

MT. JOY BULLETIN
MOUNT JOY, PA.
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Entire Family Of Four Killed By A Train Near Florin Saturday Night

Auto Carried A Mile After The Crash; Were Returning From Family Reunion Paul K. Nissley, Wife And Two Children

After Saturday night's accident at Welfley's crossing west of Florin, this is conclusive evidence that this crossing should be either eliminated or be protected better. Four people were killed when struck by a train, two were killed at this same crossing several months ago and a few years ago a man was killed.

Father, mother, brother and sister: Paul K. Nissley, twenty-seven, a carpenter; his wife Mary Cole Nissley, twenty-eight; and their children, Francis, four and Joan Elaine, eight months, all of Lancaster R. D.3, near Landis Valley were killed at 7:10 p. m. Saturday.

After attending the Musser family reunion held on the farm of Elias Musser, one mile south of the scene of the fatality, the group was enroute to their home when their light coupe was struck broadside by train number 633, known as the

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Entire Family

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"Susquehanna," enroute from Philadelphia to Williamsport.

The Mussers had been traveling north on the Marietta road and were on the north track of the grade crossing when they were struck. The crossing, is marked by the standard "stop, look and listen" sign.

Carried Nearly Mile

Following the crash, the auto was carried three-quarters of a mile before the train was brought to a halt. When the train crew investigated they found Mrs. Nissley still in the car but the other three members of the family were tossed out by the impact and strewn along the tracks.

Members of the train crew stopped a passing motorist to convey Mrs. Nissley to the Crippled Children's hospital at Elizabethtown while Lloyd Kurtz, of West Nottingham Academy, Colara, Md., another passing took the boy to St. Joseph's hospital. Both the mother and son were pronounced dead upon their arrival at the two institutions.

Two Bodies Mangled

The bodies of the father and daughter were badly mangled and parts of them found lying along the road bed. The train apparently had run over the father as the torso was completely cut off from the head and legs. The girl was decapitated.

Positive identification of the bodies remained undisclosed for more than 3 hours until David Nissley, of Roaring Springs, was taken to the Elizabethtown hospital by Dr. William M. Workman, of this borough, deputy coroner, to view the body of the mother.

Car Straddled Tracks

Members of the train crew told authorities that when the train was halted the machine was straddled across the tracks and the entire right side was pushed in. They summoned a tow truck and after attaching a hoist the wreckage was removed from the tracks.

Engineer Blew Whistle

Dr. A. V. Walter of Lancaster, 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.

Railroad authorities said that the only damage they could observe on the engine was a broken cow-catcher. However, a railing on a bridge at the first underpass on the old Harrisburg pike was broken when struck by the wreckage.

The crossing where the fatality occurred has visibility for approximately 1000 yards.

Second Fatality

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 the bridge is build at Florin.

The train was traveling 75 miles per hour when it struck the auto.

The Funeral

The bodies were taken in charge by undertaker Simon Nissley and friends called at his parlors here Monday evening.

Besides his father, Nissley 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., 110 Ruby street, Lancaster, and Mary, wife of Paul Graybill, Altoona.

The funeral was held in the Cross Roads Brethren in Christ Church, west of town, Tuesday, with interment in the adjoining cemetery.

