

# Army Man and Singer Among Five Killed in State Accidents; U. S. Holiday Toll Nears 500

Police Intensify Drive to Cut Down on Deaths From Traffic.

## 1939 ACCIDENT RECORD

**CITY**—One dead, new safety system prepared; 38 arrested including one in connection with hit-run accident; County —one dead.

**STATE**—Five killed over night, including Indianapolis singer; Indiana youth dies in Illinois.

**U. S.**—Violent deaths near 500 mark with traffic taking 256 lives.

One Marion County accident and four in the State took a toll of five lives overnight in traffic injuries. An Indiana youth also was killed in an Illinois accident.

Meanwhile City and State police announced new plans to reduce 1939 traffic deaths below those of 1938. Already the City and County traffic tolls both stand at one.

Carol Early, 20, a private of Co. 5, 11th Infantry, Ft. Harrison, was killed last night when he was struck by a car as he was standing at the side of Road 67, one and one-half miles north of 38th St.

Deborah Ward, prominent Indianapolis musician and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Burt C. Ward, 2453 N. Pennsylvania St., was killed when the motorcycle which she was riding struck a parked car in Wabash.



Miss Deborah Ward

Two Terre Haute Deaths

Robert Chisler of Terre Haute was killed yesterday when his car crashed head-on with a cattle truck five miles west of Terre Haute on U. S. 40. He was 30 years old.

Silas Whitfield, 63, died last night of injuries received in a collision of two cars at a city street intersection at Terre Haute.

Mrs. Winifred Hornell of Ft. Wayne is dead as the result of an automobile collision south of Ellettsville on Wavasee Road. She was 63 years old. Her daughter, son-in-law and granddaughter were injured.

John Rife Jr., 14, of Vincennes died of injuries received in an automobile accident near Lawrenceville, Ill. Others injured in the accident were his father and two other youths.

## Struck by Towed Car

Private Early was struck by a car which was being towed by another automobile. John Davis, 22, of 140 Virginia Ave., driver of the first car, said that he saw Mr. Early standing by the side of the road and swerved in time to avoid hitting him. John Compton, 20, 1134 Central Ave., who was guiding the car being towed, was unable to swerve in time, deputies said they were told.

Deputy sheriffs said that Mr. Early was standing in the road talking to two girls in a car when the accident happened.

Deputy Coroner Norman Booher termed the accident "unavoidable." Miss Ward's companion, Helen Garrison, 22, of Mulberry, suffered a fracture of the spine and possible internal injuries in the Wabash accident. She was taken to Wabash County Hospital. Deputy sheriffs said the two were returning to Indianapolis from playing a musical engagement at a Huntington hotel. Apparently, officers said, they became confused at Mill St. and U. S. 24 intersection and rammed a parked car.

Surviving Miss Ward are her parents, two sisters, Mrs. Herbert M. Garriott, Cincinnati, and Mrs. Vaughn W. Voris, Lancaster, Pa., and two brothers, Howard Sterling Ward, Lancaster, and Gayne F. Ward, Indianapolis.

## Known as Bobbie Lee

A graduate of Shortridge High School, Miss Ward studied music here and in Cincinnati. She sang over the radio and was known professionally as Bobbie Lee. With the "Swinging Trio" she appeared at an Indianapolis night club last summer.

The body was brought to the Flanner & Buchanan Funeral Home. Edward Ratcliff, 37, of 814 Whitcomb St., was being held under \$4000 bond by State Police on charges of involuntary manslaughter and leaving the scene of an accident. He was charged as being the hit-and-run driver whose automobile knocked down Alonzo Novick, 45, of 625 Woodrow Ave., Dec. 27.

A particular type of headlight glass and bracket was responsible for the arrest of Ratcliff, Capt. Walter Eckert of the State Police revealed. He said that an expert had determined that the type of glass and headlight bracket was used only on three makes of automobiles and on 1937 models. The bracket showed that it was a maroon-colored car that struck Mr. Novick. Ratcliff's arrest followed.

## Girl of 8 Injured

Martha Byfield, 8, of 956 Congress St., was treated at City Hospital for injuries received when she was struck yesterday by a car driven by Wallace Bowers, 18, of 1244 N. Illinois St., police said. The accident occurred at 30th St. and Northwestern Ave. as the girl was crossing the street.

Bowers was arrested for failing to possess a driver's license and failing to possess a certificate of title to the car, police reported.

In eight other accidents during the past 24 hours three persons were slightly injured.

Police arrested 38 persons yesterday for traffic regulation violations. Seven were arrested on charges of speeding, two for reckless driving, six were charged with running preferential streets, six with running red lights and one with drunken driving.

