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## 18 KILLED IN ACCIDENTS

Traffic Mishaps Again Take Heavy Toll of Life Over Week-end

The most dangerous series of week-end highway accidents in Indiana in recent months left a toll of 18 dead and many injured.

Most of the fatalities resulted from automobile collisions and train-automobile smashups. In some cases the accidents were caused by drivers becoming blinded by lights of approaching motor cars.

Slippery pavements following rains and murky atmosphere were contributing causes of other accidents.

Ten of the highway deaths were reported Sunday.

Raymond S. Samia, 37, Marion tavern owner, and his wife Bertha, 23, were killed in a collision of their automobile and a Pennsylvania railroad passenger train near Anderson.

Two young sisters were injured fatally near their Needmore, Ind., home by an automobile driven by Roy Hillenburg of Bloomington. Farry Gale Hawkins, 13, died Sunday. Her sister Leatrice Joy Hawkins 10, died Saturday.

Elmer Sampson, 33, Hammond, Ind., boilermaker was killed and six other persons were injured, three seriously, in a collision at Calumet City, Ill. Victor Swanson, 37, in whose car Sampson was riding, was held by police at St. Margaret's hospital in Hammond on a charge of failure to stop at a traffic signal.

John Gardner 27 of Pego, Ind., was injured fatally in an accident near Frederickburg, Ind. State police said Leo P. Hurst, 24, of Harrisburg, Ind., the driver lost control of his car and it plunged into a telephone pole. Hurst and his wife were hurt seriously.

A tractor-trailer truck tipped over and an automobile near New Goschen, Ind., crushing to death Leon Poe 46 of Terre Haute driver of the automobile.

His car out of gas, Donald Padgett, 24, of Indianapolis, started walking along a road near Trafalgar, Ind. He was hit and killed by J. C. Grenamen of Beanblossom.

A coupe overturned near Winona, Ind., killing Lee Risner 17 of Winona.

An automobile collision south of Lafayette caused the death of nine-month-old Richard Lee Servies son of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Servies of Ladoga Ind.

Francis Dennis, 60, of Chicago Heights, Ill., struck by an automobile died of a fractured skull at South Bend. The car was driven by Leo J. Lamberson South Bend attorney.

Saturday's traffic fatalities follow:

Vern L. Bulen, 49, Lewisville, Ind., killed near Lewisville.

Henry Parrish, 69, Indianapolis Negro killed near Fort Wayne.

Euerman Fitzgerald 29, Indianapolis

oil Negro killed in Indianapolis. Elmer Debes, 16, messenger boy, injured fatally in a collision enroute home from a football game at Vincennes.

Dr. Harold J. McGuire 29, Hammond physician killed at Hammond.

Leo Moscovitz 42, Chicago died of injuries suffered in a bus-truck accident near Shelbyville.

Rat Killing Arouses Interest  
Teh announcement of a campaign to destroy thousands of rats in Noble County has aroused great interest in the project, according to County Agent M. A. Nye.

Plans for the activity call for the distribution of a prepared red squirrel bait at cost on November 5. Stores and other business places, where the bait will be available, have offered their free services as an aid to the campaign.

In urging people to join the rat war, Mr. Nye says that the prepared poisoned bait is relatively harmless to animals except rats. Rats move from one building to another and from farm to farm. Hence, as he points out, placing the poisoned bait in all infested buildings on the same day is the best way to prevent their migration.

People are urged to use other methods of control between now and the date of the campaign. Tidying yards, using wire mesh and sheet metal to make feed bins or rooms rat-proof, is advised by U. S. Biological Survey experts, who are cooperating with County Agent Nye, in the Noble County Rat campaign.

Red squirrel rat poison acts as an ametic when taken in dangerous quantities by domestic animals. Rats do not vomit and the red squirrel causes death within 4 to 24 hours.

Approximately 5,000 farmers in the middle west report an average loss of \$31.00 a year due to rats.

