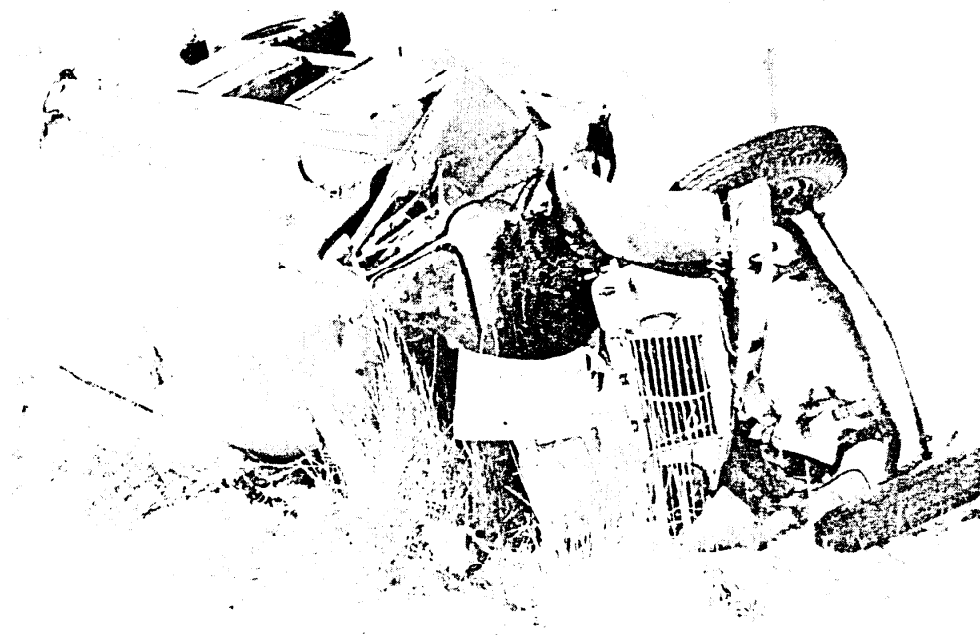


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First fatality of 1972—

Four miles south of Interstate 80 on Highway 146, this LP gas truck crashed, killing Gerald Dieleman of Sully. The accident occurred about 10 a.m. Thursday, when the gas truck hit a county truck which was crossing Highway 146 from a gravel road. The driver of the county truck escaped serious injury.

Thursday Crash Kills Sully Man

A Sully man was killed Thursday morning when the truck he was driving collided with a county-owned snow plow seven miles south of Grinnell on Highway 146.

Dead is Gerald Dieleman, 24, whose truck grazed the rear wheels of the snow plow, went out of control and landed on its side in a ditch.

According to Poweshiek County Deputy Sheriff Wayne Callison, the Dieleman truck was southbound on the highway when the mishap occurred. The snow plow, driven by Ray Van Roekel of Montezuma, had stopped on a gravel road, began to cross the highway and collided with the Dieleman truck, owned by the North Central Public Service Co. of Sully. Dieleman was thrown from the truck, which then rolled over him.

Died Instantly

Callison, who investigated the accident with Sheriff Max Allen and Deputy John Griffin, said Dieleman died instantly.

Damage to the truck was estimated at \$8,500; the plow sustained only minor damages, and Van Roekel escaped injury.

The fatality is the first recorded in Poweshiek County in 1972.

Charges are pending, Callison said.

OBITUARY

Mr. Dieleman was born Aug. 11, 1947, the son of Harry and Ernestine Harthoorn Dieleman of Kellogg.

He was married to the former Iris Mae VanderKamp Aug. 23, 1966.

Survivors include his wife; his son, 19-month-old Curtis Dean; his parents; one brother, Wayne Dieleman of Fairbanks, Alaska; and two sisters, Mrs. Dale (Ruth) Van Maanen of Sully and Carla Dieleman of Kellogg.

Funeral services were held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the Sully Christian Reformed Church, with the Rev. Paul Bakker officiating. Burial was in Sully Cemetery. The Pella Garden Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Should friends desire, a memorial for Mr. Dieleman has been established with the Memorial Christian Opportunity Center in Pella.