

**Ralph Clayton Henry** (Died 13 Sep 1941), The Evening News, September 15, 1941, Harrisburg, Pa; Double Funeral for Auto Victims; Driver Also Dead

Newville, Sept. 15 – Double funeral services were planned today for two Newville sisters who were fatally injured Saturday night along the Carlisle-Newville Road three miles west of Carlisle when the car in which they were riding, and whose driver was also killed, and another machine crashed head on.

The dead are: **Miss Loma Loy**, 47, and **Miss Myrtle Loy**, 32, both of 36 Chestnut Street, and **Ralph Clayton Henry**, 53, of Newville, RD 3, the driver. **Miss Loma Loy** died enroute to the Carlisle Hospital and her sister succumbed two hours after the crash.

**Hoyt B. Heishman**, 28, of Carlisle, RD 3, driver of the second car, suffered severe lacerations of the forehead and both knees and a possible skull fracture. He is in fair condition today at the hospital.

Heishman told State Motor Policeman R. W. Homan, Carlisle substation, who made the investigation, Henry had pulled out to pass another car and ran head on into him.

Double funeral services for the **Loy Sisters** will be held at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon from the Reuben Shoop Funeral Home in Newville, with burial in Big Spring Presbyterian Cemetery.

Military services for **Henry**, World War veteran, who was wounded in the Argonne offensive while fighting with the A.E.F., will be held at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning from the Shoop parlors with burial in Sandy Hill Cemetery, near New Bloomfield, Perry County.

Officiating at the Loy rites will be the Rev. Paul F. Curfman, pastor of Zion Lutheran Church, Newville, and the Rev. Paul Nicholson, pastor of the Big Spring Presbyterian Church. The Rev. F. A. Lubdahl, Bloersville, will officiate for **Henry**. **Henry** was a member of the American Legion Post at Duncannon, where he one time resided.

Pastor Drives Ambulance.

The Rev. Mr. Curfman, volunteer fireman for the Friendship Company, Newville, which recently put into service a Newville community ambulance, and Shoop, the undertaker, manned the ambulance in responding to the call for the new volunteer apparatus which brought **Miss Myrtle Loy** to the Carlisle Hospital.

**Robert** and **William Kerr**, brothers of Newville, RD 4, took **Miss Loma Loy** to the hospital in their automobile, but on arriving learned that she died enroute.

Other passing motorists had volunteered to take **Miss Myrtle** in their cars, but owing to the multiple fractures she suffered, Dr. E. A. Haegele, Mechanicsburg, county coroner, and state Motor Police, decided to wait for the Newville ambulance.

Passing the scene of the accident soon after it happened was **Gordon Heishman**, Carlisle, RD 3, brother of **Hoyt**. He recognized his brother's car as one of those involved, stopped and brought Hoyt to the hospital in his car.

The accident happened about 8:15 o'clock, Daylight Savings Time, Saturday night. Heishman, who a short time before returned to Carlisle from an 800-mile trip with a trailer-truck load of new automobiles, was returning home, headed toward Newville, and within two miles of home when the crash occurred.

**Henry**, said to have been a casual friend of the **Loy** sisters, and the two women were on a drive to Carlisle from Newville. Neither of the two women could be questioned about the accident. **Henry** had died instantly.

**Heishman**, when questioned by police and the coroner, said **Henry** had pulled out to pass another car too quickly and so short a distance away from his own approaching car that he had no time to apply the brakes. Police said **Heishman's** version of the crash was born out by the position of the cars on the road and the absence of skid marks. Both vehicles stopped on **Heishman's** side of the road.

In the crash **Heishman** was hurled against the windshield and top of his car. **Henry** was almost thrown clear of his car while **Loma Loy** was picked up from the road. **Myrtle Loy** was removed from the wreckage of the **Henry** machine. Both machines, sedans, had their front ends battered to a pulp.

**Henry** is survived by several brothers; the **Loy** sisters, by a brother, **John Loy**, of Newville.

Coroner Haegele announced an inquest will be held, but no date was set.

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