

## Death of Girl Puts Week-end Road Toll at 6

### Crash Near Madison Fatal; Hold Driver

The toll of week-end traffic fatalities on Indiana's rain-swept highways rose to six today with the death of a 15-year-old girl injured in a collision on Indiana 29, 5 miles north of Madison yesterday.

Miss Marie Peterson, of San Jacinto, Jennings County, died at 9 a.m. this morning in Kings Daughters Hospital at Madison.

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State police said she was a passenger in a car driven by Charles Fraker, 18, R. R. 1, Dupont, Ind., whose vehicle collided with one driven by Charles Noresey, R. R. 4, Madison.

Police said Fraker was arrested on a charge of reckless homicide, charging that he failed to stop at a stop sign.

Blamed On Rain

Meanwhile, rain also was blamed for most of 42 traffic accidents which occurred in the city since midnight Saturday.

In the more than two score accidents here 14 persons were hurt, none seriously. In addition, one person was injured in a local crash earlier Saturday night.

The fatalities over the state chalked up Indiana's largest week end toll of the new year.

The other dead:

James Batson, 65, Hastings, Mich.

Miss Wilma Jean Hicks, 18, R. R. 2, Alexandria.

Pearl Miller, 60, Terre Haute. John F. Schwartz, 71, R. R. 4, Terre Haute.

John Skaggs, 61, Anderson.

Critically injured here late Saturday evening was Michael A. Seal, 50, 1530 N. Meridian St., pedestrian struck in front of 1468 S. Meridian St. Mr. Seal was taken to General Hospital suffering from fractures of both legs and shock.

Driver of the car which struck him was William H. Roys, 51, 121 Berwyn St., police said.

Two of the state fatalities occurred in a head-on collision in the rain five miles north of Anderson on U. S. 9.

Driven by Father

Mr. Batson and Miss Hicks were killed and Mr. Batson's wife, Mrs. Nina Batson, 55, is in critical condition at St. John's Hospital, Anderson.

Miss Hicks was riding in a car driven by her father, Standford Hicks, 52. He is in St. John's suffering from injuries and shock.

Mr. Miller was drowned when his car left the road on a turn three miles north of Seelyville near Terre Haute, glanced off a bridge and plunged into a swollen creek.

Mr. Schwartz, custodian of the Vigo County court house, Terre Haute, was killed in Ind. 46, five miles southeast of Terre Haute.

Police said Mr. Schwartz drove out of a county road onto the main highway and collided with a car driven by Harold Hoffman, 24, Bloomington. Mr. Hoffman and his wife, Betty, 24, were injured, neither critically.

Struck by Train

Mr. Skaggs died two hours after his automobile collided with another at an Anderson street intersection.

In other accidents in the city a three-quarter ton truck driven by Clyde Warner, 27, 1717 Bellfontaine St., was struck by a CIE train at 19th St. and the Monon tracks.

Mr. Warner was treated at General Hospital for an injured left leg and a cut lip. He was arrested for having no operator's license and charged with disobeying an automatic traffic signal.

At 7 p. m. yesterday a trackless trolley going east on Washington St. made a left turn into Alabama St. and hit Ernest LePage, 3534 E. Michigan St., who was treated at General Hospital for a cut over his eye and released.

Mr. LePage was charged with drunkenness. Police said he walked into the left front of the trolley operated by Corbin Locks, 31, 2419 N. Arlington Ave.

## Feeney Will Seek Plan Chief's Job

(Continued From Page One).—cause of his interest in these residents' cases and the fact that if the present amendment passes Mr. Kammins would have "too much power" in determining whether the homes should be permitted to remain.

Mayor Feeney said he had no part in introducing the amendment measure and that he had not had opportunity to read its provisions.

Fears Too Much Power

He said he was not opposed to measures which would increase public housing in the city but he felt that what he had heard of the amendment threw power to the Plan Commission which was beyond its scope.

"I'm for housing and I'm for redevelopment," he said, "but I don't want the two mixed. The Redevelopment Commission has done a fine job. If someone wants to clarify provisions of the Commission's law, that is all right, but I am against putting one board over another. It would tend to slow down the work of redevelopment and I am opposed to that."

Other provisions of Mr. Kammins' amendment would: Eliminate the sealing of 10 or more parcels of land at less than assessed value and give individuals right to appeal their cases to court.

## Be-Bop Society Hears Platters at Weekly Session



### Jap Ruler Will Shun National Vote Jan. 23

TOKYO, Jan. 17 (UP)—Emperor Hirohito and other members of the imperial household will not vote in the Jan. 23 national election, press reports said today.

The reports said the emperor felt the imperial household should remain aloof from politics. Hirohito and his wife have never voted.

### INSTITUTE FOR WCTU

The Elizabeth Stanley WCTU Institute will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday in the home of Mrs. C. E. Vollmer, 914 N. Ritter Ave.

### Prepares Statement

He prepared a statement for the record to set forth his stand when a vote on the exemption is taken in the House. It reads:

"I would like to exempt every man from every tax, but we dare not do so. The financial guarantee by district businessmen furnishes no excuse for exempting inaugurations tickets from the admission tax. The multitude of Washington will furnish them the profits they anticipated. Such guarantees are usual business practices, generally profitable, perfectly legitimate, but not altogether altruistic."

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### It's Official Now—

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### Marital Plans Finally Revealed

CANNES, Jan. 17 (UP)—The lead-show romance of movie star Rita Hayworth and Prince Aly Khan will lead to their marriage just as soon as the prince is "free to do so," they announced today.

Prince Aly, son of the fabulously wealthy Aga Khan and a multi-millionaire in his own right, met the press in the drawing room of his Riviera chateau where Miss Hayworth is his guest.

He announced their marital plans while reporters sipped at his Scotch whiskey.

Miss Hayworth did not appear, but she had him issue for a one-line statement which said:

"I have been waiting only for him to be free to marry him."

Prince Aly's statement, equally terse, said:

"I am going to marry Miss Hayworth as soon as I am free to do so."

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