

Three Hurt In Weekend Crashes

Three persons were injured, treated and released at Van Wert County Hospital in a series of weekend accidents investigated by law enforcement agencies. Several citations were issued.

Injured in a collision at 3:30 p. m. Saturday on Ohio 118 at the junction of Van Wert-Willshire Road No. 6 and taken to the hospital by the Fire Department emergency squad were Vivian Clay, 51, of Rockford, a passenger in a car driven by her husband, Robert W., 52, and the other driver, Jerry D. Thomas, 32, of Rt. 1, Ohio City. Clay was taken to the hospital by a relative.

Mrs. Clay was treated for an abrasion to her right knee and contusion to the inside of the bottom lip sustained when she hit the windshield. Thomas was treated for a laceration to his right little finger and sore right shoulder and neck. All three were released.

Van Wert Post, Ohio Highway Patrol, reported Thomas was southbound on Ohio 118, applied his brakes and went off the west side of the highway to avoid hitting an unidentified vehicle which was turning right onto

Van Wert-Willshire Road. Thomas' car came back onto the roadway and into the northbound lane and collided with a northbound car driven by Clay.

Thomas' car came to rest off the east side of the highway and the Rockford car stopped on the roadway. There was severe damage to both vehicles. Thomas was cited for failure to yield the right of way of the roadway. Sheriff Don Thomas' Department assisted at the accident scene.

The patrol also reported a mishap at 7:15 p. m. Saturday on Ohio 637, near the junction of Ohio 111 in Grover Hill.

Max H. Taylor, 46, of Rt. 2 was northbound on Ohio 637 when Garry L. Bidlack, 18, of Grover Hill backed from a parking space and hit the Taylor vehicle.

Both cars were damaged. Bidlack was cited for improper backing.

CITY POLICE investigated several accidents. Steven L. Robey, 18, of 569 S. Race St was westbound on Crawford St. and hit the trailer of a truck driven southbound on Washington St. by Harold J. Bice, 20, of Columbus. Damage was slight. The vehicles were moved before arrival of

officers. The accident occurred at 4:04 p. m. Saturday

Irene P. Bruns of Rt. 2, Bryant, Ind., told police she was parked on Main St., near Court St. when the wind blew down an American Flag at 4:30 p. m. Saturday and dented the right rear fender of her car. The mishap was reported to police Sunday forenoon.

Police also reported that an unknown vehicle struck a barricade and trailer Saturday in the 800 block of N. Jefferson St. The trailer was knocked into the street.

At 11:48 a. m. Sunday police investigated an accident on N. Washington St., near Brooks Ave.

Marie Carlo, 87, of 743 N. Washington St. was backing from the driveway at her residence and hit a parked car across the street belonging to Carolyn J. Henry of Wren.

There was slight damage to the right rear section of the Carlo vehicle and moderate damage to the left side of the parked car. Ms. Carlo was cited by police for failure to use vigilance in backing.

At 2:43 a. m. today in the 600 block of W. Main St an accident occurred in which police cited a motorist for driving while under the influence of an intoxicant.

Police reported John Dennis Eibling, 19, of Restwell Motel, W. Ridge Road, was westbound and allegedly struck a parked van owned by Randall Dean Reichert of 620 W. Main St. The impact knocked the van into the parking lot at the American Legion.

Officers related Eibling left the scene of the accident and his damaged car was located at the motel. There was severe damage to both vehicles.

THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT investigated a one-car mishap at 6:13 p. m. Saturday on U. S. 127, one-eighth mile south of Ohio 81 in York Township

Deputies stated Arnold Loris Jacobs, 56, of 508 N. Jefferson St. was northbound when his car veered off the east side of the road, went over a ditch and into a plowed field. There was slight damage to the left rear section of the automobile

MP Lions Club Earns Award

Approximately 60 Lions Club members and their wives from Van Wert County attended the Lions District Convention held Saturday and Sunday at Findlay. The convention consisted of a fun night Saturday evening, a memorial service for deceased members on Sunday, business session, training sessions and the governor's grand banquet on Sunday evening.

During the banquet the Middle Point Lions Club was awarded second place in the governor's contest. This award is based on new membership, reports in on time, club visitations and attendance. Last year Middle Point won first place.

During the Sunday afternoon business session Robert Oberhouse of Pemberville was elevated to district governor, Dale Harruff of Spencerville to the position of senior deputy governor and Donald Drain of North Baltimore was elected to the position of junior deputy governor.

