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WILD GHASE ENDS WITH



AFTERMATH-This grisly scene greeted onlookers at Tecumseh Rd. and Howard Ave. after a four-car crash in which two persons were killed and another critically injured. The white Dodge is the car which police were chasing. The 1961 Ford is the vehicle in which a Michigan family narrowly

escaped death, while the Mercedes-Benz is the car in which John Fraser and Robert McCann died. Persons in the 1954 Meteor all escaped without injuries. Samuel Patrick Knapp of Windsor has been arrested.

(Star Staff Photo by Walter Jackson)

Negligence **Count Laid** Against Man | About 45 minutes later the car was spotted speeding along Riverside Dr.

Shots Punctuate **Morning Chase** In West End

Police have charged a young Windsor man with criminal negligence following a 20-minute chase at speeds up to 110 miles an hour which led to a crash that claimed the lives of two men. Four persons were injured, one of them seriously, in the violent four-car collision at Tecumseh Rd. and Howard Ave., this ceeding east along Tecumseh morning.

Dead are:

Robert John McCann, 19, of Clinton, Ont., a sailor serving on the H.M.C.S. Victoriaville.

John MacPherson Fraser, 42, of '908 Ducharme Ave., Roseland, the driver of one of the cars involved.

Taken into custody after being treated for minor facial injuries was Samuel Patrick Knapp. 21. of Scotten Rd.

20, of 1512 Bernard Rd., the driver of the fourth car involved escaped injury.

According to police the car driven by Knapp had been stopped at Walker and Tecumseh Rds. at 12:30 a.m. for making an improper left turn. About 45 minutes later the car

When police attempted to stop the speeding vehicle at Riverside Dr. and Ouellette, the chase began. Police said the driver refused to pull over to the curb.

The chase continued through west end streets at high speeds and after one police cruiser lost the fleeing car at Huron Line another spotted it at Wellington St. and Tecumseh Rd. Police said speeds up to 110 miles an hour were registered along Tecumseh Rd. prior to the crash.

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HELD BY POLICE—Samuel Patrick Knapp, 21, of Scotten Rd., Hwy. 18, is shown being escorted into a Windsor police patrol wagon at the rear of Hotel Dieu. His arrest took place following a four-car smash at Tecumseh Rd. and Howard Ave., which ended a 20-minute police chase involving speeds up to 110 miles an hour and gunfire from police. Two persons were killed and another critically injured.

Knapp, 21, of Scotten Rd., Highway 18. Knapp appeared in court this morning and was remanded until Monday. Bail was set at \$2,000 cash or property.

Police said Knapp was the driver of a stolen car and following the crash he leaped from the wrecked vehicle and attempted to escape on foot. Police fired several shots in their efforts to arrest Knapp who was captured attempting to climb a fence at the Windsor Utilities Commission yard on Howard Ave.

Following the accident, one man was admitted to Metropolitan Hospital in serious condition suffering from severe head injuries. He is Daniel Dumoulin, 22, of 484 Brock St., Windsor, a passenger in the speeding car. Dumoulin is being held under police guard.

Treated for minor injuries at Hotel Dieu and released were Richard A. Dinsmore, 27, of Garden City, Mich., and his wife Celina, 26. The couple's 4-yearold child escaped injury.

Knapp, driver of the speeding car was released from Hotel Dieu after being treated for facial lacerations and neck injuries.

The two men who were killed u had been riding in the same car while Mr. Dinsmore was driving another. Wallace H. Reaume,

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Fraser, 42, of 908 Ducharme Ave., Roseland. Police have since charged Samuel Knapp, 21, of Windsor, with criminal negligence in connection with the accident.

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Police said they are continuing their investigation.

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Surviving are his widow, Jeanne; his father, Moss Fraser, of Winnipeg; two sons, Glenn Ronald and John Clarke, both at home; and six brothers, Donald of Kitchener, Clare of Toronto, Arthur of Birmingham, Ala., Harold of Vancouver, and George and Stanley, both of Winnipeg.

Anderson Funeral Home, 895 Ouellette Ave., is in charge of funeral arrangements, which are

still incomplete.

Since April of 1955 three persons have been killed in separate accidents in Essex County where police chases were involved.

On April 15, 1955, a 21-yearold Windsor man died when his car crashed into a ditch after ricochetting off two transports during an 80-mile-per-hour chase along Highway 2 by Sandwich East Police.

In June of the same year a Kingsville man was killed when a car fleeing from an Ontario Provincial Police cruiser crashed into the rear of a trailer on Highway 18. A 24-year-old Hamilton man died in Windsor in December, 1959, when his car crashed over a railway embankment on Elliott St. during a police chase.

19-Year-Old Naval Man Killed in Windsor Crash

Robert John McCann, 19- the driver of a stolen car. After year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. the crash he attempted to Ronald G. McCann, Clinton, was killed in a four car collision at the corner of Tecumseh Road and Howard Ave., Windsor, early Saturday morning, July 7. John MacPherson Fraser, 42, Windsor, also was killed in the same accident.

Mr. McCann had been visiting his great-aunt, Mrs. Rachel Scott at 782 Victoria Ave., and had supper at the Fraser home, on Friday. It is believed that Mr. Fraser was driving him over to the government dock when their car was struck.

The young man was a radioman in the Royal Canadian Navy, serving on the HMCS Victoriaville, which docked at Windsor on the weekend.

S. P. Knapp, 21, Windsor has been charged with criminal negligence following the 20minute chase at speeds up to 110 miles per hour, which led to the crash in which the two men were killed.

