

Adams County Historical Museum Scrapbook with handwritten date of Monday, December 28, 1936

SISTER OF LOCAL WOMAN KILLED BY CAR

Miss Mary Jane Badertscher, 16, Struck by Motorized Kidron, Ohio

Miss Mary Jane Badertscher, aged 16, daughter of Mrs. [name cut off] Badertscher of near Kidron, was fatally hurt at 7 o'clock Christmas evening, Dec. 25, when struck by a car. Miss Badertscher was the half-sister of Mrs. Daniel [surname cut off] and of this place. Miss [name cut off] Sommers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Sommers, suffered a broken leg when hit by the same car. Miss Sommers is a cousin to the [word cut off] girl, and a niece of the late Fred Amstutz of this place.

Six girls were walking along the road at Kidron, when a car being driven at a high rate of speed crashed into the group. The driver of the machine did not stop but was later taken into custody and will face charges. He is from Orrville, and is said to be a native of Switzerland. It is believed that he was drunk as he claims not to remember hitting the girls.

Miss Badertscher suffered [words cut off] taken to the hospital at Massille [letters cut off], Ohio, where she died soon afterwards. Miss Sommers will recover, it is believed. None of the other girls were hurt.

Miss Badertscher visited here last summer and was well known [word cut off] several local people. She is survived by her mother, one brother, Thomas Lee, and one sister, Martha, both of Kidron; two half-sister, Mrs. Daniel Morand of this place and Mrs. H. Clair Amstutz of Indianapolis; four half-brothers, Albert Badertscher, Kidron; Milton Badertscher, Sebrina, Ohio; Ivan Badertscher, Bluffton, Ohio; and Lewellen, of Massille [letters cut off].

The funeral was held today at the Salem Mennonite church in Kidron. Mr. and Mrs. Morand of this place attended the rites.

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