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Richmond Lad Dies; Hit With Baseball Bat

Richmond, April 11 (AP)—A 7-year-old boy died in a hospital here today about 64 hours after being accidentally struck in the head with a baseball bat. An autopsy showed death was caused by a cerebral hemorrhage.

Fred Willison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis F. Willison of Chesterfield County, was struck on the side of his head Thursday afternoon while waiting for a bus at Beulah School. He was not believed seriously injured, but his mother kept him home from school Friday.

Later Friday, he became nauseated and lapsed into a coma. He was taken to a hospital where he regained consciousness Saturday for a short time.

The principal of the school, Robert D. Ford, said he was on the school yard with the children waiting for buses when the accident occurred. He said, however, he did not see the blow.

The boy who swung the bat, the principal said, was an 8-year-old second grader. He was tossing pebbles into the air and swinging at them when the Willison boy was injured.

Ford said it's "strictly against the rules" to hit pebbles or rocks on the school grounds. He added that the boy could not have swung more than two or three times or he would have noticed and stopped it.

In addition to his parents, the boy is survived by five brothers and two sisters.

Auxiliaries Plan Sale Of Dogwood Buttons April 17

Dogwood day, which is observed in Virginia the third Saturday of April, again will be marked by the Ladies Auxiliaries of the Wythe, Phoebus and Buckroe Fire Departments with the sale of miniature dogwood buttons Saturday in Hampton.

Proceeds from the sale of dogwood buttons are used for firemen's relief and the sale will be sponsored by auxiliaries of the three fire companies and the Virginia State Firemen's Association. The proceeds will be divided equally between the participating fire company auxiliaries and the State association.

Monies from the State auxiliary fund are disbursed to any Virginia fire department or company for firemen hurt in line of duty or ill 30 days or longer, Edward F. Ware of the Wythe Company, reported. Funds to local auxiliaries also are used to help members hurt in line of duty or with long illness.

Groups assisting the Wythe Fire Company Auxiliary are the Girls Service Club and the Future Teachers of America. Assisting from the Girls Service Club will be Misses Ann Hill, Carolyn Joyner, Judy Smith, Mary Spencer, Nancy Holtzclaw, Sandy Simmons, Carol Little, Judy Helmly. Beverly Jacobsen, Glenda Anderson, Nel Horsley, Patsy Mackey, Sylvia Sachs, Sally Jordan, Suzanne Saunders, and Mary Alice Walton.

Members of the FTA who will participate in the sale are Misses Jane Hunger, Nell Gracey, June Davis, Sandra Booth, Anne Carson, Bernice Barrack, Barbara Lucido and Pat Leggett.

Hampton Detectives Lodge Knife Charge

Mary Armistead, a Negro, 41, of 322 S. Mallory St., Hampton, early yesterday was booked by Hampton Detectives on a charge of felonious assault.

The woman is charged with stabbing Alexander Thompson, a Negro, during an altercation at her home. Investigating is Det. N. R. Turner.

Tri-Cities And Peninsula Official Weather Forecast

Following is the official U. S. Weather Bureau forecast for today and Tuesday for the Lower Peninsula:

Cloudy with showers and widely scattered thunderstorms early this morning followed by clearing and cooler this afternoon and tonight. Mild temperatures early today will gradually drop with the lowest temperature tonight near 45 degrees. Tuesday fair and cool with the highest temperature 55 to 60 degrees. Fresh southwest winds this morning will shift to moderate northwest and remain northerly tonight and Tuesday.

Highest temperature recorded in the 24-hour period ending at 6:30 last night was 75 degrees and the lowest was 52 degrees, according to the instruments at the U. S. Weather Bureau Station at the Daily Press Building. The temperature at 6:30 was 64 degrees. There was .12 of an inch precipitation in that period.

TIME AND TIDE

Sun Rises	5:39
Sun Sets	6:36

High Tides 5:08 A. M. 5:28 P. M.
Low Tides 11:34 A. M. 12:00 P. M.

Hi-Y Inducts Two

William C. Baker and William Y. Saunders were inducted into the Freestaters Hi-Y at a meeting yesterday afternoon in the Hilton Methodist Church School. Participating in the induction service were Doug Higa, Malcom McConnell, advisor to the Hi-Y; James Athern, Jerry Brittingham, Asa L. Shield, and Frank Cox.

