

STEVEN HAZELWOOD DIES IN THREE-VEHICLE CRASH EARLY THIS MORNING

A former Decatur resident, Steven (Steve) Hazelwood, age 23, a 1964 graduate of Decatur high school, where he starred in wrestling, football and track, was killed instantly early this morning when the car he was driving was involved in a three-vehicle accident. The tragedy occurred at approximately 1:30 a.m., seven miles east of Nappanee on U.S. highway 6.

Hazelwood, who graduated from Manchester College, was head wrestling coach and assistant football coach at Nappanee high school. He was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hazelwood, who now resides in Fort Wayne.

TWO INJURED

The drivers of the other two vehicles involved in the accident were hospitalized in serious condition at the Goshen General hospital. Injured were Frederick V. Miller, 44, of Fort Wayne, the driver of a car, and Neill O. Scharville, 36, of Milan, O., the operator of a truck. Miller received a broken left arm, dislocated left hip and lacerations to the head, while the truck driver sustained a concussion and multiple abrasions about the body.

State police said the truck slid on a curve, causing the accident. The roadway was snow covered at the time the mishap occurred, and state police at the Ligonier post said that complete details of how the mishap took place are still incomplete. State Police said the curve is "a bad one."

ALL STATE GRIDDER

While a member of the Decatur high school football team, Hazelwood was named to the all-state football team. He also starred in wrestling and football while attending Manchester College. Hazelwood did his student teaching at Lincoln grade school last year.

The body was removed to the Winteregg-Linn funeral home, but funeral arrangements are still pending.