

Chances Good For Woman, 60, Trapped in Car for 5 Days

HAMBURG, Ia. (AP)—A 60-year-old grandmother lay seriously injured and helpless for five days and nights in the wreckage of a car concealed in a weeded gully beside a busy highway.

She had a broken left hip, broken left arm, several fractured ribs and was suffering severe shock. Thousands of cars sped by but no one spotted her.

Her only food was a few pieces of fudge and her only drink a little rain water and a bottle of boric acid solution.

Throughout the 120-hour ordeal,

between spells of unconsciousness, she prayed desperately.

And then, by chance, a highway grader operator saw the wrecked car from his high cab. "I just happened to look back for some reason," said Jack Kraschel.

Today, Mrs. Glen McKnight of St. Joseph, Mo., lay in a Hamburg hospital. Doctors said her condition was "remarkably good."

They said it was "a case for the medical books."

Mrs. McKnight was driving from St. Joseph, Mo., to Bronson, Ia., last Thursday when she apparently lost control of her car on a curve of U. S. Highway 275 three miles north of Sidney, Ia. The car plunged down a 40-foot embankment and overturned against a culvert.

Her injuries and a seat cushion

wedged on top of her prevented her from reaching the light switch or horn to attract attention of passing motorists.

When Kraschel reached her yesterday, she exclaimed: "Thank God! I am sure glad He sent someone to find me."

Kraschel said, "She grabbed my hand and held on to it tight and then asked me for water. She told me she had 'not suffered a bit.' She is really some woman."

Dr. Ralph Lovelady of Sidney was called to the scene and reported, "She was as cold as ice when I reached her. This is a case for the medical books. At her age

and with her injuries it would have been bad enough if we had found her right away."

During the ride to the hospital Dr. Lovelady said Mrs. McKnight, chatting gaily, told him a rain Sunday "gave her a chance to quench her thirst. She held her cupped hands out the window to get a few drops."

A daughter, Mrs. Dale Holcomb of St. Joseph, said her mother also drank a bottle of boric acid used as an eye wash.

Dr. R. C. Danley, head of the Hamburg hospital, declared, "I have never heard of a case to go so long under a state of shock."

Japanese In Utility Strike

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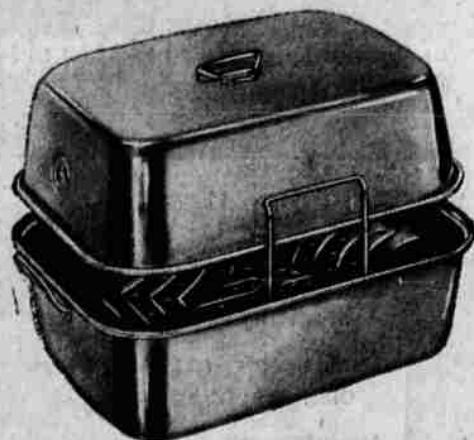
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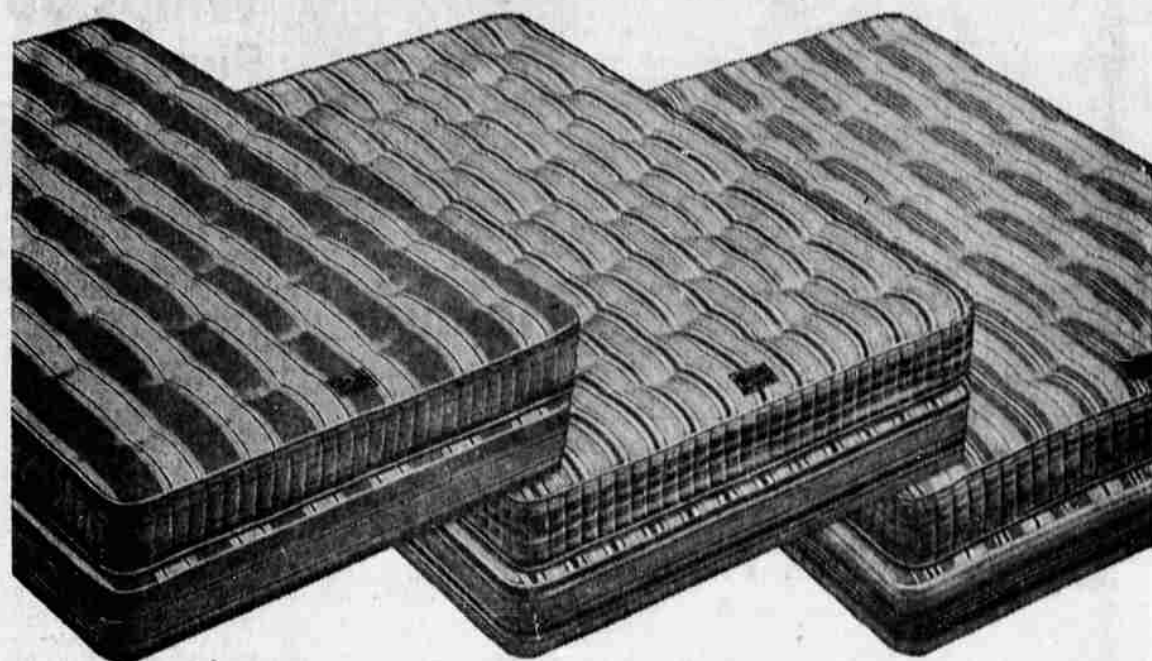
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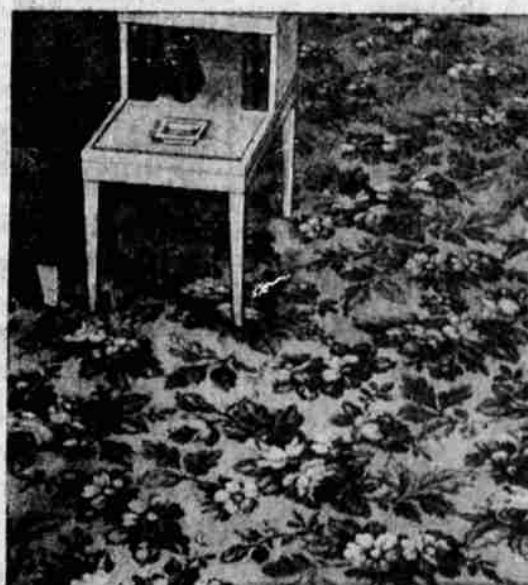
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