Pat Browne of New Orleans, a blind attorney, was the banquet's featured speaker. Browne, an avid golfer, will participate in the Blind Golfer's Tournament which will be held in the Toledo area in June. This event is sponsored by the Lions clubs in Northwestern Ohio.

All Lions in Van Wert County were represented and they include Convoy, Middle Point, Ohio City, Scott, Van Wert, Venedocia and Willshire.

Two Fire Alarms

The Van Wert Fire Department was investigating a smoke odor at 8:40 a. m. today at Lincoln Junior High School on W. Crawford St. There was no fire.

Firemen also responded to a false fire alarm at 7:13 a. m. Sunday at Aeroquip. The false alarm was touched off by a malfunction in the automatic alarm system.

Several Youths Sentenced For Giving False Identification

A number of youths, mostly from Indiana, have been sentenced in Juvenile Court for giving false identification to gain entry into a place where alcoholic beverages could be obtained.

The arrests were the result of an investigation at Mr. Entertainer.

The names of the youths, which were all boys except one, were not released by Judge Cathryn L. Harrington since they were first offenders.

Five of the youths were from New Haven and four were 17 and one 16.

One of these, a 17-year-old, forfeited bond. The 16-year-old was fined \$50 and costs and \$25 was suspended

providing that he not return to Ohio until 18.

A 17-year-old received a similar sentence while another received six months probation.

The fourth 17-year-old was fined \$50 and costs.

A 17-year-old girl from Ohio City was fined \$50 and costs and \$25 was suspended providing that she not return to any establishment selling intoxicants in Ohio until she is 18.

Two 17-year-olds from Decatur and a 17-year-old from Payne were each fined \$50 and costs and \$25 was suspended. They were placed on probation until they are 18.

Court News

Probate

WILLS ADMITTED

Estate of Earl Hiestan: Bequeathed to his niece, Mary Howard.

Estate of William Anthony Smith: Bequeathed to his widow, Joan M. Smith.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

George W. Brewer, 57, of Fort Wayne, truck driver, and Wilda L. Busbey, 58, of Fort Wayne, housekeeper.

Common Pleas

DIVORCES FILED

Dale E. Mathews of Rt. 1, Scott, against Barbara J. Mathews of Rt. 1, Scott, charging gross neglect of duty and extreme cruelty. The couple was married Feb. 4, 1972, at Convoy, and has no children.

Becky Downing of 316 Short St. against Lemuel Edward Downing of 21st Transportation Co., APO San Francisco, Calif., charging gross neglect of duty and extreme cruelty. The couple was married May 3, 1974, at Van Wert, and has no children.

DIVORCE DISMISSED

The divorce action of Joan Anderson of 340 Dickinson Ave. against Richard E. Anderson of 1145-D Bell Ave. has been dismissed for want of prosecution.

Municipal

NONSUPPORT

Jesus Contreras, 36, of Butler's Hotel, nonsupport, misdemeanor of the first degree, pleaded guilty; fined \$100 and costs. The affidavit filed by Rita Contreras alleged that on Jan. 31 he failed to provide adequate support for his four minor children. The defendant waived counsel.

PETTY THEFT

Martha Marie Densel, 25, of 338 N. Tyler St., petty theft (shoplifting), misdemeanor of the first degree, pleaded guilty; fined \$50 and costs. The affidavit, signed by Joseph J. Fish, district supervisor of American

Discount, alleged that on April 11 the defendant did deprive the owner of certain property, one each of Fletcher's Castoria and Lemon Flavor valued at \$2.42, and obtained control over such property without consent of the owner or person authorized to give consent. The defendant waived counsel.

Traffic

CITY POLICE

William C. Treece, 48, of Linden Drive, driving while under the influence of an intoxicant, pleaded not guilty. The court continued the case for trial assignment.

Stanley W. Lippi, 20, of 804 Leeson Ave., unnecessary noise, pleaded guilty; fined \$25 and costs. The court ruled the offense pertains to reckless operation and ordered the defendant's operator's license suspended for 10 days.

Linda K. Saylor, 32, of 513 E. Central Ave., 51 m. p. h. in 25 m. p. h. zone, pleaded guilty; fined \$26 and costs. Radar.

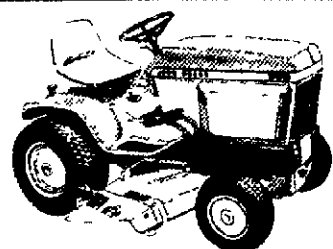
William George Gosnell, 20, of Oxford, Mich., expired license plates, pleaded guilty; fined \$20 and costs.

