

Decatur, Jan 10

Collision of two automobiles at an intersection of U.S. Highway No. 224 and a county road this afternoon claimed the life of Mrs. Gladys Teeple, 27, of Decatur employed by the Fort Wayne News Sentinel on a rural paper delivery route.

Mrs. Teeple died at the Adams County Hospital at 4:30 o'clock of a fractured skull, an hour after the machine she was driving collided with one operated by Harry Brewer, 51, of Delphi, Indiana about three miles east of here. Richard Fairchild, 16, of Decatur, who was riding with Mrs. Teeple, and William E. Funk, 29 of Kentland, Indiana, passenger in the Brewer machine, were patients in the Adams County Hospital tonight. The Fairchild boy suffered a serious fracture of the left arm and deep lacerations of his right foot. Funk was detained at the hospital for observation of a serious injury to his right leg. He also suffered multiple lacerations. Brewer escaped with minor cuts and bruises.

Brewer told Adams County Sheriff Ed Miller he was driving west on US Highway No. 224 when Mrs. Teeple's car came from the south from the side road onto the highway without stopping. The woman's machine was struck at the right rear side and crashed against a utility pole which was sheared off. It came to rest in a field nearby.

Mrs. Teeple and the Fairchild boy were delivering the Fort Wayne papers in the rural section when the accident occurred.

The dead woman was born in Woodburn, November 25, 1912 and was educated in Decatur Schools. She took over the paper route after her husband relinquished it to enter another business.

Mrs. Teeple is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Chapman of Route No. 2, New Haven; her husband, Charles W.; two daughters, Mary Jean, 9, and Betty Lou, 2; two sisters, Mrs. Goldie Carman and Miss Cathryn Chapman, both at Fort Wayne; and two brothers, Kenneth and Ward Chapman, both at home. Mrs. Teeple was a member of the Decatur Methodist Church.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

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Decatur, Jan. 11

Funerals services for Mrs. Charles W. Teeple, Decatur woman who was fatally injured late Wednesday afternoon in a collision of two autos near this city, will be held at the Zwick Funeral Home at 1:45 pm Saturday and at 2 o'clock at the First Methodist Church. Rev. R. W. Graham officiating. Burial will be in the Decatur Cemetery.

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## AFTER ADAMS COUNTY CRASH

### Funeral Is Planned For Mrs. C. W. Teeple; Three Are Hurt

DECATUR, Ind., Jan. 11 - Funeral services for Mrs. Charles W. Teeple, ?, of Decatur, who died at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Adams County Memorial Hospital of injuries suffered in an auto collision three miles east of here, will be held at 1:45 p.m. Saturday at the Zwick Funeral Home here and at 2 p.m. at the Methodist church. Mrs. Teeple suffered a skull fracture and did not regain consciousness.

The accident occurred when the car driven by Mrs. Teeple collided with an auto driven by William E. Funk, of Kentland. Dick Fairchild, 16, an occupant of the Teeple car, suffered a fractured left arm and is in the hospital here. Funk suffered numerous cuts and bruises and also is still confined to the hospital. Harry Brewer, ??, of of Delphi, who was riding in Funk's car, suffered minor cuts on the head and was dismissed after treatment at the hospital.

Mrs. Teeple is survived by the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Chapman, New Haven Rural Route No. 2; the husband, two children, Mary Jane, 9, and Betty Lou, 2; two brothers, Kenneth and Ward, both at home; two sisters, Mrs. Goldie Gorman, 3346 Piqua and Miss Kathryn Chapman, East Berry street, both of Fort Wayne. She was born in Woodburn.

Mrs. Teeple was under contract with The News - Sentinel to deliver papers in the rural territory. The body was removed to the Zwick Funeral Home in this city. County authorities have begun an investigation into the mishap.

**Adams County Historical Museum**

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