

## WAPAK TRUCKER CRUSHED TO DEATH

A Wapakaneta man was killed and two New York truck drivers hospitalized in two accidents on Allen County highways yesterday and this morning.

Killed when his pickup truck overturned at 11:30 a.m. yesterday was James F. Buffenbarger, 25, 1018 W. Auglaize, Wapakoneta.

He died enroute to St. Rita's Hospital in a Bayliff and Sons ambulance of a crushed chest received when the pickup he was driving overturned, pinning him underneath the cab.

The fatal accident occurred on Rt. 501, one-tenth of a mile north of the Allen-Auglaize Counties line when the pickup driven by Mr. Buffenbarger skidded on wet pavement, highway patrolman said.

The truck swerved to the right, leaving the pavement and struck a utility pole. Prior to hitting the pole, the pickup flipped onto its side, patrolmen said.

Mr. Buffenbarger was thrown from the truck which landed on top of him, patrolmen said. A high voltage electrical wire, broken by the impact, fell across the pickup and was hooked on a door handle, patrolmen said.

Hume firemen used long poles to lift the wire enabling rescuers to remove Mr. Buffenbarger from beneath the pickup.

An employee of Hume Farm Supply, Mr. Buffenbarger was driving one of the firm's pickups when the fatal accident occurred. This was the 21st traffic fatality in Allen County during 1958.

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Funeral services for Mr. Buffenbarger are pending at the Gillig and Doan Funeral Home in Decatur, Ind., where the body was taken last night.