

G.E. OFFICIAL KILLED IN LAKE COUNTY CRASH

William M. Doan, 63, Victim; Granddaughter Badly Hurt

William M. Doan, 63, of 325 Kinnaird Avenue, a veteran department head at the General Electric Company, was killed and a granddaughter, Janet Lou Zuber, 12, of the same address, was seriously hurt early last night in an automobile accident at the crossing of U.S. Highway No. 30 and State Road No. 55 about five miles south of Gary.

Patsy Sullivan, 25, Chicago, the driver of the other automobile and a companion, Mrs. Lydia Sullivan, of the same address, also suffered injuries, the extent of which had not been determined early today. The Chicago woman and the granddaughter, whose condition was reported "fair" late last night, are patients at the Mercy Hospital in Gary.

The body of Mr. Doan was taken to the Gelsen Funeral Home at Gary and will be returned to Fort Wayne today.

Doan and the granddaughter, who had been visiting friends in Chicago since last Friday, were driving east on the national highway, en route home, at the time of the accident, the Lake County Sheriff's Department reported.

Miss Sullivan, driving north on the state highway, said she made a stop for the preferential highway and then started across. The Doan car struck this machine in the center, the sheriff's department reported.

Mr. Doan was driving on a stretch of road known as the New Lincoln Highway in the vicinity of Gary.

The Lake County Sheriff, though the State Police at Dunes Park, notified authorities here of the tragedy and relatives were contacted.

Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Zuber of 325 Kinnaird Avenue, son-in-law and daughter of the accident victim left last night for Gary to be at the bedside of their daughter.

Mr. Doan, who came to Fort Wayne from Ossian where he had been in the milling business with his father, had been an employee of the General Electric Company here about 20 years, officials of the industry said. He had been in charge of the blue print department of the Fort Wayne Works for about 15 years and was widely known in the city. Mrs. Doan died several years ago.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, the Scottish Rite body and was a Knight Templar and member of the Simpson Methodist Church.

Surviving are the daughter, Mrs. Zuber; a son, A. A. Doan of this city; four grandchildren; and a sister, Mrs. E. H. Roe of Fort Wayne.

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