Michael L. Lontz, 18, of 1041 Oak Lane, failure to file for registration, pleaded guilty; fined \$50 and costs.

BOND FORFEITURE

David C. Derickson, 20, of Rt. 1, Garrett, Ind., reckless operation of motor vehicle without due regard for persons or property by driving 115 m. p. h. in 55-60 m. p. h. zone; \$100 bond. Highway Patrol charge.

The court handled a total of 63 cases during the traffic court session Friday.



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Those taking part in the project will have all of the benefits of being a 4-H member which include eligibility to attend 4-H camp and display at the Van Wert County Fair.

This club will be organized during a special meeting at 3:30 p. m. Tuesday at the Junior Fair building. Those interested in the project are asked to attend the meeting or call 238-1214 if they cannot attend.

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Thefts, Vandalism Also Probed Cash, Merchandise Taken In Break-In

The breaking and entering and theft of a considerable amount of merchandise at the Sportsman's Tobacco Store, 121 N. Washington St., sometime late Friday night or early Saturday is under investigation by City Police.

A Van Wert resident noticed a window glass cut and notified the owner, Clark "Dutch" Reeder of 714 Moberly St., who called police at 10:06 a. m. Saturday.

Entry was gained by cutting a window glass out and opening a rear door from the inside.

A pinball machine was pried open. Items taken included cash, candy, cigarettes, cigars, paintings, lighters, watches, flashlight batteries, flashlights, rings and radios.

Reeder estimates the loss at more than \$1,700.

Rex Lloyd of Rt. 1 reported the theft of a tape player from his car while it was parked at Playdium Lanes on W. Ervin Road. He reported the incident at 9:36 p. m. Saturday to police. Entry to the locked car was believed to have been made with a coat hanger. The tape player was valued at \$50.

Ron Diddle of 227 S. Wayne St. also reported at 7:15 p. m. Saturday to the Van Wert Police Department the theft of a tape player from his car while it was parked at his residence. The thieves also took part of an air-

conditioner. The thefts occurred sometime after 9:30 p. m. Friday.

Sandy Steffen of Fort Wayne told police at 2:38 a. m. Sunday that her brown shoulder-type purse was stolen from the Mr. Entertainer or Bub's Old South on E. Main St. The purse contained a small amount of cash and identification papers.

Al Fraker, custodian at Anthony Wayne Elementary School, notified police at 10:22 a. m. Sunday of vandalism to the teacher's lounge on the second floor.

The vandals dumped powdered paint and coffee in the lounge sometime Saturday night.

VFW Names New Officers

Robert G. Longwell Post No. 5803, Veterans of Foreign Wars, 111 N. Shannon St., elected officers Sunday. Installation will be held May 17 and the new officers will take office on July 1.

New officers are Hollis Crawford, commander; Leon Stegaman, senior vice commander; Carlos Tyas, junior vice commander; Harold Johnson, quartermaster; Bobby Clark, judge advocate; Robert Eschbach, chaplain; Jack Skelly, post surgeon, and Glenn Yoh, trustee, three-year term.

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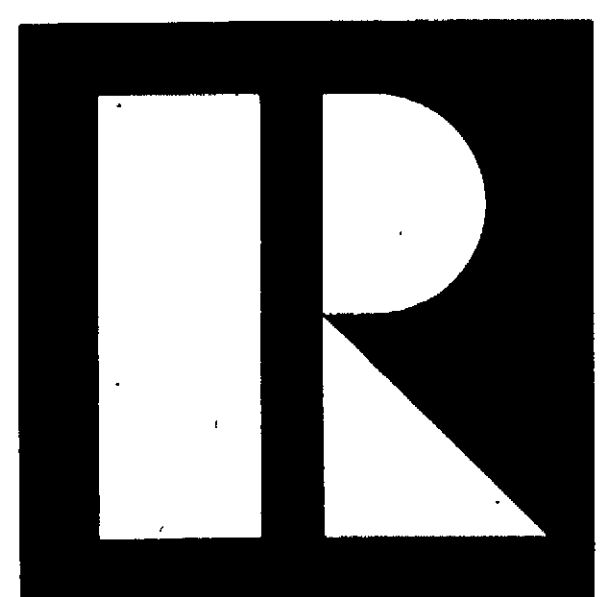
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