

In Accidents Tuesday

Richard Innis Killed In 2-Vehicle Crash 2½ Miles West Of Grinnell

A Grinnell youth, Richard Dale Innis, 17, died Tuesday afternoon in a 2-vehicle accident west of Grinnell.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Innis, 703 Pearl Street.

The accident occurred about 2:10 p. m. in Jasper county 2½ miles west of Grinnell on the Eleventh Avenue extension.

Steering Car

Involved in the accident were a pickup truck and an automobile which was being towed by the truck. Innis was steering the car.

LeRoy Delk was driving the truck and Gene Shook, 16 was riding with him. Both are Grinnellians.

The car was being towed from the Rock Creek lake vicinity to Grinnell for repairs when the accident occurred.

Brakes Failed

Brakes on the car apparently failed and it started to weave. The car's weaving in turn caused the truck to begin weaving and it went out of control.

The two vehicles crashed into the ditch on the north side of the road, finally stopping after hitting a pole.

The car landed rightside up pointed in a northeast-southwest direction while the truck came to rest on its right side pointed in a northwest-southeast direction.

Investigation officers theorized that the car turned over twice and the truck 1 3/4 times before coming to a halt. Broken glass in the ditch showed that one of the vehicles hit about 40 feet short of the final stopping point.

Skid marks showed the two vehicles veered out of control 270 feet before stopping.

Innis was thrown from the car as it came to a halt. He hit about six feet from the car.

He apparently died of head and internal injuries.

The Innis death was the sixth in Jasper county this year resulting from traffic accidents. All have occurred since June 7.

Delk and Shook were taken to a Grinnell hospital, checked for injuries, and then released.

Funeral Services

Funeral services for Richard Dale Innis will be at 1:00 p.m. Saturday at the Northside Friends church with the pastor, the Rev. Kenneth Headland, officiating. Burial will be in Hazelwood cemetery.

Mrs. L. V. Willison will be organist. Floyd Innis, Virgil Innis, Loren Innis, Clarence Innis, Leonard Vanderveer and Denny Crisswell will be Pallbearers.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Innis, Richard Dale Innis was born January 25, 1945, in Grinnell. He attended Grinnell schools and would have been a Grinnell high school senior this fall.

Survivors include his parents; four sisters, Mrs. Warren (Barbara) McDowell of Grinnell; Mrs. Johnny (Judy) Slaymaker of Guernsey; Mrs. James (Betty) Harbour of Newburg, and Sharon of Grinnell; three brothers, Larry, David and Roger, all of Grinnell; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Innis of Grinnell; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.