

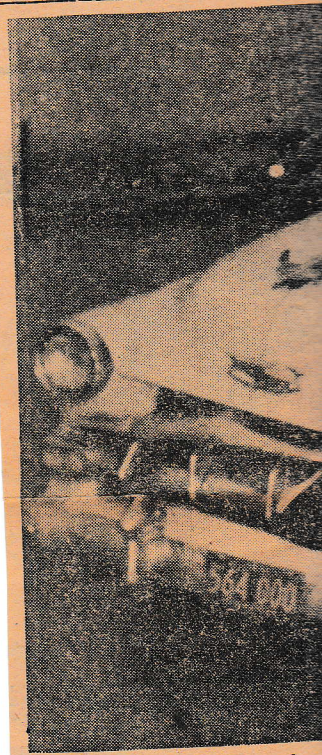
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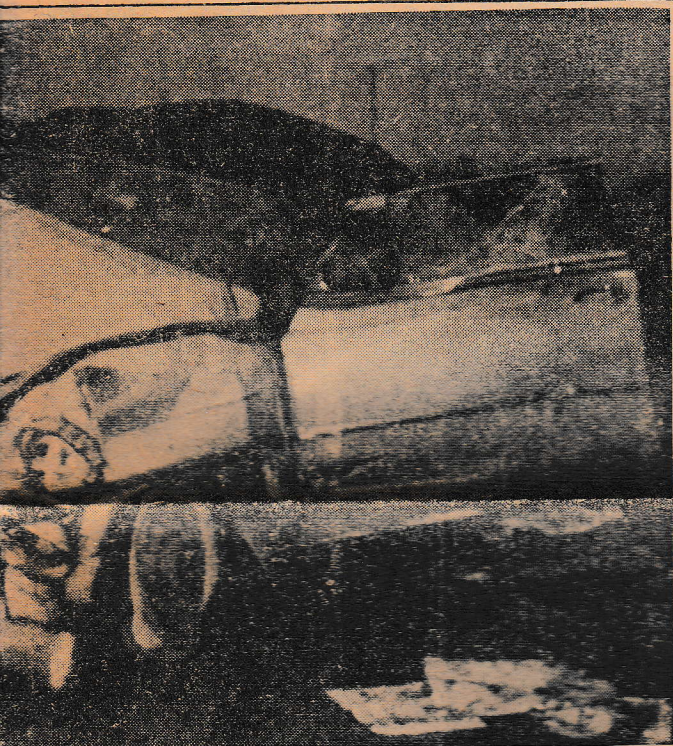
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WENONA ATTORNEY



FATAL CRASH—Shown above is the car involved in a fatal crash which occurred last night at the junction of the main highway and the side road. The driver, Mrs. Lavone Holt, Rutland, was injured at the junction of the main highway and the side road last night. According to police reports, the car, driven by Ben Kovinsky, was involved in a collision with a car driven by Mrs. Lavone Holt, Rutland, who was injured at the junction of the main highway and the side road last night.

FATALLY INJURED



DONALD M. GREGG, FORMER JUDGE, IS VICTIM OF CRASH

Rutland Woman, St. Louis Man Badly Injured As Two Cars Collide At Highway Intersection.

mobile in which Judge Donald M. Gregg, Wenona, was fatally injured on U. S. Highway 51, twelve miles west of Streator Monday afternoon. Gregg was going south on U. S. 51 when his auto and another car, collided at the intersection. Kovinsky is a patient at St. Mary's hospital, listed as "fair." Riding with Gregg at the time of the crash was a woman, who is a patient in the local hospital.

Donald M. Gregg, 47, prominent Wenona attorney, and former county judge of Marshall county, was fatally hurt, and two other persons, including a Rutland woman, critically injured in a two-car collision at the intersection of U. S. Route 51 and state highway 18, twelve miles west of Streator, at 3:10 Monday afternoon.

Mr. Gregg died at 8:30 last evening at St. Mary's Hospital in Streator of a possible skull fracture and internal injuries. His death was the thirteenth traffic death in La Salle county since the first of the year.

Two Critically Injured

In critically condition at St. Mary's hospital are Mrs. Lavone Holt, 17, of Rutland, a client of the Wenona attorney who was riding with him at the time, and Ben Kovinsky, 61, a St. Louis, Mo., clothing salesman. The latter's condition was described as "poor."

Kovinsky, driver of the second car involved in the crash, is charged in a warrant obtained by state police, with failure to yield the right-of-way.

The exact extent of the Rutland woman's injuries, or of Kovinsky, had not been determined this afternoon.

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until the Rutland woman is identified. She is a student at Pine Manor College, Wesley, Mass. Also surviving is a brother, Neal Gregg, Wenona postmaster, and one sister, Mrs. John C. (Lorraine) Calhoun, Virginia, Ill.

The son of D. H. and Martha (Missal) Gregg, he was born Aug. 22, 1907, at Wenona. He was graduated from Wenona High School with the class of 1925, and from Bradley University with the class of 1929. He received his law degree at Northwestern University where he studied for three years, and in 1932 was admitted to practice.

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The fatal crash occurred during a heavy fog which hung over the countryside most of yesterday and last night. A light drizzle had left the pavement damp.

