

Grim Death Shocks City

Mayor Reaume, Others Express Their Indignation

Hit-and-Run Case Every Facility of Police Is Used to Track Down Killer

All Windsor was shocked today as it heard the grim details of a cold-blooded highway slaying, in which one youth was killed and another left to die, by a hit-and-run driver now the object of a widespread manhunt by police and civilians.

INDIGNATION HEARD Indignation ran high as it was disclosed that the killer had stopped his car, removed the twisted wreckage of the bicycle ridden by the dead youth, and then gone on his way oblivious of all tenets of common decency.

When members of board of control, W. B. McCready, A. L. Mason and W. J. Atkinson, board of the highway killing they were strong in their denunciation of the wanted driver.

CHIEF INSPECTOR Chief Inspector W. H. Neale, of the Windsor police, said in the past 13 months there have been only four hit-and-run cases in the city in which persons were injured. There were no fatalities.

Inspector Neale said that all policemen have descriptions of the wanted car.

Police officials said today that all officers were issued a full description as possible of the death car. Provincial Constables J. D. Bennett and Frank Scott head the provincial police posse.

CHIEF OF POLICE Claude Renaud said that from details of the accident available, it was "positively and unequivocally" by an accident in his recollection.

NO EXCUSES "While a driver might become unnerved and want to avoid all publicity and investigation which would arise from a traffic death of this sort, there is no excuse for fleeing," he said.

Inspector Phil Walker, of the Ontario provincial police detachment in Windsor also deplored the hit-and-run accident as cowardly.

There has been nothing like it in either Essex or Kent Counties since the death car, he said. "While the exact date is not available, I believe there was a fatal hit-and-run accident about two years ago in Sandwich Beach Township.

COUNTY, TOO County Warden Joseph G. Henning said conditions of the county council now in special session at the county court house expressed indignation over the death of the boy who was killed and another injured by a hit-and-run motorist in the county.

"I know the parents of the dead boy, Ralph Drouillard," said Warden Henning. "The tragedy, happening on No. 2 Highway, is between Sandwich Beach and the town of Sandwich. South of which Mr. Henning is reeve and north of which Councilman Joseph Spaldieri is reeve.

REVEE SPALDIERI Revee Spaldieri declared that there is "urgent need for the provincial police to take the most drastic measure to ensure that this sort of thing

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Reeve O. W. Doyle, of Essex, through which much traffic passes on No. 2 Highway, said "it is a dreadful thing that a motorist should leave the scene of an accident. The police must make every effort to arrest this driver. In Essex we are constantly checking cars that drive through the town and drivers will be prosecuted for any infractions of the law."

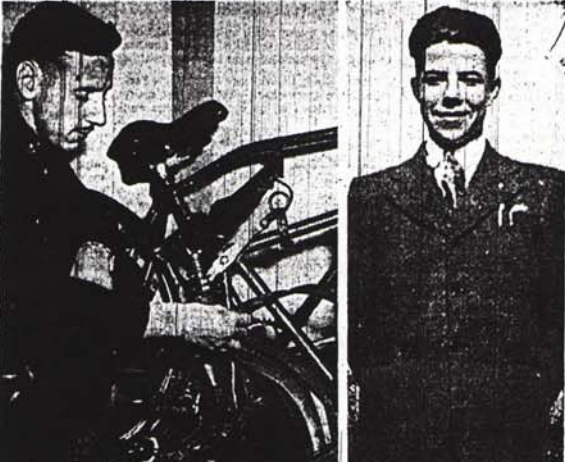
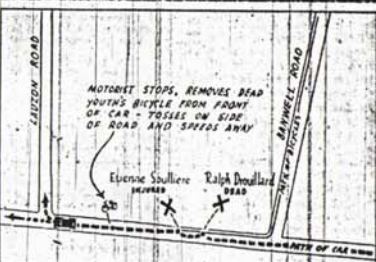
"Hanging is not good enough for such drivers," stated John Marsh, publisher of the Amherstburg Echo.

Milk for Britain CANADA'S nation-wide "Milk for Britain" fund, sponsored by the Kiwanis Clubs, will be given support here Friday night at the Windsor Arena when the Windsor Spillflew and the Atlantic City Sea Gulls move in a hockey fixture. The game starts at 8:30.

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WINDSOR, ONTARIO, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1941

Civilians Join Police in Manhunt for Cold-Blooded Slayer



Slain Boy Helped Support Family of 11, Says Mother

THROUGH tears of sorrow over the loss of their son and one of two supporters of their family of 11, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Drouillard today expressed appreciation of The Windsor Star's action in offering \$100 for the arrest and conviction of the ruthless motorist who left the broken body of their boy lying on No. 2 Highway last night.

MOTHER SORBS "I think," said the mother, "that of all the wrongs which a person can do, the most heinous is to commit the crime which kills and then runs in the most contemptible manner. It is terrible to me that a boy who was killed and another injured by a hit-and-run motorist in the county..."

