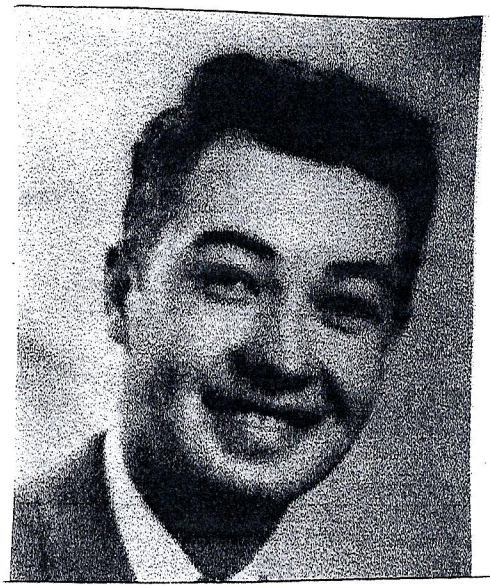
5 Traffic Deaths Send Total To 10 In Week



1959 Donald Bassett

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had been at Tobin's home visiting in the evening and decided to drive to Warren to get something to eat, according to the family.

Arnio and his companion were driving north and were en route to Kinsman.

Pinned In Car

There were no skidmarks at all and the cars stopped almost exactly where they hit, indicating that Arnio's car apparently swerved at the last moment and the crash came before either he or the Bassett boy had any time to react.

The left front wheel of Arnio's car was shoved into the passenger compartment and against his legs, pinning him in the wreckage.

(The crash occurred on Rt. 5, nearly a mile south of its west intersection with Rt. 88, practically in front of the home of the John J. Mortimer family.)

The Mortimers placed the time of the accident, reporting they heard the crash of the cars as television stations were changing programs.

Pull Cars Apart

Two wreckers were called to the scene and they had to pull the two cars apart before the wheel of the Ford could be pried loose to free Arnio's body.

In questioning the Yunkman girl, the patrol learned that she was in the front seat riding between the driver, Don Bassett, and John Tobin on the right.

Sitting in the second seat was Richard Bassett and the Mozingo girl.

When questioned early this morning, Carol said they started for Warren and she recalled driving through Johnston and that was all.

Dr. Harry Elston Jr., Trumbull coroner, was called and after examining the victims, ruled the deaths accidental.

Arnio and Don Bassett, the two drivers, each apparently died of a crushed chest and skull fracture. Hall had a skull fracture and internal injuries, and Richard Bassett had a fractured skull and internal injuries.

That was the first time since September, 1955, that so many persons were killed in a single county crash. (In that September of 1955, five elderly women were killed in a car-truck crash on Rt. 7 near Vernon).

Rites Are Saturday

Arnio was born Dec. 25, 1938 in Andover, the son of Arvio A. and Pauline M. Johnson Arnio.

He had attended Gustavus high school and was employed at Republic Steel here. He had served two years in the U. S. Army including 18 months in Germany, having been discharged last April.

Surviving are his parents, three sisters, Mrs. Julius (Lois) Ragala of Gustavus, Mrs. James (Ruth) Anbrego of Cherry Valley and Linda, at home; three brothers, Gordon D. of Gustavus, Arva of Wayne Township and Elmer at home.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at the McCurdy Funeral Home in Kinsman where friends may call Friday from 7 to 9 p.m.

Burial will be in Gustavus.

The sons of Garland B. and Mardel Loftus Bassett, Richard G. Bassett was born June 24, 1939, and Donald L. was born Jan. 7, 1942. Both were born in Warren.

Richard Bassett was employed at Van Huffel Tube Corp. and was active in civil defense. Donald was a student at St. Mary's High School and employed part time at Marsh Shoe Store in the Trumbull Plaza. The family were members of St. Mary's Church.

Besides their parents, the two boys leave a brother, Charles at home; a sister, Mary Ann, at home, and the maternal grandmother, Mrs. Ellen Loftus of Warren.

The boys' bodies are at the Gillen Funeral Home. Funeral arrangements were incomplete at presstime.

Glenn Hall was born Feb. 24, 1932, in Burghill, the son of Blaine and Alice Allen Hall. He was graduated from Vernon High School in 1951 and was a veteran serving in Germany for 15 months.

Joint Services Planned Saturday For Bassett Boys

Joint funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Mary's Church for Richard G. and Donald L. Bassett, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Garland Bassett, 925 Glenwood NE, who were killed in a violent auto accident on Rt. 5 Wednesday night.

Friends may call from 7 to 9 tonight at the Gillen Funeral Home.

Burial will be in Orwell.