

Holiday Dead: State, 22; U.S., 640

Heaviest Toll Since Mark Hit in 1941

Highway Fatalities Lead High List

More than 600 persons died in holiday accidents during the Fourth of July week-end in the heaviest carnage since the all-time high toll of 1941, a final tabulation showed today.

The total was 640, just two more than last year's toll, with most of the deaths on the highways.

It brought a denunciation from the National Safety Council of careless and amateur drivers for not heeding pre-holiday warnings.

In Indiana 22 persons were killed in holiday accidents. The toll coincides exactly with that predicted by state police before the vacation period began.

Eight highway accidents took 11 Hoosier lives. Swimming or boating mishaps were responsible for 10 deaths in the state. And a 5-year-old boy fell to his death from a farm wagon.

List of Dead
The list of Indiana dead reported today includes:

Walker Hudnall, 48, Mars Hill, Mo. Arda Everette, 65, also of Mars Hill, mother of Mr. Hudnall. Anthony Reniewicz, 34, Hammond.

Charles Green, 29, Shelbyville. Raymond Edward Ferguson, 5, of near Columbus.

Mrs. Almeda Engelbrecht, 26, Kingsford Heights. Francis Bridgeport, 21, Winamac.

Floyd Miller Jr., 17, Ft. Wayne. Gary Lee Bullock, 12, Boonville. Albert Lencioni, 24, East Chicago.

Gene Frye, 18, Ft. Wayne. John Campbell, 73, Gary. Edward Deal, 24, Mishawaka. Roger G. Stafford, 42, Warsaw.

Truck-Auto Crash
Mr. Hudnall and his mother died yesterday in the flaming wreckage of their car following a truck-auto crash on in U. S. 31 near Columbus.

They were on their way to Muscatatuck State Park when their car collided with the truck, owned by Morgan Packing Co., Austin.

The truck and car left the road and came to a stop in a field 40 feet from the point of impact.

Mr. Hudnall's 13-year-old son, Norman, was thrown clear of the wreckage. State Police said he possibly saved his own life by beating out his blazing clothing.

The driver of the truck, Sammie Lynch, 22, escaped uninjured. He told police he tried to slow down for a truck ahead of him and his truck swerved into the path of the Hudnall.

Mr. Green died Sunday of injuries received in a traffic accident in Ind. 29 near Shelby Saturday night.

The Ferguson child, who was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ferguson, was injured Friday night when he fell off of a farm wagon near Columbus.

Mrs. Engelbrecht died yesterday of injuries received in an automobile accident near La Porte. She was injured in the same crash that took the life of Carl Erickson, 24, of Chicago.

Cyclist Dies in Crash
Injuries received Saturday when his motorcycle struck the rear of an automobile at Hammond were fatal to Mr. Reniewicz. He died yesterday in a Hammond hospital.

Drowning victims yesterday included Mr. Miller in Sylvan Lake at Rome City; Mr. Bridgeport in Bass Lake, and young Bullock, in the Ohio River near Hatfield.

Mr. Lencioni and Mr. Frye drowned in Lake James yesterday when the boat in which they were riding with companions overturned. The companions were saved.

Lake County authorities still were searching for the body of Mr. Lencioni who drowned yesterday while swimming with a companion in Cedar Lake.

Boat Upsets, Drowns
Young Frye drowned in Lake James yesterday when the boat in which he was riding with friends overturned, according to State Police.

State Police said Mr. Campbell drowned yesterday when he fell into the Iroquois River near Ind. 16 in Newton County while fishing.

Mr. Stafford drowned Sunday in Pike Lake. State Police said he believed he fell into the water while fishing.

