

# Boy, 9, Among Five Hurt In Accidents

Wheeler St. Youth, Struck by Car, Is In Fair Condition

Five persons were injured, one critically, in a series of traffic accidents in Indianapolis and vicinity early today and last night.

Luther Ellis, 30, of 955 Church St. received severe chest, face and knee injuries when his automobile crashed into the last car of a New York Central freight train at the crossing at 200 S. Harding St. shortly after midnight.

General Hospital attaches reported his condition critical.

## Cyclist, 9, Injured

A bicyclist, Howard A. Proctor, 9, of 2355 Wheeler St., was struck by a car operated by Joseph E. Strough, 52, of 2138 N. Bosart Ave., yesterday at Dearborn St. and Glenn Drive. His condition was fair at General Hospital.

Miss Thelma Harnish, 31, of 1904 W. Michigan St., told police she was struck by a hit-and-run stickab at Michigan and Pierson Sts.

She said the driver continued on without stopping after she was knocked down. She was treated for a bruised leg and side by a private physician.

## Hit By Skidding Car

Walter Graham, 26, of Shelbyville, was treated and released at St. Francis Hospital for injuries sustained when the car in which he was a passenger skidded on the wet pavement on Indiana 29, southeast of New Bethel last night.

Police said the car, operated by Charles A. Wilt, 24, of New Castle, went out of control and overturned because of the slippery highway.

William Thaxton, 68, of RFD Martinsville, was injured when his car collided with a People's Motor bus at Sherman Drive and Bethel Ave. The bus was operated by Thomas F. Jordray, 22, of Mooresville, who blamed wet pavement.

Mr. Thaxton was admitted to St. Francis Hospital with chest and shoulder injuries. His condition was reported fair.

# State Polio Cases Pass 400 Mark

3 More Deaths Raise Total to 42

Indiana polio cases rose to 401 today as state health officials reported new attacks in Tipton and Marion Counties. The death toll from the dread disease stood at 42, with three deaths recorded yesterday.

Both Ann Hertz, 7, of 3449 N. Rural St., was admitted to Riley Hospital for observation and treatment in the latest Marion County case. Fatalities reported yesterday were Larry Joe Kostanzer, 7, Crawfordsville, at Riley Hospital; Kansas Stucker, 4, Huntington, at Lutheran Hospital; Ft. Wayne, and Charles William Snyder, 17, Anderson, at Long Hospital.

Although the total cases had passed the 400 mark, Dr. George M. Brother of the State Health Board said it was not known whether polio was increasing or decreasing throughout the state. No trend had been established.

## Eight New Cases Yesterday

Eight new cases reported yesterday dropped below the 15 per day average in the state, but all were reported on Wednesday. "The number of reported cases may go up or down some each day for awhile," Dr. Brother said, "ruling out the possibility of establishing a trend."

A 10-year average established from the records of the health board shows the peak month for polio attacks has been reached in September. However, Dr. Brother said new peaks have been reached in other months.

"Polio cases started earlier this year," Dr. Brother said, "and it is hoped that the peak will come sooner than usual."

## Heaviest in 1940

Heaviest toll in Indiana occurred in 1940 when 682 cases were reported, and in 1946, when 453 victims were stricken.

Yesterday's cases included four from Vanderburg County, two from Delaware County, and one each from Clinton and Grant Counties.

Authorities in Jay County, still hardest hit in the state, noted a slight decrease and partially lifted the 12-day-old ban on public gatherings. Jay had 64 cases, Delaware 49 and Randolph 33.

# Hit-Run Driver Kills Owensville Youth

Paul Morrow, 17-year-old Owensville youth, was killed early today by a hit-and-run driver on State Road 168, near Fort Branch, according to state police.

Police said young Morrow apparently was attempting to hitch a ride when the accident occurred. His body was found by the roadside shortly after 1 a.m. and he was pronounced dead of a fractured skull and internal injuries.

State police were investigating today.

# TWA 2d-Quarter Earnings \$3.6 Million

Trans World Airline earned \$3,619,077 the first six months of 1949, R. V. Kall, acting district manager, said today.

Earnings for the second quarter of this year totaled \$3,626,443, compared to losses of \$3,264,536 the first quarter.

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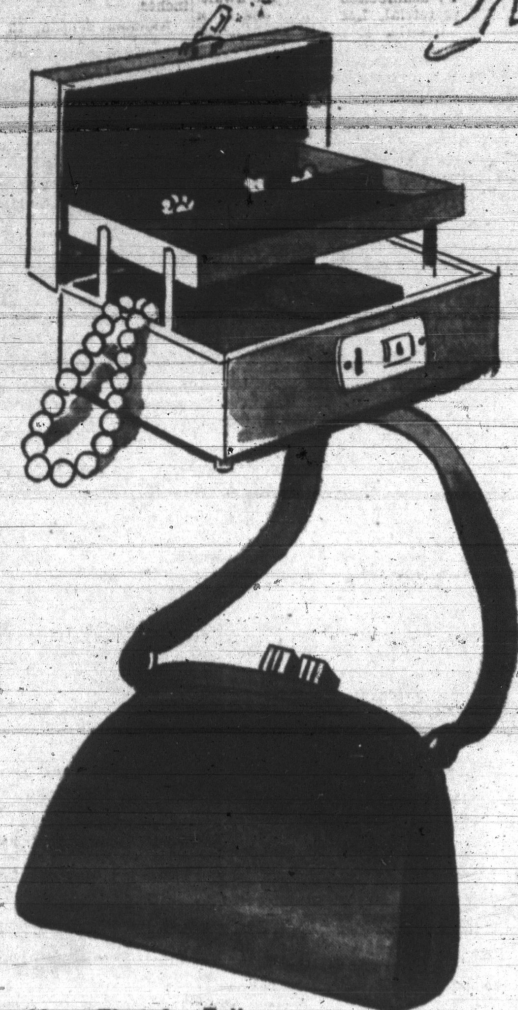
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