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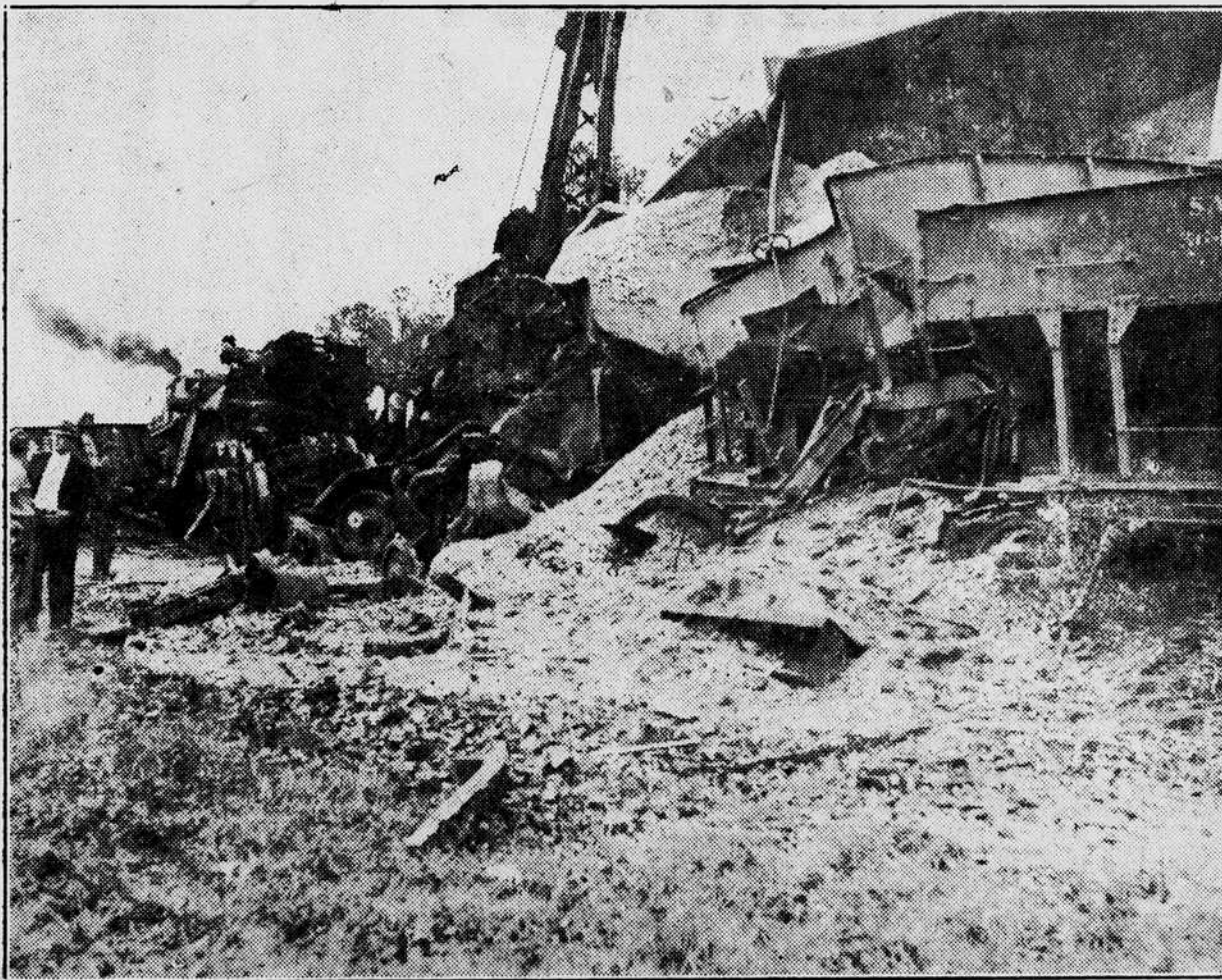
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Youthful Slayer Of Mother Captured



Shown above, standing between two officers, is George Clyde Hengy, Jr., sixteen year old Texas youth who told officers here Tuesday that he killed his mother as she slept in the living room of her Corpus Christi, Texas, home last Thursday. On the left is Highway Patrolman Ernest Guthrie of Jackson, who assisted Patrolman H. W. Rothrock of Roanoke Rapids, shown at right, in taking the youth into custody. On the table in front of the officers is the shotgun and rifle and several boxes of shells with which the youth said he slew his parent. Visible at the lower left is the head of 3-year-old Zina Hengy, whom the youth placed in the car and carried with him on his 3,000 mile flight from the scene of his deed, and which ended here. Details of the slaying and of the capture can be found on this page. —Staff Photo.

