

## 1936 Scrapbook, image 010

(Handwritten: Friday, Jan. 24, 1936)

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### TRAIN-AUTOMOBILE MISHAP CAUSING WHOLESAL DEATHS; PART OF CAR CARRIED QUARTER ?

A grade crossing on the Wabash Railway at Grabill was the scene of a horrible train-auto collision Friday afternoon which claimed the lives of the entire Marion McBride family of 12. One daughter, Phyllis, aged 5, was carried in part of the twisted wreckage of the (?) 1,100 feet on the pilot of the locomotive to the spot marked "X" in the photograph. Witnesses stated that apparently the engine (cut off) McBride automobile was cold, since the car had proceeded only about 200 feet from a filling station where it had been halted for at least (cut off) minutes, and stalled as a result of the pull up the grade.

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### MOTHER KILLED IN WRECK

Mrs. Susan McBride, aged 40, mother of 10 children, was instantly killed in the train-automobile collision which resulted in death to her husband and family.

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### DAVE DUBACH HONORED ON HIS 45th BIRTHDAY

Marshal Dave Dubach yesterday celebrated his 45th birthday anniversary. His name and birth date were announced over station WOWO during the daily birthday hour conducted by Little Joe and a Swiss yodeling number was given for the town cop.

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(Handwritten date: Saturday, Jan. 25, 1936)

### GRABILL CRASH TOLL REACHES 12, AS LAST VICTIM, GIRL, 5, DIES

Two Injured Children Fail to Survive Accident; Versions of Witnesses and Trainmen Are Conflicting

## MASS PUBLIC FUNERAL TO BE HELD TUESDAY

### Coroner Pushes Plans for Investigation of Worst Crossing Tragedy in Recent Indiana History

The death of Phyllis McBride, aged 5, in St. Joseph's Hospital at 9:05 a.m. today brought the toll of the Grabill crossing tragedy to 12 persons, the entire Marion McBride family, as Coroner Walter E. Kruse made plans for a formal inquest Tuesday night.

The final victim of Friday's train-auto crash died after a desparate all-night struggle on the part of attending physicians to save her life. Her sister, Clara, aged 14, died at 10:45 last night.

In addition to the father, mother and nine children who met death in the crash, an infant died at birth which occurred when the mother was hurled from the heavily loaded family car as it was struck by a Wabash passenger train.

A mass funeral service will be held here Tuesday afternoon for the dead: Marion McBride, aged 43, Grabill farmer and WPA worker; his wife, Susan, aged 41, and their children: Marion Jr., aged 12; Mary Agnes, aged 10; Arthur, aged 8; Virginia, aged 6; Robert, aged 3; Richard and Ramona, aged 17 months; Clara, Phyllis and the infant.

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(Handwritten date: Thursday, Jan. 30, 1936)

## FRIEDA GERBER TO BE BRIDE

### Craigville Young Couple Will Marry on Feb. 8th

Announcement has been made of the approaching marriage of Miss Frieda Gerber, daughter of Samuel Gerber, of Craigville and Clarence Steffen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Steffen, of Craigville, which will take place Saturday, Feb. 8, at the Reformed parsonage in this city.

Rev. Matthew Worthman will perform the single ring ceremony in the presence of Miss Mable Mankey and Clifford Gerber.

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