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## SCHOOLBOY RUNS INTO PATH OF CAR; KILLED

DECATUR, Ind. March 24 - Robert Bradtmueller, 10, son of Otto Bradtmueller, Hoagland, was killed Tuesday by auto while crossing US 27 six miles north of Decatur.

State police said the boy ran onto the highway from St. John's Catholic school playground into the path of a car driven by William R. Butts, 65, Fort Wayne.

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The boy [Robert W], a pupil in the fifth grade at St John's School, was born in Decatur July 19, 1941 and lived on a farm three miles southwest of Hoagland in Marion Township. He was the son of Otto and Louise Hitzemann Bradtmueller who survive. Also surviving are a sister, Mrs. Oscar Kruse of Washington Township; three brothers, Wilmer H, Edward W and Otto Jr all at home and his paternal grandfather, Henry Bradtmueller of Marion Township. Funeral services will be held at 1:30 pm Friday in the Zwick Funeral Home, Decatur and at 2 pm in St John's Church with the Rev W. G. Schwehn officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home at 8 pm today.

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