

3 DIE, 4 INJURED IN CRASH HERE; 5 ARE KILLED AT ANDERSON; NO 'DEATH TRAP' ACTION SET

Switzerland County Women On Way to Purdue Parley; Ice Is Blamed.

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received when struck by an automobile near his home.

He was hit by a driver who police said, swerved his car sideways to avoid striking Mr. Colver's wife, Jessie, walking in front of her husband.

The accident occurred at Caroline Ave. and 25th St. The driver of the car, David O'Neill, 32, of 2859 Adams St., was not held.

Mr. O'Neill told police that he saw the woman and in dodging in an effort to miss her, he ran over the curb and struck Mr. Colver.

Mrs. Mary Ford, address unknown, received serious head injuries last night when she allegedly walked in front of a car driven by Robert A. McClary, 17, of 611 E. 20th St., police said. Mrs. Ford, according to police, walked into the street from between two parked cars near 19th St. and College Ave.

Mr. McClary was arrested on charges of failure to have a driver's license.

Patrolman Robert Murnan, passenger in a taxi cab, was taken to his home with leg and back injuries following an accident at Noble and Ohio Sts. yesterday. The driver of the car that struck the cab escaped. The car had been stolen, police said.

Meanwhile, 10 other minor accidents were reported over the weekend with four persons injured slightly.

Forty-eight persons were arrested during the two-day period for alleged traffic law violations. Fourteen speeders are included in the list.

12 Fined \$80

Of those arrested, 12 were fined \$80 in Municipal Court today. Four of them convicted on speeding charges were fined \$31.

Speeders and their fines were Percy I. Graves, 1550 Tallman Ave., 46 miles an hour, \$16; Wilbur Metz, 2040 Carrollton Ave., 42 miles an hour, \$15; and Carl Overleese, 5157 Sangster Ave., 44 miles an hour, \$15.

Andy Johnfauno, Royallton, arrested on a charge of failure to have a chauffeur's license following an accident with his truck at W. Michigan St. and White River Blvd. yesterday, found a friend in Frank Delatore.

Municipal Judge John McNelis told Mr. Johnfauno he would withhold judgment if he obtained his license today, but the defendant said he would not have the money until tomorrow.

"I'll pay for his license and he can pay me back tomorrow," Officer Delatore told Judge McNelis. Judgment was withheld on the condition that Mr. Johnfauno get his license immediately.

Woman Pays \$5

Involved in a minor accident and arrested for failure to have a driver's license, Mrs. James Schoenlaub, 423 Blue Ridge Road, was fined \$5.

A young man injured Wednesday on Road 52 northwest of Indianapolis was identified yesterday as Marion Patton, 24, of Louisville, by his mother, who visited him in City Hospital, police said.

He regained consciousness and told police that the car he was driving was stolen, officers claimed. He will be turned over to Federal authorities on a charge of interstate transportation of a stolen car, police said.

Pursued by police several blocks over slippery, snow-covered streets early today, Henry Harley, 42, of 2302 Columbia Ave., was arrested and charged with speeding, reckless driving, failure to have a driver's license and failing to stop at a preferential street. Police impounded his auto.

Hitchhiker Is Killed While Flagger Auto

Times Special

COLUMBIA CITY, Jan. 10.—Clarence Alexander, 22, of Warsaw, a hitchhiker, was killed here yesterday while attempting to flag down an auto driven by Maurice Kuhn, 25. The latter said he did not see the youth alongside the road.

Two Safety Meetings Scheduled Today

Two safety meetings were to be held today. The Indianapolis Civic Safety League was to meet at Hotel Washington to draft plans for participating in the traffic safety campaign. Walter L. Shirley, policy chairman, was to submit that committee's recommendations.

The Parent-Teacher Association is to meet at Oakland School at 7:30 o'clock tonight, to hear accident prevention talks by Miss Jessie Henderson, Marion County Accident Prevention Bureau director, and Sgt. Ray T. Peak, bureau member.

Bloomington Resident Killed Near Home

BLOOMINGTON, Jan. 10 (U. P.).—Joseph Murphy, 58, was killed last night when he stepped from his home west of the city into the path of an automobile on State Road 45, driven by Elgan C. Stark of Indianapolis. He died en route to a hospital.

Cab Driver Dies When Car Hits Bridge

EVANSVILLE, Jan. 10 (U. P.).—Charles Ottman, 23, an Evansville taxi driver, died in a hospital after his car crashed into the Evansville-Henderson bridge over the Ohio River as he was on his way to pick up a passenger. His chest was crushed.

GREETING CARDS for ALL OCCASIONS

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In half a steel-body Indiana Railroad Co. bus and disabled a Pennsylvania Railroad passenger locomotive.