FEELINGS HURT, HAS LAST FLING

Elizabeth, N. J., April 11—(AP)—There is no fury like a bartender fired.

When Anthony Damato got his walking papers last night, police reported, he smashed 25 bottles of assorted whiskey and added a plate glass window to the pile of shattered glass.

The 35-year-old Damato had dismantled three partitions at the Shamrock Bar and Grill when he was overpowered.

Police Comb Hill Area For Feud Slayer

Covington, April 11—(AP)—Sheriff's deputies and State Police pressed their search today for an Alleghany County farmer accused of shooting one man to death and wounding another.

Sheriff Emory A. Thompson said George McDaniel shot John Simon Carter, 56, to death and wounded Ernest B. Layne, 44, three times yesterday. The sheriff said the weapon used was a .38-caliber pistol, which was found near the scene.

After the shooting, McDaniel fled to the mountains near his home. Some 75 persons combed the area last night, looking for McDaniel, without result. A pair of bloodhounds was brought in from Staunton, but they were unable to pick up the trail.

The search by volunteers and National Guard personnel was called off today, with only the State Police and deputies remaining in the search. They were aided by two National Guard airplanes working with a ground team.

Thompson said the shooting resulted from a long-standing feud over property rights. Witness said that a Covington surveyor, Frank Rinehart Jr., was putting up stakes to mark the line between McDaniel's property at Hematite and land belonging to Carter and Layne. When he reached an intersection with McDaniel's farm, the surveyor said, McDaniel came up to his party and told them to leave.

Carter and Layne refused. Rinehart said, whereupon McDaniel pulled a pistol and shot Carter through the chest, killing him instantly. Layne ran and was shot three timesd in his right arm, right leg and thigh. Rinehart said McDaniel fired at him, but missed.

Physicians say doctors at Layne's condition was not critical.

Pearisburg, April 11—(AP)—Police kept mum tonight on the whereabouts of a Giles County Negro charged with the shotgun slaying of a deputy sheriff.

State troopers hustled Arlington Farrow, a 30-year-old employe of Hercules Powder Co. of Radford, away to an undisclosed jail last night after crowds of angry men gathered around the Pearisburg jail.

Sheriff Emory Johnston of Giles County said Farrow has admitted shooting Deputy Bill Broadwell as Broadwell walked into Farrow's home yesterday evening.

Car Hits Bicycle; Two Hurt Slightly

Two youths last night escaped serious injury when the bicycles they were riding was struck by a car shortly after 7 P. M. on North King Street near Little Back River Road.

Shaken up in the collision were Charles Gearhart, 14, of 17 Grenella, and James Miles, 16, a Negro, of 128 Union St. Miles received slight injuries to his left ankle.

Patrolman W. R. Wetherington, who investigated, identified the driver of the car as Robert B. Smith, of Langley View.

Three Shaken When Truck Strikes Tree

Three persons were shaken up and a tractor-trailer valued at $4,000 was destroyed yesterday afternoon when the driver lost control and the truck skidded 72 feet and piled into a tree on N. Armistead Ave.

Hampton Patrolman W. R. Weatherington, who investigated, said the truck belongs to the Hunt Crab Meal Co. of Hampton. He identified the driver as Joseph L. Tarlton, a Negro, 32, of 624 N King St. Tarlton and two passengers received slight injuries but did not require hospitalization.

The injured passengers are Mable Harris, a Negro, 29, of 127 Mease St., and Ruth E. Tarlton, a Negro, 1, of the Mease St. address.

Weatherington said Tarlton told him he skidded across the wet pavement on N. Armistead Ave. near the Langley Air Force Base west gate. The truck went into a ditch, plowed through the yard of John Pritchard, and then struck a tree.

Tarlton was charged with reckless driving.

In an accident at 1:30 yesterday morning, a car driven by Sgt. Paul J. Dyar of Langley Air Force Base struck a parked car belonging to Emmett C. Alford in front of Alford's home at 104 Pembroke Ave. Patrolman R. L. Young, who investigated, estimated total damages at $550. Dyar was booked on charges of driving while under the influence of intoxicants and reckless driving.

Hampton police yesterday cleared the second hit-and-run accident in the city over the week end with the arrest of Talmage Small, a Negro, of 314 Chamberlain Ave.