Police say that Knapp was

escape, and police arrested him as he tried to climb a fence. (continued on page 12)



Able Seaman Robert J. McCann

Military Funeral For Bob McCann

(continued from Page 1) A passenger in his car was admitted to hospital with severe head injuries.

Apparently the Knapp car had been stopped at Walker and Tecumseh Roads for making an improper left turn. About 45 minutes later it was spotted speeding along Riverside Drive. Police attempted to stop it, and the driver refused to pull over. It was speeding east along Tecumseh Rd. when the accident occurred, and crashed into the Fraser car. Mr. McCann was tossed onto the pavement. Fraser was pinned into the wrecked car. He was an employee of Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit.

After the initial impact the two cars collided with a third car, driven by Richard A. Dinsmore, 27, Garden City, Mich., and it in turn crashed into a car driven by Wallace H. Reaume, Windsor. Neither of them, nor their passengers were severely injured.

Mr. McCann was born in Toronto on December 1, 1942, the son of Ronald G. and Marian McCann. He attended schools here, and enlisted in the Royal Canadian Navy.

Surviving besides his parents are one brother, Douglas, 15, at home; and his grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. Albert J. McCann. Winnipeg and Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Duke, Toronto.

Funeral service was conducted on Tuesday afternoon from the Ball and Mutch funeral home, Clinton, to Clinton Cemetery, with Dr. D. J. Lane, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Clinton and B. A. Silcox, chaplain of HMCS "Hunter", at Windsor, officiating.

It was a military funeral with a six-man honour guard and six pall-bearers, all members of the Navy serving on HMCS "Victoriaville"

With her crew of 150 the Victoriaville was on a training cruise. The Prestonian class frigate anchored in Goderich harbour on Tuesday at noon, permiting the funeral party to motor to Clinton for the burial duty. The crewmen and officers were back on board by 4 p.m. and the Victoriaville under command of Lt. Com. Rikley, RCN returned to her cruise

Attending from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. G. Sweeney, Windsor; Mr. and Mrs. R. Duke, Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. W. Evans, Toronto; Mrs. A. Kitchen, London; E. C. Duke, Toronto; A. Sweeney, London; Mark Deneau, Leamington.

Naval Frigate On Sombre Duty Here

The naval ship standing off people of Clinton. the north breakwall, Tuesday The military funeral service afternoon was identified as the was conducted under the aus-Prestonian class frigate HMCS pices of the R.C.N., Tuesday

Lakes training cruise when she conducted the service. was detailed for more sombre duty. Debarking in a motor to anchor off Goderich at 12 cutter, a funeral party came noon and the burial party, com-

Clinton cemetery.

oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald McCann, of Clinton. The fatal accident occurred when as passenger, and driven by a of Roseland, was in collision son. with an allegedly stolen car at an intersection in Windsor. Mr. Fraser also was killed. Police said the accident occurred when Dover. the stolen car, being chased at speeds up to 110 miles per hour, crashed through the crossing as the Fraser car was proceeding under a green light. Two other cars were involved in the impact, resulting in injuries to three other persons.

Arrested and charged with criminal negligence is Samuel P. Knapp, 21, Yawkey Bush, Windsor. Knapp is held in Essex County Jail with bail

fixed at \$2,000.

The late "Bob" McCann, a radioman with the R.C.N., was on leave from his ship, anchored at Windsor at the time. He attended public and high schools in Clinton and was well acquainted among the young

Victoriaville, under command afternoon at 2 p.m., from the Ball and Mutch funeral home. of Lt. Com. Rikley, R.C.N.

With her crew of 150, the Rev. D. J. Lane, of St. An-Victoriaville was on a Great drew's Presbyterian Church,

ashore to provide naval honors plete with firing squad, came for a young Clinton seaman, ashore shortly after. Follow-A.B.R.M. Robert J. McCanr., 19, ing the burial duty at Clinton, who met death in a traffic ac- the crewmen and officers recident, Saturday, in Windsor. turned to Goderich and boarded Seaman McCann was buried in their cutter for the return to their ship around four o'clock. Able Seaman McCann was the The Victoriaville then returned to her cruise duties.

Wendy and Wayne Fitton the car containing the youth, have returned to their London home after visiting their aunts, family friend, John Fraser, 42, Misses Grace and Olive Robert-

> Mrs. A. L. Cole has returned home after holidaying with her sister, Mrs. T. G. Cayley, Port

Mr. Craig McKie, Willowdale, was a recent visitor with relatives at Benmiller and in Goderich Township.



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As WE SEE IT

By W. L. CLARK

Innocent Victims Killed

NOT for one moment do we envy the police official who has to explain to the family of Robert John McCann, 19, why the young sailor is dead.

He and John MacPherson Fraser, 42, were slaughtered when a car being chased by police crashed into the car in which the two men were riding.

It was another case of the innocent victim losing his life during a cops and robbers chase through the city streets.

Is it necessary to have these wild chases with cars careening at speeds of 100 miles per hour? Why could police communications not set up an alert and catch the wanted car without endangering the lives of innocent people?

This is not something to be brushed aside. It is not the first time it has happened.

After all, two men are dead who have every right to be alive.

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Bail of \$2,000 To Car Driver

To Car Driver

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Knapp was arrested after a 20-minute police chase at speeds up to 110 m.p.h. through Windsor streets that led to a violent four-car crash at Tecumseh Rd. and Howard Ave.

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