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Van Wert Grade Crossing Scene of Fatality; Bodies Carried 300 Feet

Two persons were killed and two others were injured seriously in Lima district traffic mishaps Sunday as Ohio's week-end toll counted six fatalities.

The dead are Leonard Schnepf, 63, of Union twp, near Van Wert and Clarence Miller, 44, of one-half mile west of the Ohio-Indiana state line, killed instantly about 2 p.m. Sunday when their automobile was struck by an eastbound Pennsylvania passenger train at a grade crossing four miles west of Van Wert.

According to Sheriff R. B. Stevens, Schnepf, who had resided for four years just north of the fatal crossing, and Miller, who with his family were visiting at the Schnepf home, had driven from the driveway and started south of Van Wert to attend a baseball game.

BODIES CARRIED 300 FEET ON TRACK

Miller drove onto the tracks directly in front of the fast train, Stevens reported. The bodies of the victims were carried more than 300 feet and dropped between the main tracks.

Miller's body was taken to Decatur, Ind. Schnepf's body was removed to the Gamble and Alspach chapel, Van Wert. Funeral arrangements are incomplete

(Article continues about another accident)