Small is charged with leaving the scene of an accident following after striking a parked car Saturday night belonging to Albert Pickles, of 3230-A York St. Wetherington, who investigated, estimated damage to Pickle's car at $50, and damage to Small's car as negligible. Small is being held in lieu of a $750 bond.

14 Ships Reach Newport News Over Weekend

Ship arrivals at Newport News terminals were high over the weekend as 14 vessels entered.

Shipping has been on a high level for the last 10 weeks, arrivals averaging 39.3.

Over the weekend nine vessels entered to load coal and five came to discharge and load general cargo.

Entering with general cargo were: Sunday, the Danish Boliviа, the Port Said Isles, and the American Steel Vendor, and Saturday, the Danish Nicolene Maersk from Baltimore and the American Endeavor from India via New York.

In for coal were: On Sunday, the Norwegian Malta Prestige, Stella La Fleche, the British Linaria, and the Norwegian Folia Bernadette, and on Saturday, the American coastal colliers Plymouth and Michel Tracy, the Swedish Suvo from Baltimore, the Danish Urubamba and the Italian Citta Di Viareggio.

Forty-one vessels arrived in Newport News last week, one more than in the preceding week. Twenty-four loaded coal, 12 discharged and loaded general cargo, three loaded coal and general cargo, and two entered for repairs.

Two ships sailed from Newport News Saturday with tonnage. Norwegian Bonneville from the Far East via Philadelphia and Gulf ports with general cargo and the Italian Mariaiaura for Savonna, Italy, with coal.

Wrist Sprained In 2-Car Crash

Mrs. Audrey Akins, 24, of 5 Crestwood Drive, Hampton, received a sprained left wrist in a two-car collision on the 39th St. highway yesterday afternoon. She was treated and released from Riverside Hospital.

Warwick police said that a car being driven east by Rudolph C. Swinson, 20, of 740-48th St., Warwick, skidded on the wet pavement and struck the car driven by Mrs. Akins' husband, Leon A. Akins, which Akins had stopped when he saw the other car skidding toward him.

The accident occurred at 4:40 by the entrance to route 168.

Stevenson told police that a car had stopped in front of his car. He swerved his vehicle west and into a skid.

No arrest was made. It was raining at that time, W. A. Thon, Warwick policeman who investigated, said.

Damage to Akins' car was $400 and Stevenson's, $200.

Big Clothes Stolen But Safe Won't Go

Manhasset, N. Y., April 10—(AP)—Burglars who apparently cater to the outsize trade broke into Peck & Peck's last night and made off with some $20,000 in Women's suits, coiits and sweaters.

In every case the thieves ignored small and medium sizes, but stripped the racks of larger garments.

They tried to take an outsized safe, too, police said, but gave up when it proved too large to pass through a window.

Buchenwald Rally

Berlin, April 11—(AP)—Nearly 45,000 persons attended a Communist-sponsored rally today at the former Nazi concentration camp of Buchenwald in the Soviet Zone, ADN, official East German news agency, reported.

WHITE AND THE FOUR WIDOWS

Dr. Joe White, Indian River resident, dips into a pan of grain for (left to right) Sophie, Pauly, Olga and Whistler, recently bereaved by the death of their flock. Timoshenko, affectionately called "Tim," came floating in on the tide dead last week after being reported missing for several days.

Unique, Also Tiresome At Crack Of Dawn, Describes Couple's Job Of Raising Ducks

By JUNE M. COOPER

Most of us awaken these lovely Spring mornings to hear the birdies sing—but imagine being awakened 365 days a year (366 in Leap Year) at 7 A. M. by the raucous, top-of-the-voice quacking of nearly 100 ducks—all hungry ones. "And if we don't get up and feed them they wake up the neighbors," says Dr. Joe White, 25 Terrace Road, Hampton.

Dr. Joe probably has the most unique alarm clock on the Peninsula as the ducks will march right up to the back door and continue their hollering if he's not out there by 7:15 with food in hand.

And probably the ducks are the most unique on the Peninsula as each one has a separate personality, name and a place to call "nest"—namely Dr. Joe's place on Indian River.

Dr. Joe and his wife, Ruth, casually quite a stir back in 1948 when their neighbors saw them boating out on the River armed with baskets. Irate neighbors complained that "denizens of the creek" were stealing duck eggs and expressed fear that within a few years Indian Creek wouldn't have any more ducks to beautify the place. Today, however, there are plenty of ducks—and the Whites can be thanked for a goodly part of the duck population.

