

# Richfield Girl Killed in Car Accident

Companions Escape Serious Injury in Wreck at Central

Miss Gwen Nebeker, 20, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest A. Nebeker of Richfield, was instantly killed in an automobile accident shortly after 11 o'clock Tuesday night when the car in which she was riding failed to negotiate the turn in highway S9 at Central.

Keith Kennedy, 19, of Salina, driver of the car, was in a dazed condition and wandered away from the scene after the accident but was otherwise uninjured, according to the physician who made an examination. Don Burns, 20, of Salina, the only other occupant of the car, suffered a broken leg.

The car, driven south from Richfield, left the road at the beginning of the highway curve, which runs in a southwesterly direction; smashed through a "slow" sign into the "Y" formed by the old and new road, rolled, and finally landed in an upright position facing north near the W. F. Porter home.

Lyman Williams of Central, who had gone to the nearby public square to put out a bonfire, was the first at the scene of the accident. He assisted Kennedy from the car. Miss Nebeker was lying 12 feet from the car and Burns was lying unconscious beside it, both having been thrown out by the impact. A crowd gathered quickly and Sheriff Clarence Smith and a physician, Dr. T. R. Gledhill, were summoned. Someone called the parents to the scene, telling them their daughter had been injured.

Dr. Gledhill, in making the examination, did not recognize the girl as his niece until someone informed him she was. The back of her head was crushed and she suffered injuries of the chest and severe lacerations on her back. The body was taken to the Warner mortuary. The Burns boy was taken to the Sevier Valley hospital and remained there until noon Wednesday.

In the confusion, young Kennedy wandered away from the crowd and the sheriff ordered a group with flash lights to search the countryside for him. On his way to his home at Monroe, Calvert Bell found the boy wondering, still dazed, along the highway near the junction of the Monroe road. He was given the attention of the physician and was taken to his home at Salina.

Sheriff Clarence Smith, who was called to make investigations shortly after the accident, said the distance was 225 ft. from the point where the car left the oiled highway to the place where it landed. The radiator, front tires and rear windows were intact. The body of the car was badly smashed and the doors were twisted. Joe Daniels and Keith Hooper, driving from Annabella were reported to have reached the highway intersection just as the accident happened.

An inquest will be conducted by the county attorney this morning.

Gwendolyn Nebeker was born at Richfield April 16, 1918, a daughter of Ernest A. and Millie Gledhill Nebeker. She graduated from the Richfield high school in 1935; was a student at the Brigham Young University one year, and also attended the L. D. S. business college. She was employed as a stenographer by R. T. Thurber and later worked in the same capacity at the state capitol. She returned to her home about two months ago, her parents desiring to have her at home for a visit a few months, after which they planned to send her on a mission. Surviving besides her parents are a sister, Mrs. Maurine Vance of American Falls, Idaho; 2 brothers, Garth Nebeker, now in the Netherlands mission, and a younger brother, Don Thomas Nebeker of Richfield; and a grandmother, Mrs. Minnie Nebeker of Salt Lake.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 2 p. m. in the Fourth ward meeting place at the stake tabernacle.