According to State Highway Policemen Glenn Frederickson and Louis Wasalewski and Deputy Sheriff William Drummet of La Salle county, the impact occurred at about the center of the intersection of the two highways. Gregg, accompanied by Mrs. Holt, was proceeding south on U. S. Route 51, and Kovinsky traveling west on state highway 18.

The officers said Gregg's car was struck at the left front door and fender, spinning it around on the pavement until it came to a stop facing north. Kovinsky's car came to a stop at the northwest corner of the intersection, they reported. Both vehicles remained upright, and none of the victims was thrown from either car.

The Wenona attorney's automobile was demolished, and an estimated \$800 in damage caused to Kovinsky's car.

Question Eye-witness

As far as police could learn, the only eye-witness at the scene was Truman D. Combs of McNabb, whose truck was halted at the opposite side of the intersection on state highway 18, when the impact occurred.

Deputy Sheriff Drummet said Combs was unable to say if Kovinsky's car had stopped before entering U. S. Route 51, which is a through route at that point. Combs, however, insisted that he had stopped, the deputy reported.

The Wenona attorney had spent the afternoon in the courthouse at Ottawa in the interest of his client, and was en route home when the accident occurred. Kovinsky was on his way to Peoria after calling on customers in Streator during the day.

Announcement of the death of Mr. Gregg was received with mingled shock and sorrow throughout the Wenona area. Mrs. Gregg, who had been in Florida the past two weeks, arrived home today after a hurried trip by plane.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Thursday at St. John's Methodist church at Wenona, burial to follow in Wenona cemetery. Friends may call at the Thierry funeral home until noon Thursday, when the body will be taken to the church.

Surviving Mr. Gregg, are his wife, the former Esther Beesey, to whom he was married Nov. 27, 1931, at Peoria, two daughters, Judith Ann, Chicago, and Janice, a

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He has since engaged to private practice at Wenona, the community in which he spent his entire life, and where his leadership and influence have commanded wide respect, and his entire energies have been devoted to civic interests and the public welfare.

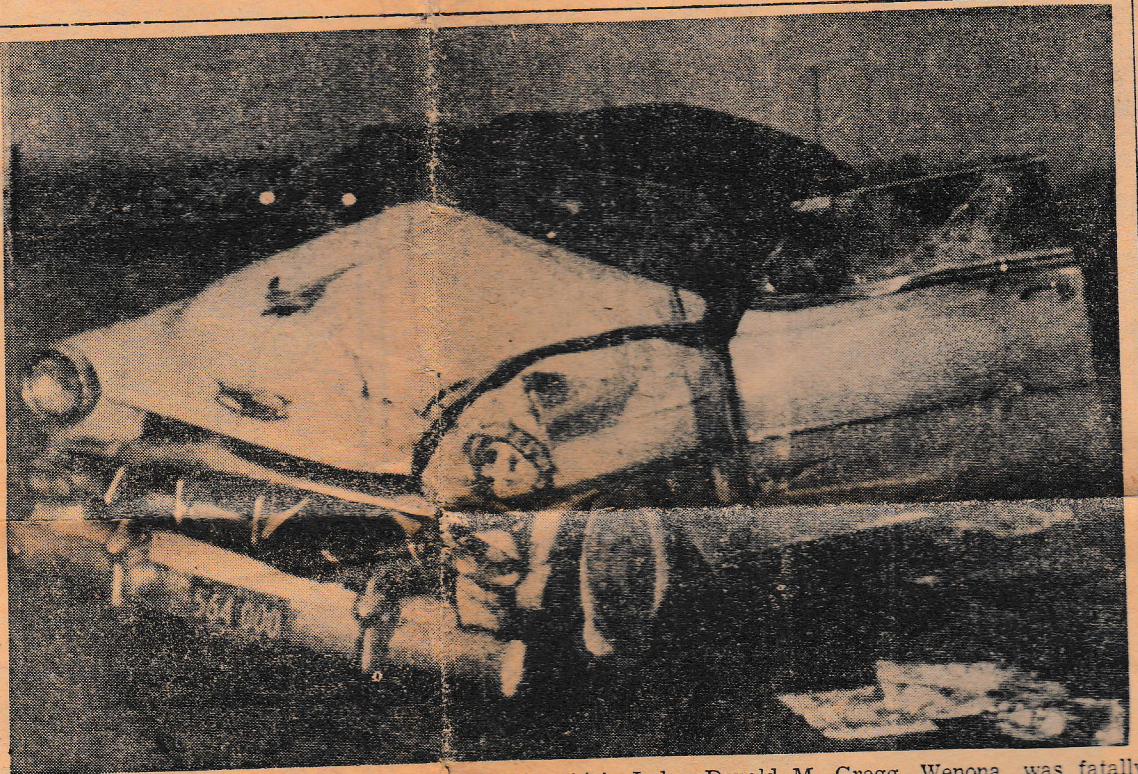
Mr. Gregg was a member of the Wenona Chamber of Commerce, Sigma Chi fraternity at Bradley University and the Phi Alpha Delta law fraternity, at Northwestern.

He was a member of the Marshall County and La Salle County Bar Associations and the Illinois State Bar Association.

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