"The whole thing—our raising ducks, I mean—started when John Reilly left for military service," says Dr. Joe. "Reilly used to visit the islands and care for ducks in distress, providing food and water for them when they needed it. He left Indian River around 1940 and that's when we started taking care of the orphans.

"Ruth and I would take baskets on our arms and visit the islands picking up the eggs of the more careless ducks. They don't all have a sense of responsibility," he says. "We never touch the eggs in brood nests as when the duck is really in the mood to brood she'll make a beautiful nest and take care of the eggs. It's the orphans we're interested in.

"We provided a water trough in the back yard with fresh water for them both Winter and Summer—even a duck needs a chaser after drinking from the muddy murk of the creek.

"During the war we couldn't get grain so we fed them rabbit pellets and everything else available. Then we began using the boat quite a bit out in punishing winds and boated to the islands to feed marooned scared and hungry ducks.

"Susie was the last of the Reilly clan and she died about seven years ago in a straw lined box in front of the furnace door."

The ducks consist of mallard, pekin and muscovy blood—pretty well mixed.

"The muscovys added their strain in the Winter of 1943 when Timoshenko and Whistler came," says Dr. Joe. "We were surprised to see them. They hung around—they're yard ducks and consequently took to the back yard and have been there since."

So naturally it was a shock Friday morning, March 26, at 10:15 P. M. when Tim didn't show up for supper. There were Whistler, Olga, Pauly and Sophie, the latter three acquired as wives during the past ten years, huddled together and hungry—but no Tim.

"We couldn't imagine where he'd gone or what happened," said Dr. Joe. "As the days went by we gave up hope of seeing him. Then, an exact week from his disappearance Ruth saw him floating in on the tide—dead."

Olga is quite a duck according to Dr. White. If any duck had a determined nature it is she. "Last year," says Dr. Joe, "Olga hatched a dozen eggs in early May. They hatch from ten to a dozen every time," he explained.

"She got mixed up on her seasons and started nesting again in July. I counted on my fingers—it was nearing my vacation and I knew they'd hatch while I was away so I tried to discourage her by breaking up the nest. She wasn't discouraged so I asked a neighbor to watch over the new flock when I left. I returned. When Ruth and I got home she'd hatched 11 ducklings.

"My neighbor was so attached to them he couldn't bear to part with them—so he took them home to another part of the creek. Last week when Whistler, Sophie, Pauly and Olga were widowed I asked him if he'd like a drake—he did, a beauty—Molotov. So now Olga's son will take Tim's place."

Whistler is the oldest of the muscovys and affectionately called "the matron of the creek" by Dr. Joe. She, too, has a cantankerous nature—rather on the revengeful side.

"In the Spring of 1952," Dr. Joe says, "she went out on one of the island knolls and laid a record of 16 eggs in her brood nest. Any wonder she delight in experimenting with eggs don't leave a duck a chance to hatch her ducklings.

"Ruth and I went out to the island, Ruth carrying the box and me steering the boat. Very, very carefully we picked up the nest and the 16 eggs, put them in the box and brought it back, placed it where she always lays her eggs, right in front of the azalea bushes in the yard.

"Whistler came over, took a look at it and went back to the island knoll, completely ignoring it.

"So—very, very carefully we picked up the nest and the 16 eggs, put them in the box. Ruth carried the box, I steered the boat and we headed back for the island knoll. Put the nest, complete, right back where Whistler had it in the first place. No soap. Her pride was injured. She wouldn't go near it.

"Within the same week the weather had set back the azalea bushes in the exact spot where I put the nest and made a new one. She started laying again—not 16 but 25. If that wasn't revenge! To top it off another duck came along to help her out and laid three more eggs.

"Four weeks later a black mallard duckling hatched. We brought him in the house as the weather was pretty bad, and kept him in the kitchen. The next week 24 more hatched—every day we brought a few more in as they came out of their shells, got them dried off, etc. I'm happy to say that all 25 were raised to full maturity. Boy we had a yard and a household!!"

Dr. Joe says the ducks consume an average of 100 pounds of grain every two weeks. During the Summer months they're fed only in the morning as food is plentiful—all the ducks, that is but the muscovys. "We have to feed them twice a day for self-protection."