The dead are: Mrs. Mary Modlin and her daughter, Dora Modlin, 5; Mrs. John Nagel, 58; Mrs. Daisy Hoffner, 55, her sister, all of Anderson, and Charles Johnson, 38, of Pendleton.

The injured are: Fred Lytle, 52, the driver, veteran Indiana Railroad Co. employee of 30 years' service, condition critical; George Alley, 18; critical; Mrs. Mary Alley, 19, his wife, condition fair; John McIntire, also an Indiana Railroad Co. employee, condition fair, and James Hacker, 18, cuts and bruises.

All Killed Instantly

The four were killed instantly. The injured were taken to St. John's Hospital. Mr. Hacker was released after treatment.

Three weeks ago, three Lapel youths were injured fatally at the same crossing, which is not equipped with gates or flasher signals. It is located on a new portion of Road 9 north of the city.

Five persons have died at other unguarded crossings in the county since last fall, according to State Police.

Dr. Robert Armstrong, Coroner, said he would conduct an inquest today.

"Unavoidable," He Says

"From all I've learned so far, I don't believe anyone was to blame. It looks like an unavoidable accident," he said.

The bus, inbound from north Anderson, was headed south on Baldwin Ave. The train, which was running nearly an hour behind schedule also was headed south. The street and the tracks intersect at a sharp angle.

Luther Teague of Anderson, a former railroad man and according to police the only eyewitness to the accident, said:

"My wife and I were driving south on Baldwin Ave. shortly after 3 o'clock. The bus and two other autos were ahead of us. As we approached the crossing I looked over my shoulder and saw the train coming."

Cracked Like Eggshell

"I couldn't hear the whistle because the car windows were shut, but I knew it was blowing because I could see the steam. The bus came to a dead stop at the tracks. The other two cars then pulled out of the line of traffic and crossed the tracks ahead of the bus. The last car barely got across."

"The bus started to follow the second car. As he got on the tracks, the driver apparently saw the train coming because he angled the bus to the left."

"I shouted: 'He's going to get hit.' Then came the crash."

"The bus was thrown into the air, doubling in the middle. Then it looked like it was being squeezed at both ends and the top cracked like an eggshell."

Bodies Fly Through Air

"I saw two bodies flying through the air. The bus hit on the edge of the road and broke in two. The pieces bounced into a 30-foot ravine."

"When I got out of my car, I saw bodies lying on the ground. They all appeared dead. I believe the others were all in the wreckage. There was not a sound."

"A little girl was there. Her clothes had been torn from her. I covered her up. Then somebody came up and said 'I'd better call the police. I got in my car and drove to the station.'"

Married Few Months

Young Hacker, an Anderson High School athlete said:

"I don't remember anything before it happened. I guess I was knocked out, because the first thing I remember afterward was being pinned in the wreckage with two people on top of me."

"I worked my way free and then pulled the two people out. They were George and Mary Alley. They're friends of mine and been married only a few months."

