

Nine Die In Ohio Holiday Mishaps

Traffic Kills Six, Two Persons Drown

By The Associated Press

Although comparatively light traffic was reported throughout the state, the automobile was still the big killer on Ohio's Fourth of July holiday, which saw nine accidental deaths — including six in traffic and two by drowning.

No one was reported killed or injured by fireworks.

The State Highway Patrol credited rainy, cloudy weather over much of the state with keeping traffic light. The same conditions apparently kept Ohioans from flocking to beaches and swimming pools. A swimmer at an abandoned quarry near Columbus and a Virginia man who tried to escape from an auto stalled in a flooded underpass in Portsmouth were the only reported drowning deaths.

A 60-year-old man was killed in a fall from a railroad freight car.

Of the six traffic accident victims reported in an Associated Press survey from 6 p.m. (EST) Tuesday through midnight Wednesday, two were motorcyclists.

Accident victims:

Tuesday night:

Melvin Madison, 30, of Bluefield, Va., drowned when he tried to escape from an auto stalled in a flooded underpass in Portsmouth.

Wendell Mulford, 19, Rt. 2, Cheshire, when his car left Ohio 554 west of Ohio 7 in Gallia County.

Airman 2-C. Louis F. Tarun Jr., 19, Baltimore, Md., when his motorcycle collided with an auto one mile north of Logan on U.S. 33.

Wednesday:

Robert Rasin, 22, Strongsville, of injuries received Tuesday night when his motorcycle collided with an auto north of Brunswick, Medina County.

Robert McClure, 23, Barberton, when his auto blew out a tire and rolled over on Ohio 619 east of that Summit County town.

John T. Campbell, 65, Cleveland, struck by a hit-skip driver in the city.

Mrs. Carrie A. Urschel, 38, Miamisburg, in a two-car collision on U.S. 25 about one mile southwest of Bluffton in Allen County.

Albert J. Purdy, 60, Windham, fell from a freight car and a train apparently passed over his body at the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie Railroad yard at Campbell, Mahoning County.

Richard O'Connor, 14, Columbus, drowned when he went for a swim at an abandoned quarry northwest of Columbus.

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quarry OH

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