

FAMILY OF 4 DIE.

LANCASTER, PA., SUNDAY, JULY 27, 1941



Smashed into a metallic pulp above is the car in which Paul K. Nissley, his wife and two children were fatally injured Saturday night at Florin when the car was picked up and carried for a mile by a fast PRR train. The car, a light coupe, was twisted into a semi-circle by the impact.

Members of the train crew, W. F. Cresswell, engineer, and V. R. Finnegan, conductor, stopped a passing motorist who assisted in releasing Mrs. Nissley from the car and took her to the Crippled Children's hospital at Elizabethtown where she was pronounced dead on arrival.

Francis was also in the car and was taken to St. Joseph's hospital by Lloyd Kurtz, of Colona, Md., where he was also pronounced dead on arrival.

The body of the infant was found, its head partially severed, lying near the Florin underpass. The body of the father, which had apparently dropped from the coupe about 600 yards from the point of impact, was scattered along the right-of-way from that point to where the train stopped.

A wreck car from a Rheems garage was summoned to pull the coupe from the engine. The cow-catcher was damaged and had to be repaired before the train could proceed.

Mrs. Nissley was identified by her father-in-law, who, hearing of the accident, had gone to the scene with another son. He was taken to the Elizabethtown hospital by Dr. William M. Workman, of Elizabethtown.

Mrs. Nissley, according to her father-in-law, had celebrated her 28th birthday on Friday while Joan Elaine was eight months old on Saturday.

ENGINEER SAW CAR

Dr. A. V. Walter, of this city, county coroner, who was also at the scene, said that the engineer told him that he saw the automobile approaching the crossing and he blew his whistle, but the car came on.

Dr. Walter, Dr. Workman, State Motor Police and railroad authorities, will continue their investigations Monday as it is said that there were several eye-witnesses to the crash but they could not be located late Saturday night.

Sergeant Owens, of the State Motor Police, who was in charge of the investigation assisted by Privates Minchoff and Klatt, said that the crossing where the fatality occurred has visibility for approximately 1000 yards.

The crossing, the scene of another fatality on February 20 when Charles William Zink and Ray Martin Shields, both of Marietta, were instantly killed when their car was struck by a train, is now being surveyed by state and county officials for possible elimination when bridges are built in the borough.

Traffic in the vicinity was jammed for more than four hours after the crash and thousands of persons lined along the tracks to see the scattered evidence of the wreckage.

Besides the father, David M. Nissley, Paul is survived by his mother, Mary Alice Kanode Nissley and the following brothers and sisters: Marcus K., of Florin; Naomi, wife of Leonard Sill; her twin sister, Ruth; and Nathan K., all of Bremerton, Wash.; Benjamin K., of 110 Ruby st., Lancaster and Mary, wife of Paul Graybill, of 603 Fourth st., Altoona.

Dayton, O.—(AP)—Eight persons enroute home from a family reunion were killed late Sunday in a grade crossing accident a mile west of Dayton. All lived at West Carrollton, O.



Man's shoe on floor under the steering wheel tells the tragic story. The sides of the car were squeezed to a four-foot area. All of the victims excepting the woman were knocked from the vehicle and scattered along the tracks.