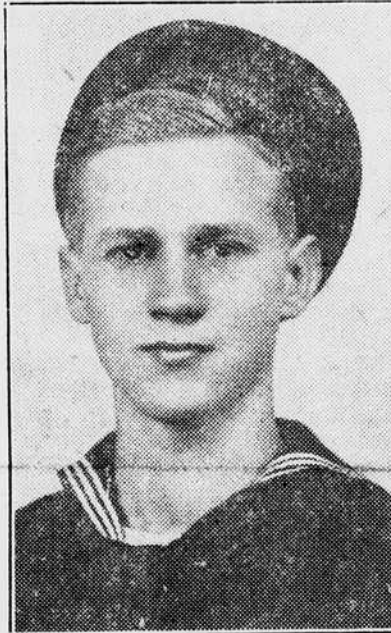
Scene From Train Wreck Here Last Week



The picture above shows all that is left of one of the two powerful locomotives that ploughed into each other here last Wednesday night, killing an engineer and injuring seven other crewmen. This picture, snapped by a Herald photographer, went to all parts of the country via a nationally known picture service. It shows the mangled bits of steel that was all that remained of the engine that pulled the south-bound freight train. The engineer on this locomotive miraculously escaped with his life.

Confessed Slayer Of Mother Captured Here With "Little Sister"

MISSING



OBJECT OF WIDE SEARCH

A gangling, bespectacled youth, George Clyde Hengy, Jr., who fled his fashionable Corpus Christi, Texas, home last Thursday night after shooting his mother to death in the living room of the family home in the Ocean Front section of the city, is being held here today by Patrolman H. W. Rothrock pending the arrival of officers of the Lone Star state who will take him back on charges of murder.

Safe in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ike Rochelle was Hengy's 3-year-old sister, brown-eyed and pretty Zina Hengy, whom the youthful killer bundled into the family automobile along with the family dog shortly after the slaying. The child was none the worse for her 3,000 mile flight with her brother.

The youth was arrested Tuesday night by Patrolman H. W. Rothrock when the latter went to investigate an automobile-truck accident near Pleasant Hill in Northampton county, in which Hengy's automobile was involved.

Rothrock said he took the youth into custody when he found that he did not have a driver's license, and on being informed by Marvin Jordon, service manager of Tri-City Motor Company, who went to the scene of the accident with a wrecker, that the youth's sister had been found in the car unclothed. Brought to Roanoke Rapids, the youth stated that he was from Corpus Christi, Texas, but did not mention the murder of his mother.

Contacting Corpus Christi police, Patrolman Rothrock learned that (Continued on Page 8, Sec. A)

The war struck home in Roanoke Rapids this week when Mr. and Mrs. J. F. May, well-known local people, were informed by the Navy Department that their son, Robert E. May, shown above, a Chief Petty Officer in the U. S. Navy, was missing following naval action in the Pacific. For details see Page 5, Section A.

DEMOS MEET IN HALIFAX

Halifax county's Democratic convention is scheduled to open at 11 o'clock Saturday morning in the courtroom of the county courthouse in Halifax. Dr. B. M. Nicholson of Enfield, chairman of the Democratic Executive committee for the county, will preside until another chairman is named. It is requested that all persons elected as delegates at precinct meetings on the past Saturday be present, as well as all other Democrats in good standing.

Organizational meetings were held by the Democrats of the county last Saturday, May 9, at the various precincts throughout the county. Precinct committees were appointed and delegates named to attend the county-wide Democratic convention at Halifax on Saturday morning, May 16, at 11 o'clock in the courtroom.

At the convention in Halifax Saturday delegates will be elected to attend the State Convention in Raleigh on May 23, when the final policies of the party will be worked out. Leading party men (Continued on Page 8, Sec. A)

Saturday Last Day To Register To Vote May 30

Eligible voters in the county who have not registered have only one more day in which to get their names on the registration books in order to be eligible to cast ballots in the Democratic Primary on May 30th.

Saturday, May 16, is the last day on which the books in each precinct will be open. Persons who are 21 years of age, who have been a resident of the State for one year, and will have been a resident of the precinct or county for a period of four months prior to the November 3, 1942 election, are eligible to register.

The books will close at 6 o'clock Saturday night.