Rheems Foreman Flags A Train Crashing Crowd

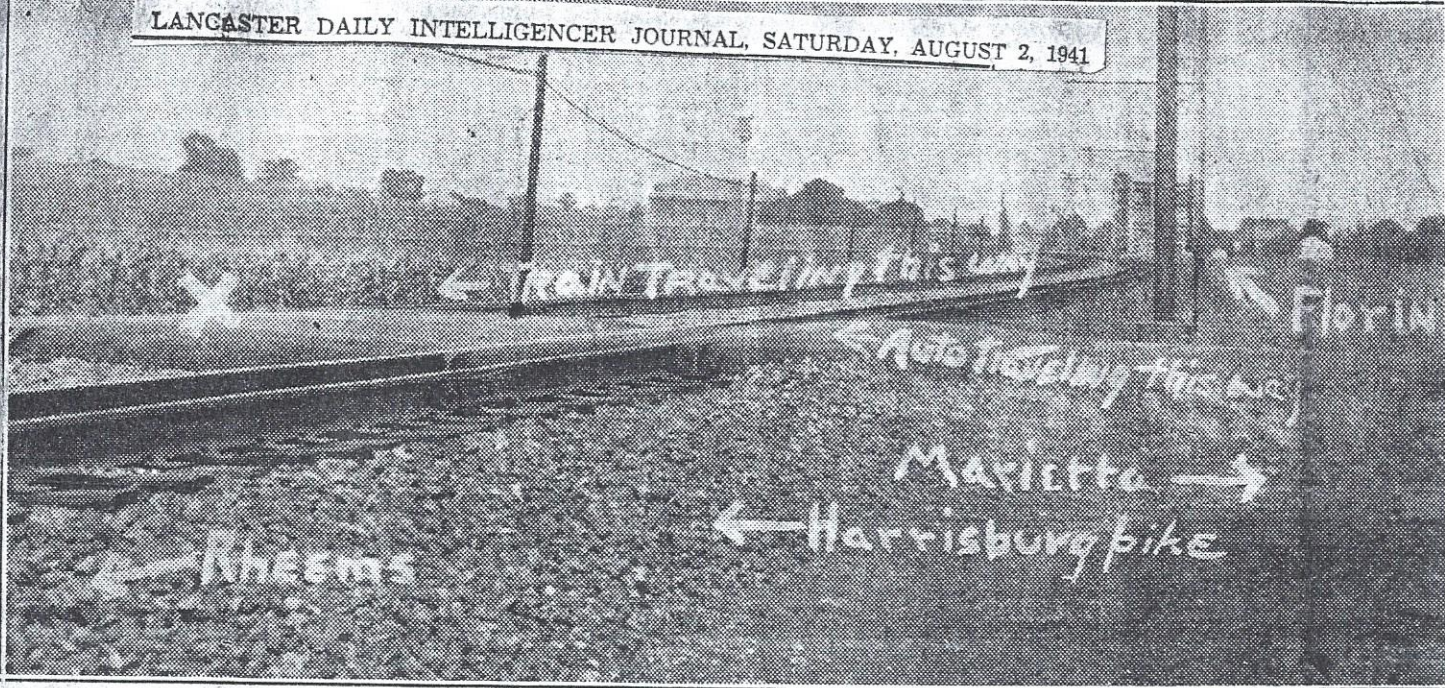
The presence of mind of Roy Heisey, of Rheems, foreman of a section gang on the Pennsylvania railroad, probably prevented more casualties at the scene of the Nissley crash Saturday night, when he flagged a flier that would have plowed into a crowd of persons standing on the tracks watching the removal of the wrecked automobile.

All traffic on the Main Line of the Pennsylvania was stopped, according to witnesses, while garage men attempted to remove the coupe from the engine.

While a crowd of persons were standing on both tracks watching the operations, Heisey noticed a light of a train in th distance. Seizing a lantern he ran towards Mount Joy and brought to a halt the "Broadway Limited," crack Pennsylvania flier, enroute to Harrisburg.

Grade Crossing Where Family Of Four Was Killed

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This is Welfly's grade crossing, just west of Mount Joy, where a family of four was killed a week ago tonight when a Pennsylvania railroad train hit their auto. The "X" shows where the westbound train struck the car. The crossing has only "Stop, Look and Listen" signs. See editorial, "Time For Discussion," on Page Six. (Intell Photo)

Car In Which Four Died On R. R. Crossing



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This twisted heap of metal is what remains of the automobile in which Mr. and Mrs. Paul K. Nissley and their two children were killed Saturday evening when it was struck by a fast passenger train at Florin. (Intell Photo)

Joseph Smith Showalter stated he

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2 Men Hunting Jobs Killed as Auto Hits Fast Train at Florin

Feb. 21—1941
Marietta Ball Player and Companion, Father of 2 Children Die in Crossing Crash

Two unemployed Marietta men hunting for work were killed in a railroad grade crossing crash a half mile west of Florin about 8 P. M. yesterday.