Fines or jail sentences were promised traffic regulation violators by Municipal Judge Charles Karabell. Fourteen were fined \$66 during the morning session.

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## SMUGGLING CASE TRIAL DELAYED

Chaperau Defense, Upset By Guilty Plea, Gains Time.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3 (U. P.).—The trial of Albert N. Chaperau, charged with smuggling jewelry and clothes from Europe for his friends in movie and cafe society circles, was adjourned in Federal Court today until tomorrow.

His attorney, Charles Sylvester, requested the delay because defense plans were upset by the guilty plea entered last week by Mrs. Emma N. Lauer, wife of a New York Supreme Court justice, who was Chaperau's co-defendant.

It was understood the two star Government witnesses would be Mrs. Lauer and George Burns, radio and movie comedian, who pleaded guilty to a smuggling charge based on his alleged acceptance from Chaperau of two diamond bracelets which had been slipped past customs.

Mrs. Lauer was charged with conspiring with Chaperau to get her new winter wardrobe, valued at \$1833, smuggled from Paris. Chaperau posed as an attaché of the Nicaraguan Consul General here and enjoyed immunity from customs inspection.

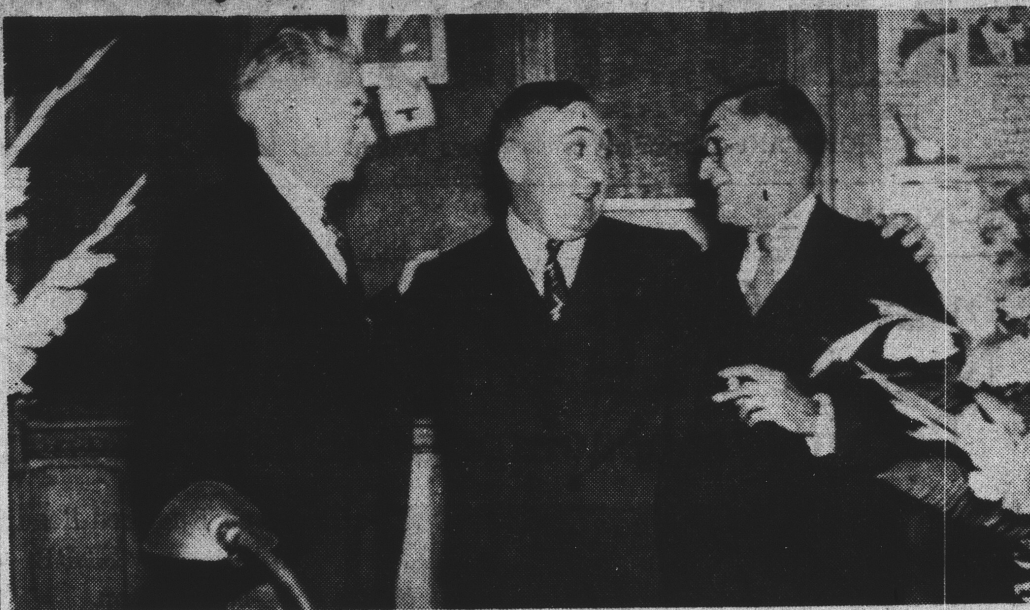
Several celebrities from the entertainment field, including Jack Benny and Jack Pearl, have testified before the grand jury that is still investigating Chaperau's activities. He is held under \$20,000 bond.

Testimony May Win Leniency

Joseph L. Delaney, Assistant United States Attorney who will prosecute the case, declined to say whether Mrs. Lauer and Burns would testify, but the fact that their sentencing was deferred until after Chaperau's trial indicated that they would, and that their testimony might win them leniency.

Mrs. Lauer's wardrobe was seized by Federal agents who raided her apartment in October. Chaperau was alleged to have delivered the clothes to her. Burns bought the bracelets for Grace Allen, his wife and partner in the celebrated comedy team.

## County Commissioners Begin Work



William A. Brown (center), newly elected County Commissioner, who took over duties of his office today, is welcomed to the office by two other commissioners, John S. Newhouse (left) and Dow W. Vorhies (right). Mr. Newhouse's term does not expire until Jan. 1, 1941, and Mr. Vorhies has one more year.

## CLINTON MINERS TO ATTEND RITES

Forget Work Temporarily; Black Damp Is Blamed In Single Death.

CLINTON, Jan. 3 (U. P.).—Nineteen of the 20 coal miners who were rescued from a blazing coal mine early Sunday morning, attended today in a group the funeral of the 20th—Jesse Hayes, 35—who died before rescue was effected.