The Drouillard family lives on a small farm on Lakem Road, just north of No. 2 Highway. "I have been a pretty tough" for the family of 11 as the father, "struggled for several months, has been unable to properly work his land."

JUST STARTED WORK "Things were just starting to look brighter with Ralph and his brother Ourre, having started working," the mother continued. "Ralph always was a fine boy," she added. "He brought home every cent he made and never bought anything for himself unless he could buy something for another of the family at the same time."

The mother explained that her son, who was killed, while returning from his work in a cannery factory, was usually home before dark. "Last night there was a little extra work to do so he gladly stayed. He was paid by the hour and knew every penny extra would help at home," she continued.

SPURRED BY The Windsor Daily Star's offer of a \$100 reward for information leading to his arrest, a district-wide manhunt is being conducted today for the ruthless motorist who fled last night after running down two cyclists, killing one and injuring the other. The driver stopped only long enough to remove the dead youth's bike from the front of his car.

At the lower right, Elienne Souillere, 19, Sandwhich East, is showing his leg injuries to Norbert Baillargeon and his father, Mr. Joseph Baillargeon, first on the scene. An artist's drawing of the scene of the accident is at the upper left examining cars at the

tunnel entrance. Provincial Constable A. H. Hand is shown at the upper center examining the bikes of the two youths struck on No. 2 Highway. Ralph Drouillard, 16, of Sandwhich East, instantly killed, is shown at the upper right. Left center shows Provincial Constable Frank Scott, left, and Constable Earl Clark being shown where the car stopped after the crash by Mr. C. B. Bowman. At the lower right, Elienne Souillere, 19, Sandwhich East, is showing his leg injuries to Norbert Baillargeon and his father, Mr. Joseph Baillargeon, first on the scene. An artist's drawing of the scene of the accident is at the lower left.

Police Hunt Car Which Struck 2 on Highway

CITIZENS ASKED TO HELP SPOT DAMAGED AUTO; YOUTHS LEFT LYING ON ROAD BY RUTHLESS MOTORIST

\$100.00 REWARD FOR MURDERER!

The Windsor Daily Star offers a reward of \$100.00 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the heartless criminal who last night killed one boy and deliberately left another to die.

As yet it is not definitely established whether the hit-and-run car which slew the boy on No. 2 highway bore Michigan or Ontario licence plates.

Of all the crimes covered in the Criminal Code, hit-and-run slaying is the most cold-blooded and dastardly. In this case, to make it worse, another boy was left to die had not aid been forthcoming.

This reward will be paid on the approval of the Windsor Police Commission.

ONE youth was killed and another injured last night by a hit-and-run motorist who stopped only long enough to remove the dead boy's bicycle from the front of his car. THE VICTIMS Ralph Drouillard, 16, Lakem road, Sandwhich East, was killed instantly and Elienne Souillere, 19, No. 2 Highway, Sandwhich East, injured, when knocked from their bicycles by the ruthless driver.



With only a meagre description of the death-car to work on, all police agencies of the district are today carrying out a thorough search for the driver, who sped away leaving his two victims lying on No. 2 Highway, six miles east of the city limits.

CITIZENS are requested to assist in the search by reporting to police any cars that appeared to have been recently damaged in a hit-and-run.

From information provided them, authorities are on the lookout for a Ford coach or sedan of about a 1940 model. It is believed to be dark blue or black with a red stripe. There is a difference of opinion as to whether it had Michigan or Ontario licence plates.

RIDING SINGLE FILE The two youths were struck down as they were riding single file on No. 2 Highway, about 5:30 p.m. Drouillard, who was riding about 25 feet behind Souillere, was struck first by "I thought to him to stop because he had killed someone. I am sure he heard me but just continued."

THROWN TO ROAD "I did not hear the car strike Ralph Drouillard. The first thing I knew I was lifted off my bike and thrown to the side of the road. I thought what hit me? he asked.

Another who saw the car stop was C. B. Bowman, operator of a refreshment stand on the edge of the highway. "I heard a noise like a tire blowing and upon leaving the stand saw the car pull to a stop about 30 feet down the road," he stated.

TWO RUN FROM HOUSE The accident occurred in front of the home of Joseph Baillargeon, who with his son, Norbert, 15, ran out of the house when they heard the crash. "The crash was so loud I thought two cars had collided," Mr. Baillargeon related. "When I got on the highway, I met Souillere, who fell into my arms and there collapsed on the grass."

SEES DRIVER GET OUT Young Baillargeon said he saw the motorist get out of the car and take something off the front of it. Drouillard's bike was later found beside where the car had stopped.

Some Clues To Help Find Death Car WHAT to look for: Ford coach or sedan, about 1940 model. Dark blue or black, with red stripe on body. Red or white paint from bicycle may have adhered to death car. Michigan or Ontario license plates. Undoubted damage to front of car. Report to nearest police car, even slightly damaged, which you know has suddenly been taken out of circulation.