The victims were:

Ray Martin Shields, thirty-eight, a widely known baseball player, of Marietta.

Charles William Zink, twenty-six, of Marietta, father of two children.

Hit "Red Arrow" Express

Investigators learned that the two men were riding north on a township road known as the Marietta road in a 1929-model auto when their car hit the "Red Arrow," crack New York to Chicago express train at an unprotected grade crossing on the Pennsylvania Railroad. The auto was thrown 250 feet, landing on the south side of the railroad right-of-way. The victims, thrown clear of the wreckage, were found about 50 feet west of the crossing, also on the south side.

Dr. A. V. Walter, county coroner, said he did not believe an inquest would be necessary and indicated that his verdict would be accidental death. "Our investigation so far has disclosed the auto ran into the side of the train," Dr. Walter said. "A check at the Harrisburg round house, where the locomotive later was examined, showed that the car struck the engine about 15 feet from the front where the brake cylinder is located." The county coroner said he would confer with Dr. William M. Workman, deputy coroner, Mount Joy; Motor Policeman M. P. McGeary and J. H. Kerchner, 3035 Louise avenue, supervisor of the Pennsylvania Railroad, at Mount Joy this afternoon for final action.

Railroad officials said the "Red Arrow" was in charge of Harry Dolby, engineer, Harrisburg, and Caleb H. Atkins, conductor. It averages 75 miles an hour at the point where the accident occurred. The grade crossing is marked with the usual warning signs.

Motor Policeman McGeary was patrolling the Harrisburg pike when he saw three trains standing near the crossing. He investigated and learned that one of the trains had figured in the accident.

One Killed Instantly

Shields, the owner and operator of the car, was killed instantly. Zink was removed to a nearby garage where he died at 8:30 P. M. The



RAY MARTIN SHIELDS



CHARLES WILLIAM ZINK

men were pronounced dead by Dr. Workman.

Dr. Walter said both died of compound fractures of the skull, but each suffered multiple injuries of the face, arms and legs.

The "Red Arrow" was delayed 15 minutes and after an examination revealed the locomotive slightly damaged, the train inued to Harrisburg. Two other bound trains, including the

"Trail Blazer," another fast express, were held up for an hour until the wreckage was removed.

Zink, a shoe worker, and Shields, a silk worker, had spent the day looking for work and were returning to their homes when the accident occurred.

Shields, who was star pitcher on the Marietta A. A. baseball team, was also a member of the Marietta Beneficial association; the Columbia Fish and Game association and the Federated Sportsmen association of Pennsylvania. He also pitched in the old Tri-County league. He was a son of Mrs. Clara

Hogentogler Shields and the late John H. Shields.

Besides his mother with whom he resided, he is survived by a twin brother, Jay J. Shields, Marietta.

Zink was a member of the Marietta Beneficial association. He is survived by his wife, Matilda Conrad Zink, two children, Jane Louise and May; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Zink, of Marietta; his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Zink, and his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Florence Brenner, all of Marietta.

There are no warning lights on the crossing, police said. On both sides of the crossing, there is a slight grade, but they said that motorists approaching from either direction have a clear vision for a distance of between a quarter and a half mile.

Chief of Police Elmer Zerphy, Mount Joy, recalled no previous accidents on this particular grade crossing but said several persons were killed at the crossing about a half mile west of the Marietta road.

