

# PEDESTRIAN DIES; 12TH 1942 VICTIM

Eight Others Injured When Hit by Autos; Accidents Follow National Safety Council Warning To Regulate Crossings.

After the National Safety Council called on Indianapolis to reduce its high number of traffic deaths and injuries among pedestrians, the names of another pedestrian killed and eight injured, were added to the 1942 casualty list.

Mrs. Sarah Schuckman, 68, became the 12th traffic fatality of 1942. She died today at Methodist Hospital of injuries suffered Tuesday when she was struck by an auto in front of her home, 1231½ S. Meridian St. The driver, George Eastes, 34, of 1757 Craft St., was declared blameless in the accident.

All the eight injured were hit by autos at street intersections within a few hours after a National Safety Council spokesman told civic leaders that police regulation of persons walking in the streets is essential if Indianapolis hopes to reduce pedestrian casualties—now among the highest for cities of this size.

One of the pedestrians injured overnight was in serious condition after being struck by a small hit-and-run truck driven by a man smoking a pipe. Two middle-aged couples accounted for half of the eight pedestrian casualties.

#### Skull Fracture Feared

Norman Jackson, 37, of 619 N. Alabama St., received a possible skull fracture when he was struck by the pipe smoker's truck last night at West and W. Washington Sts. He was taken to City Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles McCool, 960 N. Grant Ave., were slightly injured when struck by the auto of Harry Gaston, 48, of 941 N. Temple Ave. The motorist was charged with reckless driving and failure to give the right-of-way to a pedestrian. The accident occurred at 10th St. and N. Temple Ave. last night.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Riche, 525 Prospect St., were injured slightly by an auto at Morris and Shelby Sts. shortly before midnight. The driver, Leo Hoyt, 32, of 1624 Pleasant St., was declared blameless.

#### Sea Scout Aids Victim

Ben Gray, 71, of 2446 N. Delaware St., was given first aid for head and leg injuries by a Sea Scout at the scene of an accident, Central Ave. and Fall Creek Blvd., last night. Then he was treated at City Hospital, and sent home. Doctors praised the Sea Scout, John Crump, 18, of 1714 Central Ave., for his quick action after Mr. Gray was struck by an auto.

Walter Seibert, 68, of 1540 E. 52d St., driver of the car involved in the accident, was charged with failure to give right-of-way to a pedestrian.

Rita Windisch, 7, of 1749 W. Morris St., received knee and back injuries when struck by an auto at Lee and Morris Sts. shortly after she got out of school yesterday. The driver, Ray Drake, 23, of 1227 Exeter Ave., was charged with reckless driving.

#### One Driver Cleared

George Johnson, 6, Negro, 1131 Carter St., also was slightly injured yesterday shortly after he started home from school. He was struck at 12th St. and Senate Ave. by the auto of Jerome J. Blumenfeld, 23, of 242 S. Illinois St. The driver was cleared by police.

Paul F. Stricker of Chicago was the official of the National Safety Council, who warned that police regulation of pedestrian traffic will be necessary in Indianapolis if the city hopes to reduce motor fatalities and injuries.

Mr. Stricker spoke at a meeting of the safety division of the Chamber of Commerce.

He praised Indianapolis for reducing its traffic fatalities last year in the face of a 16 per cent increase throughout the nation.

#### Local Chapter Formed

A charter designating the safety division of the Chamber of Commerce as the Indianapolis chapter of the National Safety Council was presented by Mr. Stricker. Wallace O. Lee received it.

Although Indianapolis reduced its traffic deaths more than 20 per cent in 1941 over the previous year," Mr. Stricker explained, "the percentage of pedestrians killed here is higher than in most cities of a similar size.

There are several things which must be done to meet this problem

in Indianapolis—VITAL STATISTICS

Here is the Traffic Record

#### FATALITIES

County City Total

1941 5 4 9

1942 4 8 12

Jan. 22—

Accidents 27 Arrests 266

Injured 11 Dead 1

#### THURSDAY TRAFFIC COURT

Case Convic. Fines

Tried Fines Paid

Speeding 11 10 \$130

Reckless driving 8 5 67

Failure to stop at through street 0 0 0

Disobeying traffic signals 6 6 0

Drunken driving 2 2 95

All others 14 14 59

Totals 35 31 \$351

#### MEETINGS TODAY

Indiana Builders' Lumber Association, convention, Hotel St. Regis, all day.

Indiana Producers' Commission Association, convention, Clarendon Hotel, all day.

Southern Indiana Building Association, proposed new Manual High School building, meeting, Prospect St. Library auditorium, 7 p.m.

Indiana Prosecutors' Association, civilian defense, meeting, Claypool Hotel, noon.

Indiana State Symphony Society, luncheon, Exchange Club, luncheon, Hotel Sevier, noon.

Indiana State Teachers Association, luncheon, Hotel St. Regis, all day.

Indiana State Federation of Women's Clubs, luncheon, Columbia Club, noon.

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