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Kaysville, UT Wedding Party Auto Collision, Feb 1952

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7 IN OGDEN WEDDING PARTY KILLED IN KAYSVILLE CRASH.

BRIDE AND GROOM OF 17 HOURS AMONG VICTIMS WHEN CAR STRIKES TRUCK.

Kaysville, Davis County, Feb. 18 -- An Ogden man and his bride og 17 hours were killed instantly here early yesterday, along with five other members of their wedding party, when their car hit head-on with a heavily-loaded trailer-truck near the south city limits.

Killed in one of the worst automobile tragedies in Utah history were MARTIN EDWIN GREEN, 22, of 3552 Jefferson, his bride, NELLIE JUNE WILSON GREEN, 16; RALPH E. GREEN, 37, brother of the bridegroom and driver of the car; MRS. EDNA WILSON, 40, of 150 Second, the bride's mother; MRS. PHYLLIS CHRISTENSEN, 40, 150 Second, aunt of the bride; GLEN CHARLES WADSWORTH, 38, of Ogden and MRS. CLARENCE SHARPLESS, 33, of Clearfield.

The young couple had been married Saturday afternoon at the bridegroom's home by Bishop Thomas Van Drimmelen of the Ogden L.D.S. Twenty-eighth ward. ELMER B. GREEN, brother of two of the victims, said the party was celebrating the wedding.

State Highway Patrol Trooper Farlin L. Wood investigated the accident and said his findings indicated that the GREEN car was traveling at an excessive speed at the time of the crash.

Diver of the southbound truck, JOHN T. WALKER, 36, of 317 Twenty-sixth, told Trooper Wood he saw the car approaching northbound on U.S. 91 at such a speed it appeared unable to make the curve. The 15-year-old sedan roared around the turn with a sharp squeal of tires, swerved over the line and headed straight for the truck.

WALKER tried to avoid the car by cutting the wheels to his left, intending to let the sedan go off to the left of the highway, but the huge truck with its 40,000 pound load of grain, couldn't clear the road in time.

There was a jarring shock as the car crumpled into the front of the slowly moving truck. The shattered sedan then spun off to the right and landed rightside up to the right of the highway 20 feet from the paving, headed south.

Neither WALKER nor an unidentified companion in the truck was injured. As they got out to help the injured, a phone call was put in for Trooper Wood, who arrived minutes later, just ahead of two doctors.

The car was so badly smashed that those seeking to aid the victims could not determine at first how many persons were in the machine.

Wood said it was impossible to tell when the wreckage was reached, who had been in the front seat or who was in the rear. Physicians on the scene said all occupants of the car were dead when they examined them, and expressed the opinion that they died almost at the moment of impact.

Force of the blow was evidenced in the damage to the heavy Diesel-powered tractor. Trooper Wood said that to straighten the frame and reset the Diesel engine would cost approximately \$2000, along with other

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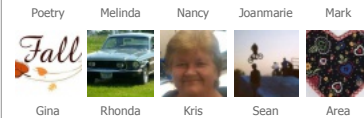
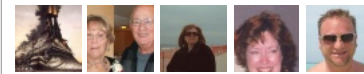
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repairs needed. The sedan was destroyed. Wood and Herman Thierault, deputy Clearfield city marshal, who aided in the investigation, said there was a light snow on the highway at the time of the accident, but cause of the accident was the high speed at which the car was being driven. The wreck happened at four-fifty-five a.m. Ambulances from the South Davis fire department and from Clearfield and Ogden mortuaries were called to the scene, removing one body to Sunset and six to Ogden.

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Spokane Daily Chronicle July 6, 1955

Girl Stabs Utah Trooper

SALT LAKE CITY, Jul 6. (AP)—A teen-age escapee from the Utah industrial school for girls last night stabbed a highway patrolman. The 17-year-old girl stabbed Trooper Farlin Wood, 27, of Kaysville, in the stomach when he tried to arrest her and her companion—a 22-year-old parolee from Utah state prison—near the Utah State fairgrounds.