SHIELDS—Entered into rest in East Donegal twp., on Feb. 20, 1941, Ray Martin Shields, 16 S. Gay St., Marietta Pa., in his 39th year. The relatives and friends, also the several organizations to which he belonged are respectfully invited to attend the funeral without further notice from The Samuel Frey Memorial Funeral Home No. 101 W. Market St., Marietta on Monday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. Interment in the Marietta Cemetery. Friends may call at the Samuel Frey Memorial Home Sunday evening 7 to 9.

ZINK—Entered into rest near Florin, on Thursday, Feb. 20, 1941, Charles William Zink, of Marietta, in his twenty-seventh year. The relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral without further notice from the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Zink, Chestnut Street, Marietta on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment in Marietta cemetery. Friends may call at the home of the parents Sunday from 7 to 9 P. M.

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Porch Damaged When Heavy Wheel Left Truck While Passing

The banister and supporting post of a porch at the residence of Misses Grace and Annie Hollwager, 215 W. Main Street, was damaged Tuesday morning about five o'clock, when one of the dual wheels on a large truck, belonging to the York Transportation Company, came off as it was travelling west.

The tire and wheel jumped the curb, rolled across the pavement and crashed into the porch.

The driver was not aware of the accident and proceeded to Elizabethtown, where at the entrance to the boro the other portion of the dual wheel came off.

Officer Zerphey investigated and notified the company that the missing tire and wheel were found here.

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**TRUCK SPARE TIRE KNOCKED
OFF 20 FEET SPOUTING**

On Monday morning a truck going south on North Barbara street, lost the spare tire at Frank street. It rolled over the sidewalk and knocked down twenty feet of spouting at the C. Grissinger residence.

Owner of the truck is not known. The tire is a U. S. Royal 700x17, Serial No. JU3E99122.

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Debris in Living Room of Home Hit by Truck

This is what Sheridan Angstadt and his family saw when they came down stairs after a tractor truck smashed into the front of their frame home in Mt. Joy. A radiator (foreground) was sheared from the pipes and was shoved 10 feet into the living room. S... window frames

and panes were ripped away and thrown into the room. A radio which was between the two windows ploughed 25 feet across the room and landed to right of picture. The rugs were covered with plaster, lath and debris.

The truck hurtled the curb, sideswiped a metal pole in front of the Angstadt home, then crashed into the frame house between the two front windows after missing the door to the right. The impact was so great that a steam radiator inside the house was knocked loose from the pipe fittings and pushed back eight feet. A white radio and table in the front room was hurled 30 feet into another room.

Angstadt, his wife and eight children, ranging from four to twenty-one years, were asleep on the second floor when the crash occurred. All but his oldest daughter's husband, Samuel Snavely, were awakened. Snavely slept through the excitement.

Angstadt, the first to reach downstairs after the family was shaken from their beds, shouted back: "There's a truck in our living room." Angstadt is a garage man and his place of business is located next door to his home. Other than minor scratches and bruises, Buser was unhurt. He said he had picked the truck up at Lancaster County Farm Diner.

10 ROUTED FROM BEDS BY CRASH

1 Man Sleeps Through as Truck Hits House

A truck crashed into the two-and-a-half story frame dwelling of Sheridan Angstadt, 108 W. Main St., Mount Joy, at 5:30 a. m., today, causing damage estimated at \$1,000.

C. H. Buser, thirty, Seven Valleys, York county, said the truck, owned by the York Motor Express, had a broken front spring and he was driving it to Lancaster for repairs when he lost control.

