

Crashes Injure Five; Patrol Car Hit At Scene Of Accident

Five persons were injured in weekend accidents investigated by law enforcement agencies. Two accidents occurred within five minutes at the same spot on Ohio 612, two and one-half miles west of Payne and involved a police cruiser.

Van Wert Post, Ohio Highway Patrol, reported that a deer ran from the south side of the roadway at 5:10 p. m. Sunday into the path of an east-bound car driven by Nodra D. Heisser, 42, of Munroe Falls.

The deer was injured and the game warden was called to dispose of the animal.

Ptl. Rollin E. Barnes, 45, of Payne was notified of the accident west of Payne and while he was westbound to check on the seriousness of the crash, he passed a car operated by Randall A. Christo, 16, of Payne.

When Ptl. Barnes arrived at the scene and started to stop his cruiser, it was hit in the rear by Christo's automobile. The police car went off the

right side of the road into a ditch while the passenger car came to a stop on the highway.

There was slight damage to the right rear section of the cruiser and moderate damage to the front of Christo's vehicle.

The patrol reported three Delphos teen-agers were injured in a one-car accident at 3:45 p. m. Sunday on Ohio 66 at the junction of the Carpenter Road.

Hurt, but not treated at the scene, were the driver, Kirk J. Looser, 16, of Delphos, and his passengers, Donald J. Bergfeld, 16, and John W. Ardner, 17.

The patrol reported an unidentified car slowed to make a left-hand turn onto Carpenter Road and when Looser

attempted to slow his northbound automobile it slid out of control.

The auto went off the right side of the roadway striking a power pole and breaking it off and hitting a fence. The car spun around, came back onto the highway and came to rest north-westbound in the southbound lane.

The patrol also reported two persons were injured in a two-car collision at 10:20 a. m. Saturday on Paulding County Road 171, two-tenths of a mile south of Five Span State Park.

Injured were Alta L. Minnick, 44, of Oakwood, and Wanda Minnick, 9, a passenger in the car.

They were taken to Paulding County Hospital for treatment by a sister of the driver.

The patrol reported a car, driven by Terry A. Justinger, 23, of Defiance, was southbound and made a left-hand turn in front of the northbound Oakwood car.

There was moderate damage to the front of each vehicle. Justinger was cited by the patrol for failure to yield the right-of-way while turning left.

The patrol also checked a rear-end collision that occurred at 6:35 p. m. Sunday on Ohio 118, just north of Cooper Road.

Officers stated a northbound car, driven by Clifford E. Bell, 59, of 611 N. Washington St., was following a vehicle operated by Bryan L. Spray, 16, of Rt. 5.

When Spray stopped to make a left-hand turn into a private drive, the Bell auto slid into the rear of Spray's vehicle.

There was slight damage to the front of Bell's automobile and moderate damage to the rear of Spray's car. Bell was cited by the patrol for failure to stop in the assured clear distance ahead.

SHERIFF DON THOMAS' Department investigated a one-car accident at 10:29 p. m. Saturday on Old Tile Factory Road, one-eighth mile west of Van Wert City limits.

Michael L. Jones, 17, of 402 E. Sycamore St. was westbound and lost control of his car, which went off the south side of the roadway and landed in a ditch.

There was moderate damage to the front and right rear section of the automobile.

Report Cars Damaged On City Streets

Two cases of damage to automobiles while traveling on city streets were reported to the Van Wert Police Department over the weekend.

Roger Schwartz of Rt. 1, Convoys stated that while driving on rough city streets during the past few weeks he has damaged the exhaust system on his car.

Don Fisher of Rt. 3, Delphos notified City Police at 10:45 a. m. Saturday that sometime within the last three weeks while driving on city streets he had damaged the gas tank on his vehicle. He believes the damage occurred while traveling on S. Shannon St.

Richard Etzler of 315 S. Franklin St. told police at 3:30 p. m. Sunday that while setting northbound at the corner of Race and Main streets, a westbound vehicle kicked up a stone and broke the windshield on his car.

Honest False Alarm Reported At Chemical Plant

Van Wert firemen responded to an honest false alarm at 10:21 a. m. Saturday to the USS AgriChemicals plant on Hoaglin Center Road.

Firemen reported a safety valve on a storage tank went off after the tank was overfilled.

Plant personnel took immediate action to stop the flow of the chemical and reported that the safety equipment was doing just what it is expected to do. There was no loss nor danger to nearby residents, who notified the fire department of a possible explosion at the plant.