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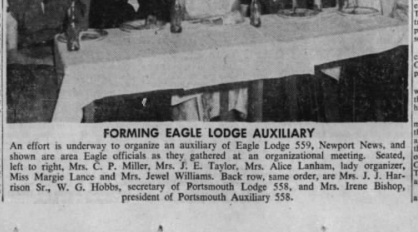

FORMING EAGLE LODGE AUXILIARY

An effort is underway to organize an auxiliary of Eagle Lodge 559, Newport News, and shown are area Eagle officials as they gathered at an organizational meeting. Seated, left to right, Mrs. C. P. Miller, Mrs. J. E. Taylor, Mrs. Alice Lanham, lady organizer, Miss Margie Lance and Mrs. Jewel Williams. Back row, same order, are Mrs. J. J. Harrison Sr., W. G. Hobbs, secretary of Portsmouth Lodge 558, president of Portsmouth Auxiliary 558.

PENINSULA NUGGETS

Did you know that:

The first C&O passenger steamer to operate between Norfolk and Newport News was the John Romer, later renamed the Louise. She was replaced by the famous little Virginia in 1902, better known as "Smoky Joe."

Newport News To Analyze Smoke And Soot Nuisance In Garden-Shores Sector

The city of Newport News has asked a firm to analyze smoke and soot particles which settle in the Christopher Shores-Stuart Gardens area, J. C. Biggins, city manager, said last night.

A letter was dispatched in the last few days, Biggins said, following a request for assistance by the Garden-Shores Civic League.

This was one phase of a drive which the league began last Fall. The league had written the Newport News City Council listing what it thought were sources of the smoke and soot particles.

"We have been after them (the sources), for some time," Biggins said. "It is a cooperative matter."

About 12 possible sources were listed. W. Boyce Blanchard, president of the Civic League said; among them the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, Mary Immaculate Hospital, nearby laundries, Newport News-Norfolk ferries, and vessels in Hampton Roads.

The council rejected passing an ordinance against "offenders," according to a letter from Biggins to Blanchard, because it "might have a detrimental effect on the economic and industrial life of this city."

Instead the council is relying upon cooperation between the city and "offenders" to eliminate the smoke and soot nuisance, Biggins wrote.

Last Fall after a complaint by the league the C&O. analyzed dust from the Stuart Gardens-Christopher Shores area, but the analysis did not indicate that the railway was as major source, according to J. Frank Shaffer, who was then superintendent of the Newport News-Norfolk Terminal Division of the C&O.

League members thought that most of the dust was fine particles of uncombusted coal blown from the railways' two coal dumping piers about one mile away, but Shaffer, speaking to them at a meeting, said that the railway's analysis showed that only five to 10 per cent was uncombusted coal particles. These might come from nearby plants, ships in Hampton Roads, as well as the railway, he said.

Shaffer suggested that a survey be made by an impartial concern, saying that the railway while continuing to consider the problem, would not act unless it could be shown as a source of much of the dust.

At that meeting Mrs. Leanore Hirshman, a resident of that area, said that her house was full of this dust after it had been open in the Summer, as were houses of her neighbors, and H. Lloyd Baker, a graduate engineer, declared that coal dust could be blown by a strong wind to the Garden-Shores area.

The Civic League's executive committee is also considering a request to the city for the addition of sixth and seventh grades to the Magruder School, Blanchard said. This would be for the convenience of the children. The school now has first through fifth grades, he said.

The league will meet at 8 tonight in the auditorium of the Magruder School.

Police Hunting Accused Killer Of Half-Sister

Standardsville, April 11—(AP)—State and county police today spread out through the mountains near this Green County town, searching for a 38-year-old man accused of shooting his 15-year-old half-sister.

Investigating officer, State Trooper R. E. Saunders, said Billy Sholes shot and killed his half-sister, Pauline. He placed the time of death at between 3 and 3:30 P. M.

Saunders said an older sister, Mrs. Mary Lee Shifflett, was present at the time of the shooting. He said Mrs. Shifflett said Sholes had quarrelled with his half-sister and left the room.

He returned in a few minutes, the woman said, and shot the girl. Mrs. Shifflett said the young girl begged Sholes not to shoot her. After firing one shot, Saunders quoted Mrs. Shifflett as saying, Sholes left the room.

