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THE INDIANAPOLIS TIMES

2 Killed, 15 Injured in Week-End Traffic; Hit-Run Driver Sought**5 Policemen Hurt When Emergency Squad Car Swerves, Overturns to Avoid Hitting Auto**

A high-speed motorist who left his hit-run victim dying in the middle of a street here was being sought by authorities today.

Herschel F. Jumpp, 31, of 1830 Livingston st., died in City hospital after lying in 20th st. near Somerset st. for more than an hour early Sunday.

Homer Wharton, 65, of 410 N. Wallace st., New York Central railroad conductor, was the second traffic fatality here during the week-end. He died on the way to City hospital after his car collided with one driven by Marvin J. McCamis, 23, of Lebanon, at Meridian and New York sts., yesterday.

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drive past his home on Semmes st. several times earlier in the evening and that they sounded as if they were traveling at a high rate of speed. He could not identify the cars.

The sheriff's office is launching a search for the car that struck Mr. Wharton.

H. F. Jumpp Homer Wharton

Wiley Wharton was badly injured. The two deaths brought the Marion county traffic fatality toll for the year to 96.

6 Policemen Injured

Among 15 persons injured over the week-end were five policemen who were hurt when the police department emergency truck in which they were riding overturned at Pennsylvania and Maryland sts.

A sixth police officer was injured yesterday while off duty when the motorcycle on which he was riding and an automobile collided at Ft. Wayne ave. and St. Clair st.

Services for Mr. Jumpp will be at 2 p. m. Wednesday in the Leap Memorial funeral home and will be conducted by the Rev. Charles Ammentrout, pastor of the Washington Street Presbyterian church. Burial will be in Memorial Park cemetery.

Mr. Jumpp was found in the street shortly after midnight Saturday by Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Wade of 917 Riviera dr. who were passing in an automobile. He was taken to City hospital in an ambulance, but died a few minutes after being admitted.

Leg, Arm Broken

Hospital physicians said that Mr. Jumpp must have lain in the street for nearly an hour before being found. His right leg and arm were broken.

R. O. Payne, who lives near the scene of the accident, told deputy sheriffs he had heard two cars

of retirement in two weeks. He was a member of the brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and the Presbyterian church and I. O. O. F. lodge. His wife survives him.

Services will be at 1:30 p. m. Wednesday in Flanner & Buchanan mortuary.

Injured in the overturning of the police emergency car were Cpl. Robert C. Wade, of 2342 S. Pennsylvania st., head, arm and shoulder injuries; Sgt. James O'Brien, 53, of 1115 N. Wallace st., shock and head injuries; Patrolman Cecil Madalena, bruises, and Cpl. William Lahrmann, bruises.

Cpl. Wade and Patrolman Madalena were riding on the rear of the vehicle and were thrown to the street. Cpl. Wade was treated at City hospital and released.

Charge Reckless Driving

Cpl. Lahrmann was driving the vehicle west on Maryland st. on a run to the Oliver Corp. warehouse at 321 W. Maryland st. in answer to a burglar alarm. Just west of Pennsylvania st. a car driven by Fred C. Koester, 51, of 2222 Central ave., going west on Maryland st., attempted to make a left turn into a parking lot at 31 E. Maryland st.

Cpl. Lahrmann swerved his vehicle to miss the car and it overturned.

Police arrested Koester on charges of reckless driving, no hand signal, improper lights, making a left turn which is prohibited within the mile square, failure to give right of way to emergency vehicle and operating a car under the influence of liquor. He will appear in municipal court 4 this afternoon.

Paul Meeker, 32, of 6639 Massachusetts ave., a policeman who serves at the department's radio station, received a crushed right foot ad ankle when the motorcycle on which he was riding and an automobile driven by Ansell Taylor, 43, of 839 N. Capitol ave., collided. The motorcycle was driven by Paul Bedell, 32, of 1702 E. 72d st.

Hit by Truck

Others Injured:

Agnes Bruce, 50, of 782 Edgemont ave., sustained a bruised arm yesterday when she walked into the side of a passing truck at Locke st. and Indiana ave.

McCamis was arrested on charges of reckless driving and running a red traffic signal. Mr. Wharton was driving west on New York st. when the accident occurred. His body was thrown from the car onto Meridian st.

A native of Carroll county, Mr. Wharton was first employed by the New York Central at Logansport before moving here. He had been a conductor here but recently had worked as a yard switchman.

He would have reached the age

of 66 in January.

Incident at California and Vermont

James Gaughan, 52, of 1222 Beecher st., cuts on the head when struck by a car while walking across Shelby st. at Raymond st.

Girl Runs Into Car

Alice Porter, 47, 977 W. Pearl st., sustained bruises on her right knee when she was struck by an automobile as she was alighting from a streetcar in the 900 block on W. Washington st. The driver of the car, Robert E. Graham, 31, of 1026 Goodlet ave., was arrested for failure to give pedestrian right of way, reckless driving, inadequate brakes, and passing a stopped streetcar which was discharging passengers.

Annette Bow, 10, of 60 S. Rural st., treated for cuts and bruises by City hospital ambulance physician and returned to home. She was injured when she ran into the side of a passing car at Moore and Rural sts.

Lee Bobb, 50, 627 Cottage ave., received cuts on the head when he fell from the motorcycle he was riding east in the 5300 block on E. Washington st.

Ruth Spradley, 40, of 1938 Mansfield ave., cut on the head when the car she was driving was struck by another and overturned at North and New Jersey sts. She was treated at City hospital and later released.

G. I.'s Leave Australia

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 2 (U. P.)

The U. S. army base command in Australia closed today. It retained only a skeleton staff to manage American cemeteries and handle the affairs of Australian brides of U. S. service men. Radio Australia reported the command was formed at Melbourne Jan. 12, 1942, and later moved to Sydney.

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