Also responding to the alarm were Sheriff Don Thomas' Department and the Middle Point marshal.



DISTRICT WINNER — The Van Wert Lions Club received first place in both the Governor's Contest and the District Scrapbook Contest at the District 13-A convention at Perrysburg Saturday and Sunday. The club also presented to the district a gavel mounted on a black walnut plaque. From the left are Louis Thomas, Van Wert Lions scrapbook chairman; Robert Oberhouse, district governor, and Charles Brickner, president of the Van Wert Lions.

Van Wert Lions Win District Contests

The Van Wert Lions Club captured first place this weekend in both the Governor's Contest and in the District Scrapbook Contest. The awards were announced by District Gov. Robert Oberhouse at the convention of District 13-A held Saturday and Sunday in Perrysburg.

In the Governor's Contest, which ran from Sept. 1 to March 31, Van Wert was in competition with over 50 other clubs in the district which covers Northwestern Ohio.

Points are earned in the contest by club participation in the state and district projects, attendance at club and zone meetings, membership retention and development of new members, membership and activities reports in one time, and visitations to other clubs. Van Wert had the highest point accumulation recorded by any club in recent years. Coming in second in the Governor's Contest was the Middle Point Lions Club, followed closely by Delphos in third.

The scrapbook contest was judged on the originality of the cover and contents, completeness and chronological order of the year's events, photography and correct captions and general overall appearance.

During the convention, Senior Deputy District Gov. Dale D. Harruff of Spencerville was elected governor for 1976-77. Donald W. Drain of Rudolph moved up to senior deputy district governor, and Ray Lusk of Columbus Grove was elected junior deputy district governor. The main

speaker at the evening banquet was Past International Director William C. Chandler of Montgomery, Ala. who spoke on his experiences in Lionism. During the awards banquet, Van Wert returned a gavel to the governor's home club of Pemberville.

The gavel was mounted on a black walnut plaque hand made by Louis Thomas of Van Wert.

Crestview South Slates Carnival

WREN — The annual carnival of the Crestview South School in Wren has been set from 5:30-9 p. m. Friday. A special supper will be served during the carnival. Proceeds are to be used to purchase classroom materials.

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Vandalism, Theft Under Investigation

Damage to a pay phone during an apparent theft attempt, theft of auto parts and Citizen's Band radio equipment are under investigation by the Van Wert Police Department.

Police were notified Saturday forenoon of an attempted theft and damage to a pay telephone at Smitty's Motel, W. Main St.

Police reported the bottom panel had been removed from the phone and another metal piece was on the floor.

Pat Bowers of 925 S. Shannon St. reported to police at 11:05 a. m. Saturday theft of auto parts and damage to his car while parked at the southwest corner of Shannon and Congress streets.

Bowers stated he parked his car around 3:30 p. m. Saturday and when he returned that forenoon the vehicle would not start.

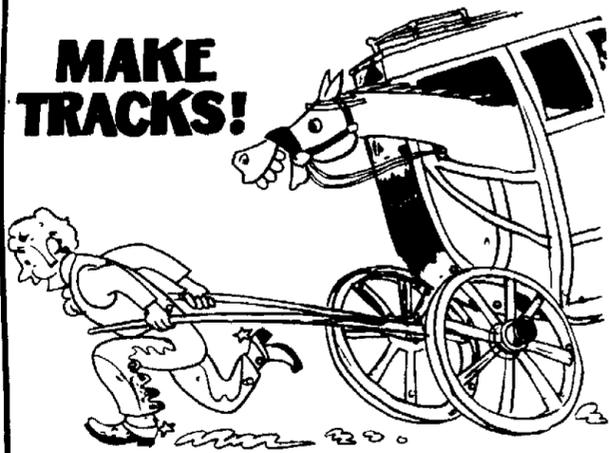
He discovered that someone stole a coil wire and distributor cap from the auto. It also appeared as if someone had taken a hammer and damaged the distributor rotor, Bowers related.

Laverne Weaver of 633 N. Chestnut St. reported the theft of a CB radio and microphone at 4:01 a. m. today from his locked car. The car was parked in front of the residence.

The theft occurred between 7 p. m. Sunday and 3:50 a. m. today. Entry to the car was made through the right door, according to police.

The CB radio was valued at \$189 and the mike at \$45.

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