Word "Copper" Costs Firm \$1086

Winthrop, Mitchell & Co., Chicago brokerage firm, faced a loss of \$1,086 in a superior court suit based on the word "copper."

Judge O. M. Conley has indicated he probably will rule against the company's effort to recover money paid Helen Virgin, Millersburg, for 1,590 shares of allegedly worthless stock.

The firm purchased stock in the North Butte Copper corporation from the Millersburg woman last December believing it to be stock of the North Butte Mining corporation which would have been worth the sum paid.

Mrs. Virgin's attorneys contended she acted in good faith and that the loss, if any, was caused by the company's own negligence.

## Racing Car Wrecked.

Two Topeka youths, Herbert Leming, 20, and David Robb, 16, miraculously escaped serious injury Sunday afternoon when their super-charged racing car, a cross between a Ford and a creation of their own, lost two wheels and crashed into a tree during a trial spin around an old abandoned race track near Shipshewana, Elkhart.

While speeding around the track, the right front and right rear wheels flew off the car. The boys were thrown from the top-less speedster and suffered only minor cuts and bruises. The car was demolished when it crashed against a tree.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Jett and children were at Bristol recently.

Mrs. Mollie Frick who has been all along is better.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Jett and son Ross with Mrs. Dorothy Fought and mother Mrs. Mollie Frick were LaGrange Corn school visitors Thursday.

Mrs. Lou Damand has been ill.

The Ladies' Aid of the Wawaka M. E. church met with Miss Katie Schwab Wednesday at the Schwab home.

Mrs. Orpha Landon assisted Miss Schwab entertain. There was good attendance.

Mrs. D. Eberly submitted to an operation for abscess Wednesday.

Mrs. Ora Fought and sons Robert and Elman attended the horse show at Wabash Friday. They won premiums at Shipshewana horse show recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe W. Smith, Mrs. Frank Crago and two daughters Lucille and Helen were in Kendallville Wednesday afternoon at Lakeside hospital called there by the sudden illness of Frank Crago. Mrs. Ethel Parker of Columbia City came Wednesday evening to be with her niece, Mrs. Nettie Crago and family during Mr. Crago's stay at Kendallville.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Price were in Albion Wednesday to attend the funeral of William Weingart.

Mrs. Myra Smith was the guest of her sister Mrs. Mae Graham and family near Albion.

October 20 is the date of the Wawaka high school carnival and entertainment to be held in the auditorium. The proceeds are to pay for furnishings in the auditorium.

Mrs. Mary Frick, Ligonier, visited recently with Mrs. Ruby Riddle and family.

Mr. Holcomb of Kendallville was a visitor here Tuesday.

Mrs. Walter Brill is quite ill with acute rheumatism at the home of her son, Tom and family at Millersburg, where she went for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Brill and family of Zionsville were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Brill.

Rev. Otto G. Braddock and family of Elkhart were here Sunday coming from Fort Wayne. Rev. Braddock filled the pulpit Sunday evening at the Casperville Baptist church and

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## TO DRIVE DEATH DESTRUCTION

State Highway Board Launches Program To Bring About Safety

The Indiana state highway commission launched a program to drive death and destruction from its state highways.

The highway commission's program is independent from the state police department's program, but the two are co-operating closely.

Authorized by the 1937 general assembly, the program is still in the formative period but is rapidly taking shape. It is to be carried out by the bureau of traffic headed by Hallie Myers of Indianapolis, who works under the supervision of Earl Crawford, chairman of the state highway commission, and T. A. Discus of Marion and Howard Atcheson of Scottsburg commissioners.

The assembly gave the commission broad powers to regulate use of state highways.

At present, the bureau is studying highway accidents to learn where they are and what causes them, the information to be used in determining curative methods. Findings of the highway planning survey commission also will be utilized.