Work in the mines here and in nearby communities was forgotten as the miners and their families drove here for the services. In the group of the 19 rescued miners was George Merritt who broke away with Hayes from the

huddled prisoners and made a mad dash for freedom. Deadly "mine damp" killed Hayes.

Merritt escaped death by finding refuge behind a canvas cloth until he was rescued hours later by volunteer workers who had given him up for dead.

Meanwhile, a fire continued to smolder in the mine at Centenary, near here, where the men were trapped for 12 hours.

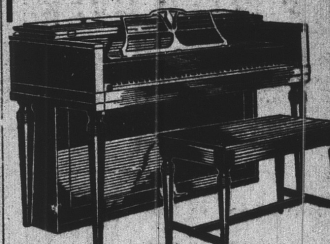
Mr. Hayes had been a miner for 14 years, starting when he was 21. He is survived by the widow and three children.

JUDGE TO JUDGE STRIP

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 3 (U. P.).—Municipal Judge Daniel O'Brien doesn't believe in any hearsay evidence or "eye-say" evidence.

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## TUBERCULIN TESTS GIVEN 6838 IN '38

A total of 6838 Indianapolis and Marion County high school students were given tuberculin tests in 1938 by the Marion County Tuberculosis Association, it was announced today.

Of the students tested, 3876 were in two Indianapolis public high schools and 2962 in several rural high schools and three parochial schools. Of the number, 1228 of the first group were given X-ray treatment while 948 from the second group were X-rayed, Miss Mary A. Meyers, executive secretary of the association, said.

All tests were conducted with consent of parents of the students, she said. The testing is financed through sale of Christmas Seals. City and County health departments and school officials co-operated in giving the tests.

## FOES OF 'BOSS RULE' MAP FIGHT FOR BILL

A committee of 20 Democrats, organized last week to sponsor legislation designed to prevent "boss rule" in party politics, was scheduled to meet today at the Hotel Washington.

Chairman Bert Wilhelm said a committee of five will be named today to draft a bill for presentation in the Legislature. The measure would make illegal the issuance of slates by political organizations in primary elections.

CAINE, KANE DEFERENT  
COALINGA, Cal., Jan. 3 (U. P.).—When Deputy Constable Jim Caine took Jim Kane to the house of incarceration on a charge of being intoxicated, he was thankful that at least there was a change in the spelling of the name.

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## 60,000 ARE CALLED BACK TO SCHOOLS

Term Will End on Jan. 20; Vacation Starts March 31.

More than 60,000 Indianapolis school children returned to public schools today with only one day of vacation between now and March 31 to look forward to.

On Wednesday, Feb. 22, schools will observe Washington's birthday. The spring vacation will open March 31 and run through April 10.

The Christmas and New Year vacation began on Dec. 21. From now until spring vacation pupils will have almost three steady months of study. The next few weeks will be the "crash" session for those who hope to raise their grades before the semester's end on Jan. 20. On that day the last report cards for the 1938-39 semester are to be issued.

Of the total returning today, 19,000 are attending high schools and 41,000 the elementary schools in Indianapolis.

## New Year's Toll of 500 to Equal Christmas

Violent deaths caused by accidents, fires and homicides during the three-day holiday which ushered in the New Year mounted steadily toward the 500 mark today.

As the holiday ended, a survey showed that at least 435 persons had been killed.

Indications were that fatalities would approximate 500, about the same number killed during the three-day Christmas holiday, when all sections had reported.

Automobile accidents accounted for 256 deaths. Other persons died by suicide, in burning homes, by gunfire and in train and airplane accidents.

## Escape as Car Dives Off Bridge

DECATUR, Ind., Jan. 3 (U. P.).—Three Cincinnati men narrowly escaped death in a crash here yesterday when their car plunged off the guard rail, fell 25 feet to the river bank, struck a tree, bounced onto the ice and slid almost across the river before breaking through.

The occupants were unhurt except for minor cuts and bruises. They were Edward Poppe, 24, driver of the car; Maurice Davidson, 22, and Russel Dee, 23. Mr. Poppe told police he fell asleep at the wheel.

## TWO MAIL CARRIERS RETIRE WITH GIFTS

Two Indianapolis mail carriers today are displaying to friends gifts they received from fellow employees upon their retirement from service.

They are Joseph F. Matthews, carried in the Odd Fellow and Union Title Buildings, and John A. Clayton, a carrier in Irvington.

Mr. Matthews, who became a postal employee Feb. 23, 1913, was presented an elaborately equipped fishing kit by downtown carriers.

Mr. Clayton received a traveling bag from Irvington carriers. He had been a postal employee since June 19, 1901.

Both were members of Hoosier City Branch No. 39, National Association of Letter Carriers.

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