Provo Daily Herald, Wednesday July 6, 1955
Highway Patrolman Stabbed by Industrial School Girl

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—A 27-year-old Utah Highway Patrol Trooper was operated upon this morning for surgical repair of a wound inflicted by a 27-year-old girl escapee from the Utah State Industrial School.

Physicians said the abdominal wound suffered by Troop Farlin Wood of Kaysville was not “too serious” and he probably would recover.

The girl who stabbed Wood as the officer apprehended her and a prison parolee companion was identified by the patrol as Loie Forrest. The companion was identified as Elmer Canter, 22.

Wood told fellow officers that he was heading to the patrol’s district base in Salt Lake City last night to refuel his car when he noticed an auto driving in the opposite direction in an erratic manner.

The trooper gave chase. He was delayed when the other auto passed a grade crossing just ahead of a passing train, but caught up with the vehicle near the Utah State Fairgrounds.

After notifying Salt Lake City police that he thought the driver of the car was under the influence of alcohol, Wood took the man and woman into custody.

He said that he had Carter in the patrol car when the girl started to run away. Wood chased her and when he caught her he said she drew a knife and stabbed him in the abdomen.

Salt Lake City police arrested Cater and the Forrest girl and booked them for investigation of assault with a deadly weapon.

Idaho State Journal

October 23, 1955

Utah Girl Draws Five Year Term

SALT LAKE CITY (UP) – An 18-year-old girl who stabbed a Utah Highway Patrol trooper last summer was sentenced to a term not more than five years in prison yesterday.

However in sentencing Loie Myrl Forrest to an indeterminate term Third District Judge Ray Van Cott granted the girl a stay of execution prison provided she returns to the Utah Industrial School. Van Cott told the teenager she would not have to go to prison if she behaved at the Industrial school.

The girl stabbed Trooper Farlin Wood after he had stopped her and a male companion near the Utah State Fairgrounds in Salt Lake City for investigation of drunken driving. The stay of execution granted by the judge will expire Jan 28, 1956.

Ogden Standard Examiner
Monday, February 27, 1956

2 Hurt, Damage \$26,000
As Truck Misses Junction
By Margaret Brough

FARMINGTON – The driver and a passenger were injured and damages were estimated at \$26,000 yesterday at 2:45am, when a huge semi-trailer truck loaded with meat failed to stop at a highway junction, plunged over an embankment and rolled to the bottom.

The accident occurred at the Farminton junction of Highways 89 and 91 according to Trooper Farlin Wood of the State Highway Patrol, who investigated.

Trooper Wood said that Charles Bolzenius, 28, Gary, Indiana, apparently failed to see the stop sign and the sudden turn in the highway.

The big truck plunged 100 feet down the embankment after it left the road completely disconnecting the cab from truck trailer. The vehicle carried a load of meat.

Mr. Bolzenius was hospitalized with chest and leg injuries and the passenger, Ted, Propick, 33, Chicago, suffered bruises and abrasions.

The intersection has been the scene of a number of serious accidents in recent years Mr. Wood said.

Salt Lake Tribune
December 26, 1957

Hill Employee Escapes In Collision, Upset

KAYSVILLE – A Hill Air Force Base employee, A. L. Cooley, escaped serious injury Tuesday at 10:40 a.m. when the 1946-model sedan he was driving collided with another automobile and rolled over about one mile north of Kaysville.

Trooper Farlin L. Wood said the accident occurred when a westbound 1955-model sedan driven by Ralph Harmon Kelterning, 318 E. 24th St, Los Angeles, Calif. Attempted to turn left off U.S. Highway 91-alternate.

The westbound sedan driven by Mr. Cooley, 335-A Crestwood Rd, Kaysville, collided with the Kelterning vehicle and rolled over onto the left shoulder of the road.