Under Indiana law, motorists are required to make a detailed report of all accidents in which they are involved. These reports are turned over to the traffic bureau by the state police, and form the basis of accident studies by the bureau. Since July 1, reports have been received on 1,884 accidents.

## Damage Suit Filed

Homer Stockert, operator of the Stockert Flying Service Monday had filed suit for \$5,000 damages in superior court at South Bend for the loss of an airplane which crashed and killed four persons near Bendix Field Sept. 12.

Stockert named the Indiana Air Service, Inc., and Charles Seige, an employee of the firm as defendants. Seige and Donald Eldridge, Jr., 16, were flying in the plane which crashed into Stockert's ship near the airport.

Stockert named 11 acts of negligence, including failure to give right of way, to make a proper turn, to take a look-out for other craft and permitting a student to fly when air traffic was heavy.

Floyd Atluumbaugh, Elkhart pilot of Stockert's ship was killed in the crash as were Mrs. Abbie M. Beebe, South Bend; Fred B. Kukker, Houton, Me., and Lloyd Butz, Mishawaka.

## Prospects Bright For Bank

The prospects for a new bank at Wadsworth, a branch of the LaGrange Stroh and Topeka organization, are reported most encouraging. The result of the canvas for the sale of debenture was most gratifying and it is anticipated that the desired amount will be raised in a reasonably short time.

In two or three days three-fifths of the desired amount was raised within the town limits of Wadsworth. It is anticipated that the remaining two-fifths will easily be raised with the help of farmers and others not yet reached. Debentures are being sold rather than stock to fill the requirements of the Indiana Department of Financial Institutions.

The solicitation committee is composed of H. R. Newmann, M. G. Pierce, A. G. Zimmerman, F. J. Schwab, M. H. Rice, A. L. Haller, C. C. Harrah, A. R. Shawer, R. C. Eshelman, H. A. Tipton, R. M. Hanson, H. E. Roy and W. C. Skinner.

## Collections Up 19 Percent

Gross income tax paid on income received during the second quarter of 1937 showed an increase of 19 percent over collections for the same period in 1936, Clarence A. Jackson, director of the Indiana gross income tax division reported.

Books were closed on second quarter collections, totaling \$5,151,582, as the division began receipt of payments on income for the third quarter. The current taxpaying period extends to October 15.

Taxes now being received will be used largely for distribution to local schools early next year, for payment of teachers' salaries, Jackson said. The gross income tax also is dependent upon payment for a major part of the state's expenses for old age assistance and other welfare activities.

Club Competition October 16.

Noble County 4H Girls' club judging winners and the county girls' winning demonstration will compete in district competition at Hillcrest School, Fort Wayne Saturday, states Marie More, Noble County 4H girls' club leader, Albion.

The Noble County girls' club winners are: Janet Rhee, clothing judge; Carolyn Gieseck, baking judge; Wilma Brown, canning judge; Joan Belford, food preparation; Donna Coeckard, room improvement; Girls demonstration, Lucille Parker.

All Noble County folks interested are urged to attend this meeting, which will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The best girls' 4H demonstrations in the 12 northeast Indiana counties will be given during this time and a winner selected for state competition.

A well preserved tooth believed to be that of a mastodon was found on a farm near Angola. It is a molar tooth with nine points and is nearly eight inches long.

## QUIZZING BARES ATTACK HOAX

Loneliness Drove Whitley County Farm Youth To Slash Self, He Admits

Stanley King, 19, of Whitley county admitted Monday that his story of being slugged by chicken thieves was false. King confessed after a half hour's questioning Monday morning at the Linville Memorial hospital at Columbia City, where he has been a patient since the happenings a week ago last Monday.

King told officers that he inflicted the scalp wounds with his own pocket knife. He said he was lonely and that he thought the story of an attack would result in arrangements for some one to stay on the farm with him. He had been living alone since the death of his foster mother, Mrs. Harriet Leaman, last month. The lad cut deeper than he had expected and lost nearly two quarts of blood. The youth stated that he had been unconscious at no time and that his mutterings and moanings during the first evening were all intentional.