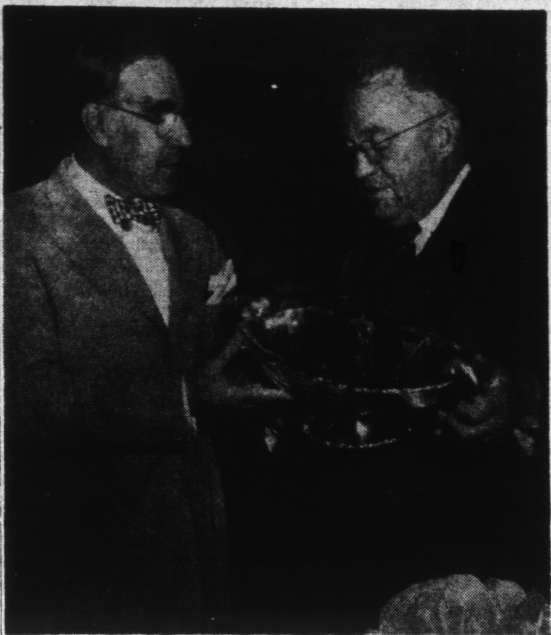
Mr. Deal was killed instantly when his pickup truck was in a head-on collision with a heavy truck loaded with steel at 7:30 a. m. today in U. S. 41, five miles south of Veederburg.

Mrs. Deal, 23, is in a Crawfordville hospital with critical injuries. Arthur Dentice, Gary, was driver of the other vehicle.

Service Rendered
MADISON, Wis. (UP)—Mrs. Sandra Hendry got plenty of attention when she fell down a flight of stairs in a restaurant and broke her leg. Mrs. Hendry landed in front of the table where the board of trustees, head nurse and superintendent of a nearby hospital were having lunch.

Strike Postponed
ST. LOUIS, July 6 (UP)—Production workers of the Union Electric Co. of Missouri postponed a strike today which would have shut all but essential power service in St. Louis and adjacent areas in Missouri and Illinois.

Two Ships Collide
BOSTON, July 6 (UP)—The Coast Guard reported today that the Norwegian steamship Beljeanne and the Swedish motorship Ella had collided in fog about 240 miles south of Greenland.



GOOD-WILL TOKEN—Fabien Sevitzky (left), Indianapolis Symphony conductor, presents Gov. Gates with a solid silver fruit dish from Gov. Fernando Casas Aleman of the Federal District of Mexico. The token of international amity was brought back from Mexico City by Dr. Sevitzky after his recent appearance there as guest conductor.

2 Women, 4 Men On Grand Jury

Mrs. Eva L. Stanley Named Foreman

A new Marion County Grand Jury of two women and four men was impaneled today in Criminal Court 1.

The jury, to serve for six months, will have its first meeting Friday morning.

Mrs. Eva L. Stanley, 5609 Carrollton Ave., was named foreman. She is the first woman foreman among the last four Grand Juries.

List of Jurors
The other jurors:

Mrs. Virginia E. Owens, 1352 N. Keating Ave.; James I. Smith, 3836 Central Ave.; Cloyd C. Rose, 1825 E. 62d St.; Martin H. Ross, 4930 Kingsley Ave., and Edward C. Hanf, 536 W. 31st St.

Edwin Steers Jr. will continue to act as deputy prosecutor in charge of the Grand Jury. Lois Treitz will be retained as reporter.

The six jurors were selected from a venire of 75 by Judge Saul I. Rabb and Judge William D. Bain, sitting in general term. Judge Rabb presided.

Retiring Members
Members of the retiring grand jury which stepped out of office today are:

Burhard Carr, foreman, 725 Nottingham Court; Mrs. Dorothy Deffendall, 6118 Indianola Ave.; Maurice P. DeMotte, 207 E. 51st St.; Mrs. Ora M. Sharp, 704 E. Morris St.; Max A. Fritz, 1425 E. 81st St., and John S. Merritt, 1115 W. 36th St.

PIE IN THE SKY—There'll be pie in the sky someday soon, and Vonnay Ann Verno, 18, was carrying it. Vonnay Ann, as queen of the 1948 National Cherry Festival in Traverse City, Mich., will fly to Washington to give President Truman a cherry pie. The blue-eyed blond hails from Empire, Mich., in the heart of the cherry region.

IN INDIANAPOLIS
EVENTS TODAY
Opening Session of the Methodist Jurisdictional Conference—8:30 p. m. Scotch Rite Bldg.

Prohibition Party Address, Claude Watson of Los Angeles—8 p. m. Cadle Tabernacle.

