

MARION COUNTY AUTO FATALITY RECORD HITS 85

Two Die During Week-End of Crash Injuries: Score Are Hurt.

Marion county's traffic fatality toll since Jan. 1 reached eighty-five during the week-end, two persons having incurred fatal injuries. A third death occurred here as a result of injuries suffered in accidents outside the county.

Mrs. Virginia Fitch, 28, Paoli, Ind., died of injuries suffered Sunday night when two automobiles collided at Fifty-sixth and Pennsylvania streets. Her neck was broken.

Randal Wilson, 26, Wilkinson, Ind., died at city hospital of internal injuries suffered early Sunday in the 6500 block Massachusetts avenue as a result of a collision of an automobile driven by Mrs. Mary Applegate, 19, of 6505 Massachusetts avenue.

The 3rd death was that of Alvin Hughey, 17, Osgood, Ind., who succumbed at Robert W. Long hospital to injuries incurred when struck by the car of a hit-and-run driver near Osgood.

Twenty-Three Are Injured

Twenty-three other persons were injured in week-end accidents.

Mrs. Fitch was a passenger in a car driven by Lloyd Harter, 28, of 2339 North Pennsylvania street, which was in collision with a car driven by Clifford Manning, 16, of 909 East Thirty-eighth street.

Harter's wife, Mrs. Margaret Harter, 28, incurred minor injuries and Manning was cut and bruised. He was taken to Methodist hospital.

Harter was arrested on a charge of manslaughter on order of Dr. John E. Wytenbach, deputy coroner.

Mrs. Fitch, former classmate of Mrs. Harter at Indiana university, had been a guest in the Harter home.

Hit Side of Car

According to information obtained by Dr. John A. Saib, deputy coroner, Wilson's motorcycle crashed into the side of the automobile driven by Miss Applegate, as she turned into the driveway of her home. No arrest was made.

Dr. F. R. Wilson, deputy coroner, who investigated the death of Hughes, said he learned the youth was walking near Osgood Saturday night when struck by an automobile and hurled into a ditch. The car was halted for a moment, then sped away.

Collision of an automobile and a wrecking truck near Fountaintown accounted for seven of the injured. Those hurt were Robert Sulgrave, 23, R. R. 6, Box 201; Earl Warrenburg, 24, of 234 Trowbridge street; Pete Bano, 22, of 209 Trowbridge street; Paul C. Snyder, 46, Willow Branch, and his sons, Max, 12; Don, 14, and Billy, 9.

Other Injured Listed

Those injured in other accidents included: Russell Deen, 33, of 1318 East St. Clair street; Miss Emma Jean Morris, 17, of 3014 Hovey street; Sarah Edwards, 5, Negro, 2342 Dubois street; James Shampay, 1912 North Meridian street; Paul W. Tindler, 4466 Washington boulevard; Richard Griffith, 16, Tenth street and High School road; the Rev. R. W. Chatfield, Clarksburg, Ind.; Mrs. A. G. Ballard, 23, Welch, Ind.; Mrs. Jennie Mack, 58, of 1410 College avenue; Claude Crawford, 2, of 29 North Jefferson avenue; Eugene Carpenter, 6, of 405 North Holmes avenue; Maggie Brooks, 45, Negro, Lexington, Ky.; Ernest W. East, 42, of 833 College avenue, and Dorothy Huck, 2, of 929 Hervey street.

Seven Are Killed

By United Press

Seven persons were victims of violent deaths in the state, outside Indianapolis, during the week-end.

Five persons were recovering today from injuries received in an auto collision six miles north of Decatur Sunday which claimed the life of one man.

Harold Miller, 27, Piqua, O., died of a skull fracture received when thrown against the dashboard of his automobile.

The most seriously injured was Oscar Miller, 64, Harrison, O., one of the dead man. He was brought to Adams county hospital in an unconscious condition. William W. Little, Piqua, other occupant of the Miller car, suffered scalp lacerations.

Others Are Hurt

Passengers in the other machine were John Fisher, driver; Roger Debout and Eugene Durkin, 27, all of Decatur, none of whom was hurt seriously. Fisher suffered a broken arm, cuts and bruises.

A manslaughter charge was filed against Walter Urban after his car killed Eddie Slavac, 11, at Hammon.

Audrey O'Haver, 19-year-old domestic, committed suicide at Linton by shooting.

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Clerk Shoots Self

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Samuel Stein, 18, drowned in Lake Michigan while swimming with a group of picknickers.

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VANDALS ARE SOUGHT

Trio Break Window, Enter Plant, Leave: Nothing Missing.

Mysterious antics of two men and a woman, who broke a window at the Continental Optical Company plant, 1410 North Capitol avenue, are being investigated by police.

According to information given police, the trio broke the window Sunday, entered the building, and left a few minutes later.

A check today showed nothing to be missing. Dudley F. Taylor vice-president, said. He said he had no theory on the motive of the trio.

