree on Ice" show, and dance at the memorial coliseum from 6:30 p. m. until 1 a. m.

Mrs. Mabel Striker At Kickoff Luncheon

Mrs. Mabel Striker, of Decatur, state Democratic vice chairman, was one of half a dozen state leaders who attended the kickoff luncheon Tuesday of the Indiana Johnson for President campaign.

Core moved into a new office in the campaign headquarters, around the corner from his present third-story office. Mrs. Striker will also maintain a desk in the new campaign headquarters, but will do most of her work in her present office, having a secretary present to take messages in the campaign headquarters.

Mrs. Striker, who was in Decatur over the Labor day weekend, reported that the campaign was now underway, and had settled down into a regular routine from the hectic days of the summer reorganization period.

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