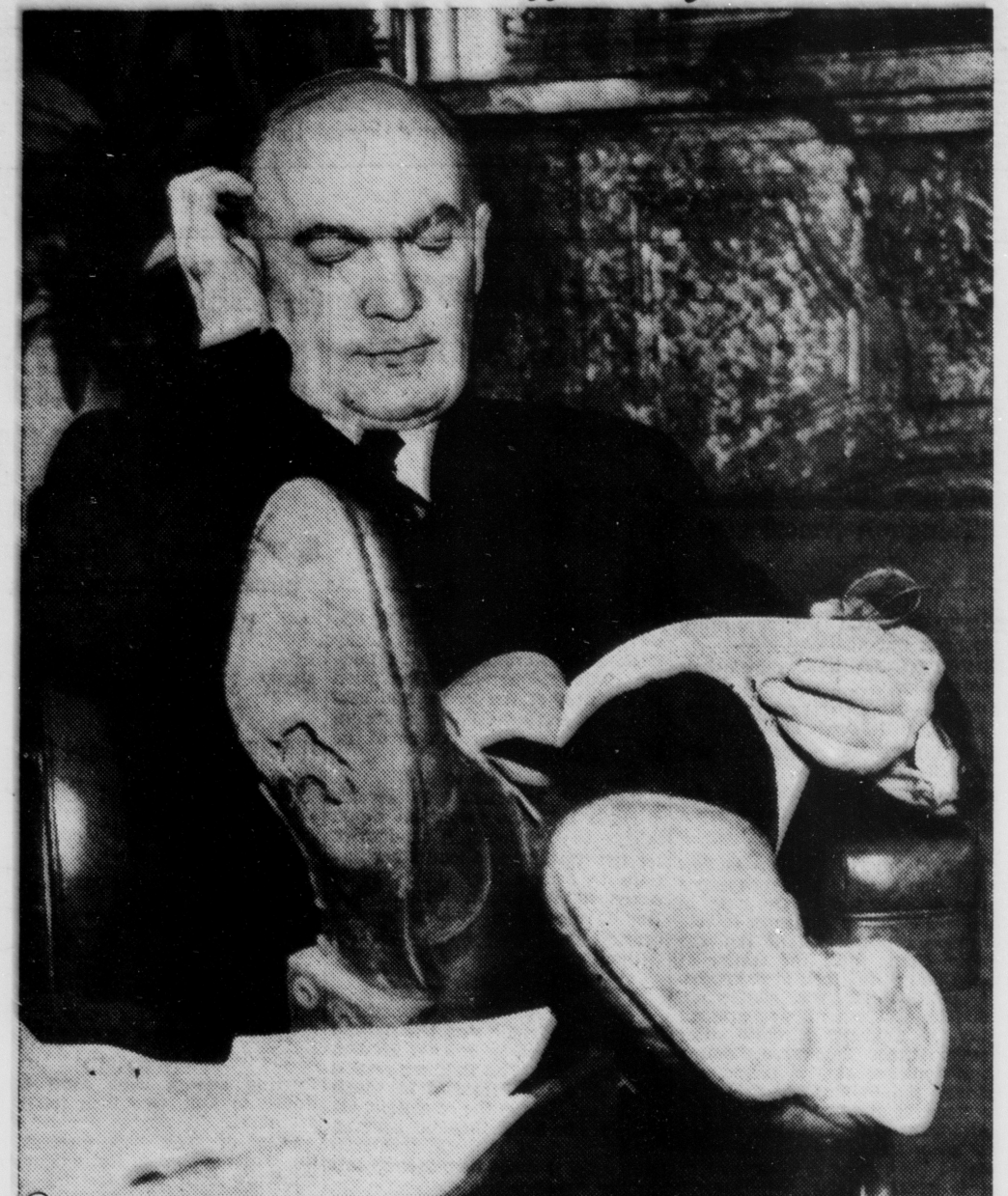
"I nearly stumbled over someone. It was little Dora Modlin. She was dead. I deliver newspapers to her house."

"Bring Me My Baby"

"Then I heard someone call me. It was Mrs. Modlin. She said: 'Jimmy Hacker, bring me my baby.' I told her Dora had been scratched a little and they'd taken her to town."

"Mrs. Modlin said: 'Don't fib to me.'"

Sumners' Calm Unruffled by Court Talk



The typical Texas calm of Hutton W. Sumners was unruffled, as you can see above, when associates on the powerful House Judiciary Committee, of which he is chairman, recommended him to President Roosevelt for the Supreme Court seat made vacant by the resignation of Justice Sutherland. Although Washington observers did not consider Congressman Sumners nearly as likely to be appointed as several other prospects, he definitely remained on the list

of possibilities. Sumners, in the House since 1913 and now serving his 13th consecutive term, helped obtain House approval last spring of the Supreme Court Bill under which Justices Van Devanter and Sutherland decided to leave active duty. His speech declaring he would never permit the Court reorganization bill to leave his committee, however, is regarded as one of the reasons for congressional defeat of the measure.

me, Jimmy Hacker, bring me my baby. I turned my back and then I guess I passed out."

Mrs. Hoffner was the mother of Percy Hoffner, Scottsburg High School basketball coach who died four years ago.

Mr. Johnson was employed by the Indiana Railroad Co. as a bus driver.

One of Oldest Employees

Mr. Lytle is one of the oldest employees of the company in point of service.

J. H. Brown of Chile, was the train conductor, and M. H. Bentlage of Logansport, the engineer. The train continued to Cincinnati after changing locomotives.

State Police who investigated the crash were Officers M. A. Dye, Virgil Cardwell and Frank Jessup, and Detective Price Cox.

Parents and Two Sons Are Crash Victims

Times Special

WALDRON, Jan. 10.—Four Hamilton, O., persons—a father and mother and their two sons—were killed here yesterday when a Big Four passenger train crashed into their car at a grade crossing.

The dead were George Leveline, 85, his wife, 75, Jacob Leveline, 55, and Otto Leveline, 50.

The train which struck them was en route from Cincinnati to Indianapolis. Witnesses said the driver's attention apparently was distracted by a funeral procession passing nearby.

Witnesses said that the Ohio car was traveling north and stopped at the crossing before pulling out in front of the train.

The machine was hurled about 50 feet down the tracks into the loading platform of the Nading Grain Co.

The body of the woman and one man were found near the auto wreckage while the other two bodies were hurled under a boxcar farther down the tracks.

One of the engines was so badly damaged in the collision that it had to be left here. The bodies were removed to the Loren Murphy Funeral Home at Shelbyville.

Mother, Daughter Killed; Caesarian Baby Dies

Times Special

WEST POINT, Jan. 10.—A mother and her daughter were killed and

four other persons injured near here yesterday in an automobile-truck collision.