He came in again, she said, and fired a second shot at the girl.

Saunders said one bullet, apparently fired from a home-made 22-calibre pistol, entered the girl's chest on the right side. The second bullet entered her face a little above the left corner of her mouth.

The county medical examiner, Dr. M. B. Foster, said the bullet ranged upward and apparently entered the brain.

Saunders said Sholes had been given 10 days notice to remove his belongings from the house. He said that the deadline on the order would have been either tomorrow or Tuesday.

Sholes was last seen leaving the house in the Middle River section of Standardsville for the mountains. A pair of bloodhounds was brought in from State Prison Farm in Powhatan and managed to follow the trail for several hours. But, said Saunders, the trail soon faded out.

State Police, guards from the prison camp, and men from the Greene and Madison County sheriffs' offices participated in the search before it was called off late tonight.

Saunders said Sholes was armed with a pistol, a rifle and a shotgun. He said the man was considered dangerous.

No warrant has been issued, Saunders said, but a charge of murder will be placed as soon as Sholes is apprehended.

Students To Give Easter Play At Buckroe Jr. High

The play, "Were You There," by Buckroe Junior High School students will open the school's observance of the Easter season at 2 tomorrow afternoon with a performance for students and the public at 8 tomorrow night.

The devotions will be led by the Rev. George W. Potts Jr., pastor of the East Hampton Methodist Church.

The faculty narrator for the play, in which the band and glee club will take part, will be James Mathews. Members of the cast are Jack Turnage, Charles Gerrity, Roy Whitehouse, Robert Russell, Douglas Jones, Dennis Rowe, Larry Cook, Robert Franklin, Allie Long, Edward Thorp and Steve Blanton.

Area Student Named To Honor Fraternity

Miss Lola Louise Jones, sophomore student at Madison College, Harrisonburg, has been selected as one of 15 business majors to become members of Pi Omega Pi, a national honorary business fraternity.

She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Jones of Hampton.

3 Small Boys Die, 6 Hurt In Freak Highway Mishap

Charleston, W. Va., April 11—(AP)—A stunned Cabin Creek community, 15 miles east of here, sought to regain its composure today after a freak highway mishap killed three small boys and hospitalized six persons.

A car driven by 23-year-old Donald Glover of Chelyan, who was jailed on manslaughter charges, last night knocked down a guard who had been posted 225 feet down the highway with a light and smashed into a crowd gathered around a wrecked truck.

Several persons, including one of the dead boys, were thrown over an embankment into Cabin Creek. Three others received emergency treatment in addition to the six hospitalized, one very critical and two serious.

It was a clean sweep for that car. Knocked them all flying," said Clinton Stanley, among those hospitalized.

"I saw the car coming and wheeled to one side to avoid it. But the car caught my right foot and I hit the water," Stanley added.

Also jailed after receiving treatment for injuries suffered when their truck left the road and lodged against some trees on the bank of the creek were Charles Cooley, 46, of Crawley, driver of the truck, and Chester Wiseman, 42 of Garrison. They were booked on drunk charges and face hearing tomorrow.

A crowd had gathered to watch a wrecker truck pull their vehicle back on the roadway when Glover's car scattered them like ten pins.

State Trooper C. T. Brammer said the body of one of the small victims, 10-year-old Van B. Thompson Jr. of Dry Branch, was recovered from the waters of Cabin Creek an hour later.

Coroner Goff P. Lilly said the youth drowned.

Dead on arrival at a Charleston hospital were two other Dry Branch youngsters, 9-year-old Virgil Preston Gibson and David Wade Mooney, 10. Lilly said both apparently had been struck directly by the car. The McCoy boy was so badly mangled identification was made from his clothing.

One of the six still hospitalized today, 12-year-old Ellen Mattha Anderson of Dry Branch, remained on the "very critical" list with a skull fracture and serious brain injury.

Mrs. Belva McCoil, 32, mother of one of the dead boys, was "fairly satisfactory" with a compound fracture of the left leg, broken wrist and chest injuries.

A daughter of Mrs. McCoy, 13-year-old Linda, was in fair condition with a concussion, scalp cuts, broken right ankle and left arm fracture.

Bill Vassell, 23, of Chesapeake, the guard who had been posted to warn other motorists of the wreck, was in satisfactory condition with head and chest injuries.

The others were less seriously

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