FIEND LINKS ARSON AND MURDER

Drugs Youth, Tries to Burn Him Alive, for Insurance

This is the fourth of a series of stories on the work of the fire detective. The stories are from records in possession of Fire Marshal Thomas P. Hull, of Indianapolis, investigation head of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, and other official sources.

BY LOU WEDEMAR

Times Special Writer

NEW YORK, Aug. 28.—A young man stood on a Bowery corner, inconspicuous member of a group of unemployed. He was a little different from the others. He was as ragged as they were, and as they did he needed a shave. He came from Syracuse, and most of the others were out-of-towners.

But he had very broad shoulders. This alone set him apart from the rest.

A man a little older than he walked up the Bowery, staring into the faces of those he met. The unemployed man saw him approach, and for some reason a cold shiver went through him.

"That man looks like me," he thought.

The stranger approached the youth on the corner.

"Looking for work?" he asked.

"Yes."

"Come and have a drink. I think I can get some work for you."

They went to a Bowery speakeasy and drank a little.

"I am opening a soda fountain and I need a clerk. Have you any experience?"

"No, but I could learn."

They went to a house at 1202 Adeev Avenue, in the Bronx.

"The wife's away and I'm lonely," said the youth's new-found acquaintance. "You may stay with me a few days. Let's have another drink."

He brought out bottles of some sweet liquor and the youth drank more than was good for him. Things became vague; he was living a dream that was very pleasant after his months of job-seeking. The man helped him upstairs, helped him undress and put him to bed.

"I feel good," said the youth.

The man leered at him and began to sprinkle some liquid over the bedclothes.

"What's that?"

"Just water to cool you off. You'll be all right."

The man then spread several strips of cloth about the room and poured more of the liquid on them. These rites disturbed his guest, but he was spellbound. He finally fell asleep.

Some time later he was conscious of horrible pain. His first thought, as he struggled vainly to arise, was that the mysterious liquid had been acid, and that it was burning his flesh away, while he was held in a nightmare spell. His nostrils were full of heavy smoke.

He got his eyes open, to stare wildly into an inferno. The bed, the walls and the floor, wherever the liquid had fallen, were burning. The strips of cloth were snakes of re-criss-crossing the room.

The youth managed to get to his feet. He stumbled to the door and found it locked. The heat of it, however, told him there was fire beyond it, too.

He found a window but it was covered with cloth. A trickle of oil came through and it filled his lungs with it. That single breath saved him from death in that room for with renewed strength, he hurled himself through the window into space . . .

A man named Luigi Raffi gave me a job," he said. "He took me home and tried to burn me alive. I jumped out of the second-story window and got away."

Assistant Fire Marshal John J. Cashman was notified by the detective and he began an investigation.

He located the house at 1202 Adeev Avenue, badly damaged by fire. In the cellar, which the flames had not reached, he found a suit of clothes containing the identification papers of Luigi Raffi.

If the youth had not gotten out of the house alive, the authorities naturally would have mistaken his body for that of Raffi.

The house was insured for \$4,500 and there was \$5,000 insurance on Raffi's life, payable to his wife.

Mrs. Raffi came home late that night and began wailing at the destruction of her home.

"My husband must have been burned up," she moaned. "Assured that this was not so, she went to stay with friends.

Soon the lungs of the "proxy," Earl Spencer Fox, gave out, and he died in the hospital.

Characterizing the case as a most atrocious murder by arson, Fire Marshal Brophy promised Fox's family to punish his slayer.

Before it arrived, he collapsed.

But in the hospital he revived sufficiently to tell his story to detectives of the Wakefield police station.

Leaders of All Faiths in World Peace Parley

HURRICANE SCENES FEATURE NEWS REEL

Damage Along Coast Is Shown in Striking Films.

Remarkable pictures at Norfolk and along the Atlantic seaboard as hurricane causes heavy damage to shipping and waterfront property, are to be seen in the current issue of The Indianapolis Times-Universal Newsreel. Graham McNamee, noted radio announcer and the screen's Talking Reporter, describes these and the other outstanding news events in the reel.

Other outstanding news events reported by McNamee include striking scenes at Rome, as Prime Minister Mussolini and huge crowds welcome General Italo Balbo and his aerial armada at the completion of their epochal flight from the United States, and spectacular scenes at Forest Grove, Ore., where a forest fire rages over 200 miles of woodland, destroying timber valued at \$1,000,000.

City theaters showing The Times-Universal film are the Zaringe Roosevelt, Vivoli, Howard, Tacoma, Garfield, Alamo and Indiana theaters (for colored), 419 Indiana avenue.

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Gone, but Not Forgotten

Automobiles reported to police as stolen to:

Charles McCutcheon, 1328 Bates street, Indianapolis, number 100.

Bill Smock, Southport, Pontiac sedan, found in rear of 2514 Guilford avenue.

De Soto sedan, license 1-218-71, Illinois.

William Fries, 510 Athion Street, Cheviot, coach found at rear of 541 Indiana avenue.

Phyllis Shepard, 3504 Evergreen avenue, Chevy Chase, found at Danville, Ind., stripped of battery, five tires and windshield.

Stolen automobiles recovered by police to:

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