

10 Die in Dayton Crash

DAYTON, Tex. (UPI) --An automobile skidded broadside into another car on a rain-slick Texas highway Monday and 10 persons died in the worst single Labor Day accident reported in the country. An 11th person was critically injured.

There were 11 persons in both cars and the only survivor was Troy Lynn Odom, 9. His condition was critical. The smashing collision left broken glass and blood over State Highway 146, a mile south of Dayton.

Dayton is 39 miles east of Houston.

"The fire department had to bring in trucks to wash away the scene," Highway Patrolman Buddy Bean said.

One of the automobiles involved was from Lufkin, in East Texas. The other was from Mont Belvieu, in Southeast Texas.

The car from Lufkin, evidently traveling fast, skidded on wet asphalt broadside into the car from Mont Belvieu. The car from Lufkin was split almost in two. Three bodies were thrown out of the wreckage. One was thrown 42 feet from the wreckage. Most of the victims died on the spot but some lived long enough to die in hospitals.

Peggy Odom, 12, lived several hours but never regained consciousness.

The victims, in addition to Peggy Odom, were:

CARL E. ODOM, 33, of Mont Belvieu, Tex.;

JUNE ROBERSON ODOM, 34, of Baytown, Tex.

MRS. CARL ODOM, 33, of Mont Belvieu;

MATT S. ODOM, 37, of Mont Belvieu;

KEITH EDWARD ODOM, 6, of Mont Belvieu;

MARSHALL DOYLES

TYNES, 21, of Pasadena, Tex.;
MITCHELL CHARLES MALONE, 19 of Lufkin, Tex.;
YVONNE CLARK, 25, of Lufkin;

DALE EUGENE CLARK, 11, of Lufkin.

Seven were riding in the Odom car. The others were riding in the car coming from Lufkin.

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Mrs. Olson

Last rites will be held Thursday for Mrs. Margaret C. Olson of 2322 Pine Street, Dallas. She was the mother of an Irving man. Mrs. Olson died Monday in St. Paul Hospital after an extended illness. She was 84. She was born June 23, 1878 in London, England and came to this country around 1900. She was a member of the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Dallas. Her husband, Olof J. Olson preceded her in death about a year and one half ago, and one son, Tom J. Carr, also preceded her in death.

She is survived by two sons, B. J. Carr of Irving and F. J. Carr of Lawton, Okla.; one daughter-in-law, wife of deceased son; Mrs. Opal Carr; one brother, Joe Carr of Dallas; two sisters, Cecilla Wilson of London, England, and Mrs. Monica Sheehy of Detroit; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Rosary will be said at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Welland-Merritt Funeral Home in Dallas. Services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday at Sacred Heart. Interment will be in the Oakland Cemetery in Dallas.

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Two young men were found asphyxiated in a motel at Laredo Wednesday. They were Charles William Operstoney, 19, and Leroy Walker, 22. Police said it was believed gas fumes killed them.

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