The victims were Mrs. Thelma Vaughn, 22, and her daughter, Jacqueline, 3. Mrs. Vaughn's husband, Paul, 25, and three others were hurt in the crash.

Mrs. Vaughn underwent a Caesarian operation before she died in an attempt to save an unborn baby. The infant died in a respirator at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Lafayette, soon after the mother's death.

U. S. SPENDS 4 BILLIONS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 (U. P.).—Gross expenditures by the Federal Government for the 1938 fiscal year passed the four-billion-dollar mark Jan. 7, the Treasury's statement for that date disclosed today.

WOMAN JUDGE MENTIONED FOR SUPREME COURT

Florence Allen Is Reportedly Studied by F. D. R., Who May Set Precedent.

By JOE ALEX MORRIS

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—White House visitors disclosed today that President Roosevelt is considering the advisability of appointing a woman to the Supreme Court to succeed Associate Justice George Sutherland.

The callers emphasized that the mere fact Mr. Roosevelt had discussed the wisdom of such a precedent-shattering nomination could not necessarily be taken as an indication that he intended to appoint a woman.

In fact, the President's conversation was described as giving the impression that Solicitor General Stanley Reed was the leading candidate for the post, with Governor Murphy of Michigan, and Frank R. McIninch, Federal Communications Commission chairman, coming in for strong consideration.

Minton May Be Eliminated

Mr. Roosevelt's discussion of the possibility of naming a woman Justice—the name of U. S. Circuit Judge Florence E. Allen, Cleveland, was mentioned—was cited to illustrate the way in which the President is approaching the problem of filling the vacancy soon to occur.

The impression was given that Senator Minton (D. Ind.) and Assistant Attorney General Robert H. Jackson, both of whom have been prominently mentioned, would probably be considered too valuable to the Administration in other fields to permit the nomination of either.

Mr. Roosevelt asked one visitor with whom he discussed the problem whether he thought it would be wise to nominate a woman. Without waiting for his guest to reply, the President went on to recall that he had appointed the first woman Cabinet member, Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins.

The name of Judge Allen, who was appointed to the Circuit bench in 1934 by Mr. Roosevelt, was mentioned in passing.

Several other names were understood to have been mentioned by Mr. Roosevelt, but so far as could be learned he did not discuss Judge Sam Branton of New Mexico, or Governor LaFollette of Wisconsin, who has been strongly urged on the President by one of his most vigorous Congressional supporters.

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Circus Fat Man Given Twice-Normal Food Relief Order.

THE latest crisis in Center Township relief had been met today following an emergency session of the trustee and assistants.

The crisis loomed sizably in the bulk of a stranded circus fat man, who, according to Leo X. Smith, Center Township Trustee, attorney, tipped the scales at well over 350 pounds.

"Is it fair," asked the circus man, "to ask a man my size to subsist on a diet set for men of lesser bulk . . . and a minimum diet, at that?"

Budgets being budgets, the relief worker was stumped. She talked to the supervisor, the supervisor to the chief, and the chief to the trustee. After a huddle with Mr. Smith, the Township relief rule was broken. The fat man got his twice-normal food orders.

TOWNSHIP SIGNS PACT WITH CITY

With the signing of a contract to furnish fire protection to Franklin Township, Theo. Dammeier, Safety Board president, announced today that only two townships in the county, Lawrence and Decatur, have not signed.

According to the contract, Franklin Township has agreed to pay the City \$300 annually for two years.

Mr. Dammeier predicted that Lawrence Township would sign an agreement "in the next 10 days."

Township pumpers are to be built with the funds derived from the township payments.

This program was started a year ago with an appropriation of \$10,000 by the City Council to build three pumpers. Since then, six townships not including Franklin, have signed contracts, whereas previously they had received the protection free, Mr. Dammeier said.

ARRAIGNMENT OF 51 IS SCHEDULED TODAY

Expect Chandjie Plea in Tavern Death.

Arraignment of 51 defendants, indicted by the Marion County Grand Jury two weeks ago, was scheduled today before Criminal Court Judge Frank P. Baker.

One of those expected to enter a plea was Mrs. Martha Chandjie, accused of involuntary manslaughter in the death of Mrs. Mary Shuffield in a tavern here in June, 1936.

Mrs. Chandjie is alleged to have beaten Mrs. Shuffield on the head with her shoe following an argument.

Herman Chandjie, her husband, also was accused in the slaying, but his trial last August resulted in a jury disagreement.

Another to face involuntary manslaughter charges is Bryan Hawkins, alleged slayer of his father, Samuel Hawkins, during a quarrel last September. Mr. Hawkins died of internal injuries. Hawkins claims his father received fatal injuries in a fall from a stepladder.

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