Clara Joyner

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THREE KILLED IN TWO AUTO MISHAPS HERE LAST NIGHT

Three persons were dead today as the result of two automobile accidents last night and this morning.

Two elderly Negro pedestrians were killed just prior to 7 p.m. yesterday when they were struck by an automobile on highway U.S. 84 ten miles north of Brunswick.

A North Brunswick housewife, Mrs. Annie Myrle R. Dubberly, 26, was killed early today when her automobile crashed into a ditch within the city limits on Altama Avenue.

The three fatalities brought to 16 the number of traffic deaths in Glynn County thus far this year. In the same period of time, the Georgia State Patrol post here said traffic deaths in its area stand at 45, as opposed to 26 for the same period last year.

County police investigating the U.S. 84 accident said Mrs. Clara Joyner, 60 of Hill Cabin Road, and Willie Thomas, 60, of Rt. 1, were killed instantly when struck last night by an automobile operated by Harold Glynn Cope, 18, of Rt. 1, Brunswick.

In a report filed by Lt. A.L. Lokey and patrolmen McDowell and Buck, Cope was said traveling north on the highway when the two Negroes were struck and killed. The two were said to have been in the northbound traffic lane.

Police reported the two were decapitated and torsos of each cut into two sections, strewn along some 400 feet of the highway.

Young Cope, driving a 1968 model automobile, was charged with driving 70 miles an hour in a 50-mile-an-hour zone, and with two counts of involuntary manslaughter.

He reportedly told police he did not see the couple, but heard and felt the impact as his vehicle struck them.

The Dubberly death occurred at 4:20 a.m. today as the automobile the young mother was driving crossed Altama Avenue from Townsend Street and crashed into a ditch.

The car came to rest in the ditch on its right side in approximately one foot of water. The 1966 model car received some \$1,700 damage. City patrolmen H.G. Guinn and R.L. Yawn investigated.

Mrs. Dubberly, a resident of 1750 Townsend Street, was pronounced dead on arrival at the Brunswick hospital. She had been a resident of Brunswick for the past 12 years.

She is survived by her husband, Charles E. Dubberly and a daughter, Susan Beth Dubberly, of Brunswick; her mother, Mrs. Grace R. Reynolds, Uvalda; a sister, Mrs. Betty Kinchen, Uvalda; four brothers, Billy, Bobby, Elbert and Jimmy Reynolds, all of Uvalda; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements, under the direction of Edo Miller and Sons Funeral Home, are incomplete and will be announced later.

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