

Probe Child's Death In Train Crash

SIX YEAR OLD PENNED IN AS PARENTS LEAP

Driver Claims He Followed Traffic Signal In Woodward Crash

CAR HURLED 100 FEET

Investigation is being continued today in the death of Rita Smith, six years old, fatally injured Sunday at 8:40 a. m. when a car driven by her father, Leo Smith, was struck by a Grand Trunk freight train at Woodward avenue and the Twelve mile road.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Smith, 456 Seminole boulevard, Royal Oak, leaped to safety when the machine collided with the freight engine.

The small girl was penned in the back seat and could not escape. She died of injuries at the Highland Park General hospital at 3:20 p. m., Sunday. The girl was removed from the wreckage of the car which was hurled against a safety light standard 100 feet away.

Smith started his car with the traffic signals thinking the train would halt for the crossing, according to the Royal Oak police. The trains do not regard traffic signals, the police say.

Seeing that the train would not stop Smith told the police that he and his wife became excited. They jumped when it was too late to stop the car, he said.

PITTMAN SPEAKS AT SCHOOL MEET

Dr. M. S. Pittman, superintendent of rural schools at the State Normal college, at Ypsilanti, was the principal speaker at the annual school board-teachers banquet of Zone 4, last night at the Central Methodist Church in Royal Oak.

More than 225 of the school board members and teachers of the district attended the dinner. The board members acted as hosts and a group of the teachers as hostesses.

Miss Laura Belz presided as toastmaster. Miss Mary Ann Ravelle is supervisor of Zone 4. Exhibits of the work of the rural schools in art, composition, posters and health activities were displayed.

G. H. Strutt of New Orleans presided in his will that his widow should forfeit an income of \$20,000 a year if she remarried.

Recalls Old Days

Troy Man, 93, Campaigned For Lincoln

"I remember... An aged man leans forward in a comfortable old rocking chair and his mind flits back over a chain of events to almost a century ago. His remarkable memory brings up incidents of early youth and follows the history of his life through 93 years.

He now sees the world from a window through which he has looked for a decade.

The man is William Downes Milspaugh who lives with his son, Alfred R., on the Big Beaver road near Adam's avenue. He was born in Parry, N. Y., Feb. 3, 1835.

Mr. Milspaugh holds the reputable record of having voted 18 times in presidential elections unique honor of having voted for 20 presidents—all Republicans.

He is a stout Republican and has loyally supported that party from the days of Abraham Lincoln to the approaching regime of Herbert Hoover. He was one of the most avid of the "Wideawakes" in Detroit in 1860, the group of young men organized to elect Lincoln.

They paraded in caps and capes and bore torches. These torches the old man recalls were later loaned to the Democratic supporters to be used in the parades.

"They were ardent boosters," he said. "So enthusiastic that they were later found sitting on doorsteps asleep... the torches distinguishing them."

The man has nothing in common with boosters who became so completely under the effects of hard liquor. He points to a fact having bearing on his longevity. "During my whole life I have only drunk three glasses of beer," he said.

Countless reminiscences are told by Mr. Milspaugh. Among some of the interesting incidents of which he recalls are the following:

The wildcat banks and the distribution of worthless currency to working men during the time of Andrew Jackson.

Coming west from New York by wheel and coming to Detroit on the Grand Circus Park in the city limits of Detroit on the north.

Casting his first ballot for president in 1856 in a voting booth made of brush in Lenox, Mich.

Slipping from the deck of the Steamer Debrah going west in the gold rush of '49.

Transportation being an ox-drawn prairie schooner.

Buying newspapers from Thomas Edison, then a boy, in New Haven.

Working in the copper mines of the upper peninsula and riding on the steamer, the "E. B. Ward", the first to ply on Lake Superior after the construction of the locks at Sault Ste. Marie.

Working as a boy tanning a top boots for his father, a boot-maker. The boots were made wrong side, out and turned. They sold for three dollars a pair.

Nights in his boyhood when sleeping Indians covered the floor of his father's home near Mt. Clemens.

The inventive progress of the twentieth century is a source of fascination to Mr. Milspaugh. He has witnessed an era of transportation from ox-cart to airplane. The radio is one of the chief features of modern progress which he enjoys.

Its musical programs and lectures furnish a variation from the monotony of inactivity. Despite a handicap in his sight he peruses the newspapers and in this way he has kept up with the latest phases of the development of civilization.

Mr. Milspaugh retired from the lumber business 20 years ago. The greater part of his life he was in the lumber business. He owned a hoop and stove factory in Birmingham 24 years ago and did not leave the industry until the lumber supply was exhausted.

He has given out thousands of oak staves for barrels by hand.

The venerable man has outlived all but two of his three sons and five daughters. His son Alfred and William A. of Toledo are the only ones surviving. His wife was Louisa Howe Milspaugh.

His father Andrew K., who brought his family west from New York state in 1810 to Fort, Ind. died at the age of 80. He had seven sons, William, Smith, Arthur, Andrew, Nathan, Evert and Frank.

Mr. Milspaugh holds the record for old age in his family. None of the family, tracing back to ancestors in France who took part in the Crusades and later were forced to flee during the massacre of St. Bartholemew, have lived to the advanced years.

An so the patriarch reclines in his rocking chair with his pet cat, "Tom" sitting near at hand. Occasionally, in favorable weather, he goes forth for a stroll, leaning on a heavy cane. But, for the most part, he is content to sit and review the "good old days" and witness the rapid flight of years.

Approximately 200 persons attended the dinner and bazaar given by the Ladies Aid society of the Franklin M. E. church at the community hall, Friday night.

A short program was conducted in connection with the bazaar. Rev. Walter Lace of the Franklin church spoke. The event is announced as a financial success. It was planned to aid in defraying the group's pledge to the church fund.

200 AT BAZAAR IN FRANKLIN

FRANKLIN CHOR IS REORGANIZED

The choir of the Franklin M. E. church meets tonight for its first regular practice following its reorganization Sunday.

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Notice. Boards running at large on the commons in Troy Township will of aid territory. The township will pay any ried force in 1828. These ordin-

ances are found to have been passed at the meeting of the township board on April 7, 1828. Directors Dan Burrows, Secretaries Hopkins, Henry O. Bronson, Isaac L. Smith and Riley Crooks supported these two laws. Records of the proceedings of board meetings, 100 years ago are found in the old Township record book among the collection of relics in the colonial room at the Troy Township hall, Main street and Wattle road. The two statements above are extracts from the volume. The proceeding which it contains date from 1827 to 1928.

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