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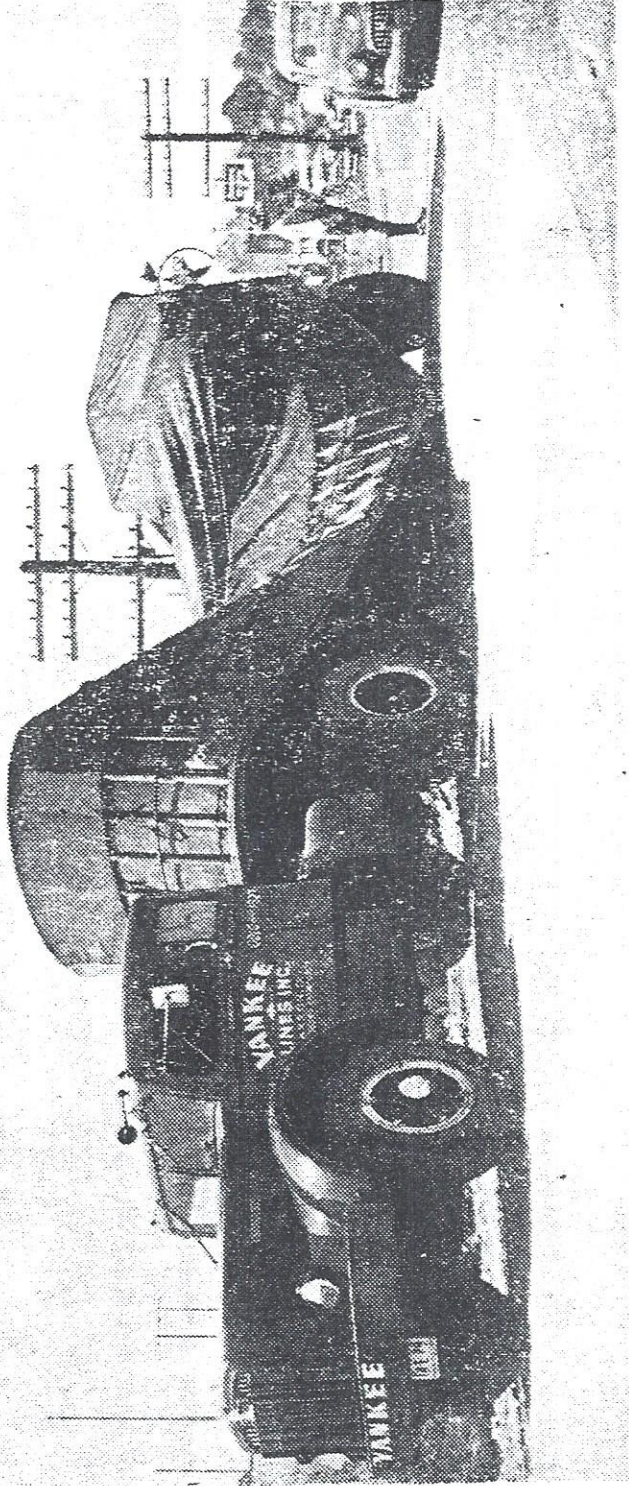
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AUTO KNOCKED OFF PORCH POSTS — PORCH FELL ON CAR

The first accident due to yesterday's snow occurred at 6:10 last evening on West Main street. An automobile driven by Allen Fasnacht, of Hershey, went off the highway on West Main street at the Fairview intersection, skidded on the sidewalk and knocked down several porch posts at the home of Aaron Metzler on the North side of the street. The porch roof fell down on the car, a Chevrolet sedan, damaging it but fortunately the occupants of the auto escaped uninjured.



New Era Photo

Trailer Buckles Under 38,000 Pounds of Steel, Slows Traffic Near Mt. Joy

The trailer of a tractor-trailer truck carrying 38,000 pounds of steel buckled in the middle early yesterday on the Harrisburg Pike about one mile east of Mt. Joy, Pa. The driver, Louis Shuff, thirty-eight, Altoona, said the trailer sagged to the ground and he didn't notice it until the bottom began scraping on the highway. It happened suddenly, he said. State Policeman Peter Oreszko, who is investigating the accident, said until the trailer was removed from the highway, State Police had to route the two-way traffic over one lane, as shown above, during most of the day. Traffic was slowed for 15 hours.