King was given a "lie detector" test by Lieut. Don L. Kooken of the state police and State Detective Ed Rose by the time he finally admitted to state officers and Sheriff Eli Sauer that his story was a hoax.

The story told by King was first disclosed last week when the officers found no trace of shot gun pellet marks where King said he shot. He told officers, however, that he did shoot the gun twice before cutting off his head. The sheriff was unable to find any tracks except those made by King when he crossed the corn field to the home of a neighbor.

King said that he was sorry for all the excitement in the neighborhood, caused by his story. An orphan boy, he was taken six years ago by Mrs. Leaman.

## Final Project Leaders Meeting

Tomorrow beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the court house examination room at Albion, will take place the fifth and final Noble County Home Division project leaders meeting for this year, states Mrs. Guy Favinger Kimmell, county project leader chairman.

The subject of the session will be "Problems in buying textiles," Miss Meta E. Martin, Purdue Home Economics department will be in charge.

The list of Noble County project leaders follows: Perry township, Mrs. Bertha King; Mrs. Ruth Smith; Elkhart, Mrs. Alberta Richards; Mrs. Veda Franks; Orange, Mrs. Lena Shull; Mrs. Lola Myers; Wayne, Mrs. Talitha Flandt; Mrs. Gertrude Cochard; Sparta, Mrs. Ruth Wolf; Mrs. Laura McLain; York, Miss Ruby Butz; Mrs. Ruth Favinger; Jefferson, Mrs. Leona Smith; Mrs. Hazel Stevens; Allen, Mrs. Florence Fryer; Mrs. Bertha Trueblood; Washington, Mrs. Ruby Kester; Mrs. Marie McLain; Noble, Mrs. Fannie Stangland; Mrs. Mary Lois Stangland; Green, Mrs. A. Pauline Snell; Mrs. Katie Weeks; Swan, Mrs. Walter Simon; Mrs. E. H. McKee.

## PROGRESS IS SHOWN

Seventy-five Attend School of Instruction In Charge of W. F. Shauck

W. F. Shauck, of Kendallville has been selected as instructor of the REMC wiremen's school at Albion, the first session of which was held last week. About 75 applicants appeared for instruction.

E. E. Fritz of this city is superintendent of construction.

REA has approved a contract between the project sponsors and the Haines and Haines company, Dowagiac, Mich., for building 71 miles of line to serve 255 customers, the first section of the Noble County REMC.

The entire project calls for 435 miles of lines to serve 1,696 customers in Noble, DeKalb, Kosciusko, Elkhart, LaGrange and Steuben counties. All lots total \$300,000. The low bid for the first part of the project was \$58,954 and includes materials and labor. This is an average of \$98 per mile. Work should be completed by late spring. REA Administrator J. A. Carmody has wired the contractor to begin work at once.

The first requisition for funds for this project has been approved in the amount of \$250. The money will be available as soon as the treasury department clears the voucher.

REA has approved a contract for pole inspection services between the project sponsors and A. W. Williams Inspection Co., Mobile, Ala. All poles will be inspected shortly before they are delivered to the construction crews, to insure they are properly treated against decay. Every precaution is taken to make sure that REA-financed lines will be durably built for years of service.

## Buying Textiles and Clothing.

The selection of textile fabrics for the home has always been the home-makers task. For many years materials were more or less standardized and women knew their names and characteristics. The advance made in recent years in weaving, dyeing, and finishing of materials, however, has gone far ahead of the consumer's ability to distinguish what she wants and needs. She finds herself in need of some information to help her to make wise selection. Her experience is not enough.

On Friday, October 15th beginning at 9:30 a.m. in Examination Room Court House, Albion, Noble County Home Division Project Leaders will meet in their fifth and final meeting for