Pack Department Annual Music Festival—7:30 p. m. Brookside Center.

Rotary Club—Claypool Hotel.

Public Dance sponsored by the Crestwood and Boulevard Cantones—Fall Creek Playground.

EVENTS TOMORROW
Opening of the Plenary Sessions of the Methodist Jurisdictional Conference—Robert's Park Methodist Church.

Public Dance Sponsored by the Buzz Bucket Teen Cantones—Coleman Bldg., 2500 W. Michigan St.

Band Concert—8 p. m. Brookside Park.

Carl, Joan, Gerda, Carl, Ruth, Con, Lawrence, Betty Burton; Elmer, Hendrick, Murphy.

BIRTHS
At St. Francis—Fred, Gladys Stewart; Delbert, Louise Farrow; John, Margie Jones.

At General—Gerald, Myra Mehrlisch; George, Maxine Fleming; Warner, Olivia Erle; Robert, Marie Warfield; Irene Russell; Robert, Louise McDonald; At Coleman—Clark, Edith Hamilton; Carl, Joan Gerda; Carl, Ruth Con; Lawrence, Betty Burton; Elmer, Hendrick, Murphy.

At Methodist—Feldon, Betty Bennett; Lawrence, Rose Atkinson; Robert, Margaret Anderson; Richard, Virginia Smith; Pete, Anna Schutte; Owen, Elmer; Robert, Marie Warfield; Irene Russell; Robert, Louise McDonald; At Coleman—Clark, Edith Hamilton; Carl, Joan Gerda; Carl, Ruth Con; Lawrence, Betty Burton; Elmer, Hendrick, Murphy.

DEATHS
Frank O. Neal, 82, at 1044 N. Elder, arteriosclerotic heart.

Mary Rights, 61, at 112 E. 15th, cancer.

John Douglas Welch, 58, at 3635 Toleman, coronary occlusion.

Halie E. Bragg, 58, at St. Vincent's, carcinoma.

Frank Edie Kinsley, 86, at 3219 N. Arden, cardiac vascular renal.

Charles Franklin Wallace, 72, at Long, cerebral thrombosis.

Bernard Wilson, 53, at 1461 Union, coronary thrombosis.

3 Escape Death as Car Strikes Bridge, Burns

Three persons narrowly escaped death last night when their car struck a bridge, rolled down an embankment, and burned.

The car was driven by Clifford Smith, 29 N. State Ave. He told police a tire blew out as the auto entered a bridge on U. S. 36 west of Avon. He and two companions, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Crouch, Cumberland, were treated for minor injuries in General Hospital.

Czechs Hail U. S. In Prague Parade
PRAGUE, July 6 (UP)—Czechs waved United States flags and shouted praise of Benes and Masaryk today in what appeared to be an organized protest against the Communist regime in Czechoslovakia.

They referred to Eduard Benes, resigned former president, of Czechoslovakia, and Jan Masaryk, former foreign minister who committed suicide or was killed soon after the Communists seized power in Czechoslovakia.

The demonstrations occurred during a five-hour parade in Prague of the Sokols—Czech gymnastic societies.

Police appeared powerless to halt the demonstration, but eyewitnesses said that at least three young men, who shouted "There is no republic without Masaryk," were arrested.

One group whipped out their small U. S. flags in union, kissed them and then waved them furiously as a swelling roar swept through the spectators along the route.

Two Sentenced Here In Gas Station Holdup
Two bandits received prison terms today in Criminal Court 2 after pleading guilty to the hold-up of an Indianapolis filling station attendant.

Judge Saul I. Rabb sentenced James E. Lovell, 20, of 430 W. Merrill St., to one to five years in the Indiana Reformatory.

Lovell admitted several previous crimes and a bad juvenile record. Robert Lewis Smith, 19, of 533 S. West St., was sentenced to one year on the State Farm.

Judge Rabb said his sentence was less severe because of his "good military record."

