

Grinnell Sisters Killed In Nebraska Accident

Two Grinnell sisters were killed late Tuesday night in a head-on collision on U. S. Highway 30, 2.8 miles west of Ogallala, Neb.

Catherine Anne Devereux, 21, and Susan Ellen Devereux, 17, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Leo P. Devereux of Rte. 1, Grinnell, were enroute to Denver, Colo., when the accident took place. Susan was dead on arrival at Keith County hospital in Ogallala. Catherine died in the hospital about 4:30 a.m. Wednesday.

Car Headed West

The Devereux car was headed west on Highway 30 about 11:39 p.m. M.D.T. Tuesday when a car heading east started to turn north into a private driveway and collided head-on with the Devereux car. The Devereux car was demolished.

A witness told police the driver of the second car fled from the scene of the accident on foot. He has been tentatively identified as Alejandro Martinez, a migrant beet worker.

One passenger in the second car, Alonso Leyna, also a migrant worker, reportedly in his 20s, was injured in the accident and taken

to an Ogallala hospital. Authorities believe there could have been a second passenger in the car.

Warrant Issued

A warrant has been issued for the arrest of Martinez, charging him with motor vehicle homicide, Nebraska State Troopers are searching for him. Immigration authorities are also in Ogallala checking into the case.

Authorities said Martinez had just purchased the car from Pablo Garcia, a resident of the Ogallala area. Martinez was in the Ogallala area with a group of migrant beet workers. After the accident the migrant workers disappeared. According to Jack Mann, investigating officer, beer bottles were found in both the front and back seats of the second car.

Returning To Denver

Cathie Devereux had been home visiting over the weekend with her family. Susie was accompanying her sister back to the Denver area where she was going to spend a week's vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Devereux had planned to go out to Denver and bring Susie back home. Both girls attended the Grinnell schools. Cathie graduated in 1964 and attended St. Clare College in Clinton. She had been employed in Denver, Colo. for the past two years and had planned to attend college in Denver this fall. Susan would have been a senior at Grinnell Community high school this fall.

Active In School Affairs

Both of the girls were active in local school affairs, participating in choir, band and drama activities. Cathie had sung in the Denver Post Opera this past winter and had entertained veterans in Fitzsimons Army Hospital. They were members of St. Mary's Catholic church in Grinnell.

The girls were both born in Grinnell — Catherine on Dec. 16, 1945, and Susan on Feb. 21, 1950. Requiem Low Mass for Catherine and Susan will be said at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Mary's Catholic church in Grinnell with the Rev. Leo V. Kuebrich, pastor of St. Mary's officiating. The rosary will be recited at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Smith Funeral Home. Friends may call at the Smith Funeral Home.

Surviving besides the parents are the maternal grandmother — Mrs. Ella Manzer of Bloomfield, Neb.; three sisters — Mrs. Carroll (Mary Ellen) Taylor of Cedar Falls; Miss Joan Kathleen Devereux of Cedar Rapids, and Miss Diane Marie of the home; and one



Susan Ellen Devereux



Catherine Anne Devereux

brother—John Devereux, also of the home. Pallbearers will be Martin Schmitz, Raymond Foley, Daniel Stuart, Joseph Puls, James Hauser and Ronald Schmitz.