

## Former Local Business Man Killed Sunday

### Killed Instantly When Auto Strikes Truck Sunday Night

Robert R. Reber, 28, a native of Decatur and former businessman of this city, was killed Sunday at about 8 o'clock when his car crashed into the rear of a \_\_\_ panel truck, three and a half miles west of Ligonier.

The victim, who died almost instantly, resided in Cassopolis, but managed a meat market in Elkhart. His death was caused by a skull fracture.

The truck, owned by the Radio and Television Maintenance corporation of Fort Wayne, was operated by Anthony Moricca, also of that city, who had driven off the pavement onto the berm to make repairs after the vehicle developed motor trouble.

The former local man was accompanied by Everett Mabrey, 39, \_\_\_awak, who suffered cuts near the eyes and forehead and was treated by a Ligonier physician. Morricca was not hurt.

Reber had visited relatives in Decatur earlier Sunday. Prior to entering business in \_\_\_gan, he had been employed by meat markets here and operated the Reber cage, now known as Blackstone.

He was born in Washington township June 20, 1919, the son of Marion and Von Baltzell-Reber. He was married to Ruth Emma Fuelling who survives. He was a member of the Moose lodge and of the St. Paul's Methodist church. He had spent his entire life in the community until two years ago.

Surviving, besides the widow and mother, are the following brothers and sisters: Byron M. of \_\_\_gslan, Albert of Chicago, O. of New Castle, Chalmer of Decatur, Mrs. Lester Adler of Decatur, Mrs. E. B. Mabrey of Mishawaka and Dean M. of Decatur and the grandfather, T. H. Baltzell of near Decatur.

The body has been returned to the Zwick funeral home in this city. Funeral arrangements have not been completed.