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Hollywood Friends Baffled By Carole Landis' Suicide

Police to Question Family on Motive

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Miss Landis, who'd been swimming, dining and lurching daily with Mr. Harrison the past few weeks, had him over to dinner Sunday night. They dined alone, and parted at 9 o'clock. Police estimated she gulped the tablets about four hours later.

Her body was found near the doorway of her bathroom overlooking Santa Monica Bay. Her head was pillowed on a brown leather jewel case and her long hair fell casually to the round neckline of her white lace blouse.

Pill in Envelope
Her gold-sandaled feet were tucked under her unbuttoned blue-and-white checked skirt. She wore an oversized St. Christopher medal and a gold wrist watch, engraved "C. L." In her left hand she held a satin ribbon, lettered with the Lord's Prayer, and a white envelope holding a single white pill.

Written on the envelope was a doctor's prescription: "Red—quick—two hours. Yellow about 5—can take two. Use for severe pain."

Nearby was a pair of red boudoir slippers, and a sheer dressing gown hung on the bathroom door. The brown-and-red bedspread in her adjoining bedroom was unwrinkled. An empty bottle of sleeping tablets was on a dressing table.

Propped against a huge cologne bottle was a note, on her personal stationery, addressed to "Dearest Mommie." It read:

"I'm sorry, really sorry to put you through this. But there is no way to avoid it. I love you, darling, you have been the most wonderful mom ever and that applies to all our family... everything goes to you. Look in the files, and there is a will... goodbye, my angel, pray for me. Your Baby."

Yesterday Mr. Harrison telephoned Miss Landis to check on his luncheon date with her. Mrs. Landis' maid, Fanny May Bolden, said she was asleep.

"I was detained. I rang her again at three," Mr. Harrison told reporters. "The maid said she still was sleeping and I thought that strange. I went to her home, which is near mine, and the maid and I knocked on her door. We entered and found her."

The maid said Mr. Harrison's face twisted when he saw the body. "Oh, no, honey," he gasped. "Why did you do it?"

Mr. Harrison called a doctor and then the police.

Rumors Denied
Miss Bolden said the British actor and Miss Landis had dated constantly the past few weeks. A few months ago the gossip columns reported that Mr. Harrison and Miss Palmer had separated, and that the actor was dating Miss Landis.

Later the Harrisons denied separation rumors. The actor telephoned the news to Miss Palmer in New York. She was to fly back there today.

Attorney Jerry Giesler, representing Miss Landis in her suit to divorce theatrical producer Horace Schmidlapp, was to see her today to discuss a property settlement.

"I don't think this divorce had anything to do with her suicide," he said.

Her press agent, Ed Ettinger, said he didn't think her career had made her unhappy, either. He said she recently was financially embarrassed, but had sold her \$100,000 home. She also was assured comfortable alimony from Mr. Schmidlapp, and to make a movie for Eagle-Lion Studio here and another in England next September.

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Middle East and Africa—There is a danger of direct Soviet intervention in Iran, although the Tudeh Communist Party is weak. The danger in the Arab countries lies in the possibility that their armies might be defeated in Palestine. Ensuing chaos might open up this present non-Communist area to serious Communist infiltration. Greece and Turkey standing firm due to American aid.

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She first starred in the movie "One Million B.C." Other films included "Furnace Heat," "Four's a Crowd" and "I Wake Up Screaming."

Toured Europe
During the war she gave up the movies to tour European and North African army camps with Martha Raye, Mitzi Mayfair and Kay Francis.

But in her personal life, Miss Landis found only unhappiness. Her second marriage to broker Willis Hunt Jr. lasted two months. She married Air Force Ace Capt. Thomas C. Wallace in 1943 but they were divorced two years later. The actress wed Mr. Schmidlapp in New York in December, 1945.

Miss Landis was the third Hollywood star to end her life in the past dozen years. Lupe Velez, the "Mexican spitfire," gulped sleeping pills Dec. 14, 1944, and Thelma Todd was found dead in her automobile Dec. 16, 1935.

The blond sweater girl had visited Indianapolis several times, paying visits to Veterans' hospitals. Miss Landis' last visit was last year for the 500-mile race, after she was chosen to present the Borg-Warner trophy to winner Mauri Rose.

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