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AUTO WRECK FATAL

(Photo: Miss Pearl Green)

YOUNG WOMAN IS FATALLY HURT IN AUTO CRASH

Miss Pearl Green, of 1224 Barthold Street, Dies After Road 27 Mishap

Injuries suffered in an auto accident about 2:30 p.m. Thursday on U. S. Road No. 27, about five miles north of Decatur, were fatal to Miss Pearl Green, 24, 1224 Barthold Street, at the Adams County Memorial Hospital at Decatur at 7:20 p.m. Thursday.

Coroner Jerome Yeager, at Berne, said the young woman suffered a skull fracture, a fracture of the right leg, bruises about the head, and shock.

Miss Green was riding in an auto operated by Mrs. Walter Fruechtenicht, 31, 3942 Arlington Avenue. Mrs. Fruechtenicht was driving north. Both were injured, Mrs. Fruechtenicht suffered a broken left arm and cuts and bruises. She was moved from the Adams Memorial Hospital to the Lutheran Hospital here.

Deputy Sheriff Leo Gillig, of Adams County, who investigated the mishap, said that smoke from grass burning along the highway obscured Miss Fruechtenicht's vision. He said that the grass fire apparently had been started when a passing motorist tossed a lighted smoke from the (cut off) Sheriff Gillig said that Mrs. Fruechtenicht could not see and when her car swerved off the pavement, it hit the rear of the truck. The rear of the auto swung around back on the pavement. An auto operated by Mrs. Merle Hunter, Michigan City, who also was blinded by the smoke, struck the disabled Fruechtenicht machine. Mrs. Hunter suffered only minor abrasions and continued on her journey.

Frank Heiman Jr. of Decatur, one of the highway commission employees, aided in taking Miss Green from the car. Both injured women were taken to the hospital in the Zwick ambulance from Decatur. Heiman was injured slightly when the Hunter auto hit him as he started to the aid of the two women.

The body of Miss Green was brought to the Klaehn & Sons funeral home here.

Surviving Miss Green are the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Green; three sisters, Mrs. Bessie Von Gunten, Decatur, and Ellen and Grace Green, at home; a brother, Paul Green, at home; and her grandmothers, Mrs. Pauline Habig and Mrs. May Green, both of this city. (Handwritten: Mrs. Bessie is the wife of Harvey Von Gunten of Decatur)

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