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Tanker driver's lucky escape

A DRIVER escaped with minor cuts and bruises when his fuel tanker overturned on a sharp bend near the Coach and Horses pub on the Stow to Broadway road yesterday.

Two passing cars stopped, but a third, a Mini driven by Miss Beryl McManus, of The-hurst - road, Reading, collided with the rear of the second car.

A passenger in the Mini, Miss Mavis Clews, of Park - crescent, Reading, was taken to Cheltenham General Hospital with injuries to her left leg.

The West Country Fuels tanker driver, Mr Gerald Williams (30), of Riverside, Fossebridge, did not require treatment.

FIRE SERVICE

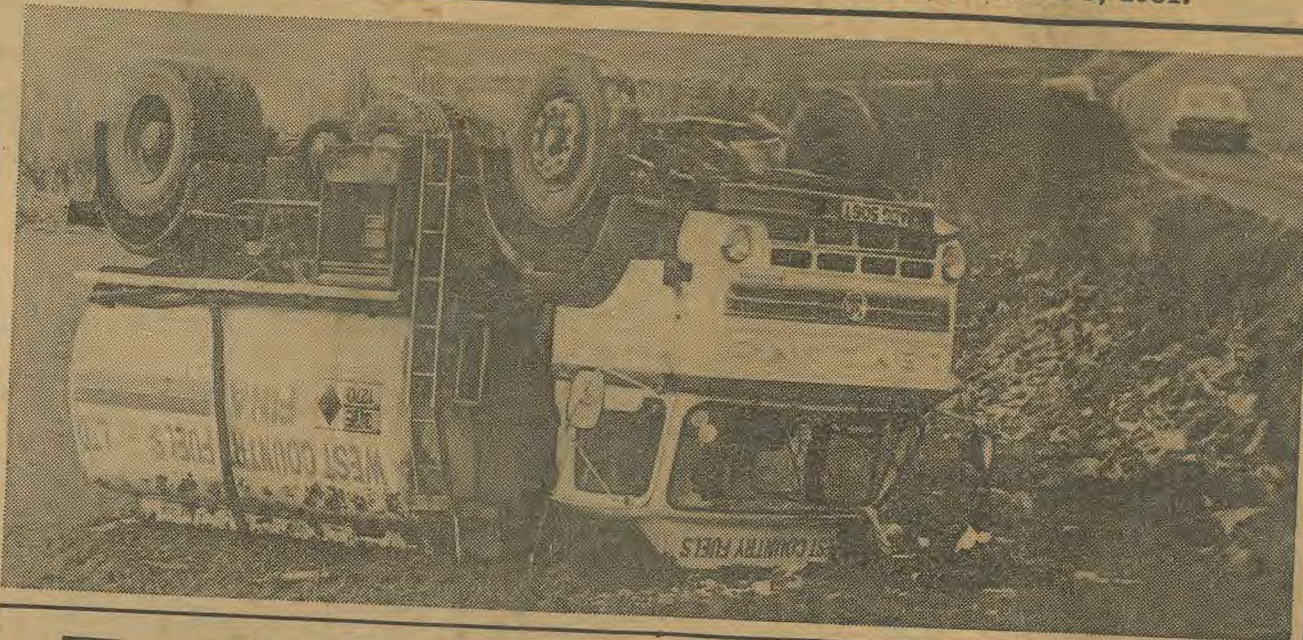
The fire service attended because of the danger from fuel in the tanker.

The first passing motorist to stop was Mr. Terence Michael Stroud, of Chapel-town, Sheffield, and the second car was driven by Miss Rosa Stehle, of Fosse-lane, Stow on the Wold.

Ripple tip plea turned down

THE OWNERS of Ripple landfill, near Tewkesbury, who are at the centre of a storm of protest by local residents, have been refused permission to extend the range of material dumped at the tip.

Wasteline Ltd., of Broms-grove, is prevented by a plan-



MAJOR FIRE SCARE AFTER GAS BLAST



FIREMEN FOUGHT for 90 minutes to extinguish a gas main blaze in Badgeworth today.

South West Gas contractors, who were working on the main in Badgeworth-lane, fled from the inferno at midday.

It was not until gas pressure was reduced at 1.30 p.m. that firemen were able to spray powder over the fire.

At one stage, flames leapt 30 feet into the air.

'Worst over'

Train services were not affected by the incident, but the fire service at one stage thought of stopping them.

Two fire service water tenders were sent to the scene, one from Cheltenham and the other from Gloucester.

A fire brigade spokesman

M-way chase: youths quizzed

TWO YOUTHS are being questioned by police following a dramatic high-speed motorway chase early today.

The drama started at 5.34 a.m. when P.C.s Steven Jelf and David Jefferies, on routine night patrol at the Golden Valley interchange outside Cheltenham, became suspicious of a 1600 Ford Cortina.

They gave chase down the M5, onto the M4 and then the M32 before the Cortina crashed at a Bristol roundabout.

During the "Starsky and

Hutch" chase at up to 100 m.p.h. the car weaved across all three lanes of the M5's southbound carriageway.

A police spokesman said that apart from the final crash no other cars or property were damaged during the chase.

OWNER

He thought the car's owner did not know that it had gone from his home in Newport, Gwent, until the police told him.

P.C.s Jelf and Jefferies, based at Bamfurlong Motorway Patrol Centre, were commended by Chief Constable Leonard Soper last April following similar quick thinking from them.

On November 5th, 1979, a man was attacked and robbed while delivering money to a Cheltenham bank.

The two constables were told about it, but had no descriptions of the three youths involved in the attack.

But, the officers later saw three youths acting suspiciously and promptly arrested them. All the money was recovered and the youths later jailed.



P.C. David Jefferies



P.C. Steven Jelf

Another 'no' for houses scheme

COUNTY PLANNERS yesterday hammered another

Dumped baby's mother found

THE MOTHER of an old Cheryl Waite left outside a police station in Folkestone last night has been found alive but unconscious.

She was discovered today at a sports centre town and was taken to hospital suffering from hypothermia, it was understood.

A big police search was launched for the mother, Mrs. Barbara Ann Waite, after Cheryl was found on the steps of the police station.

MESSAGE FOUND

In her duffel coat pocket was a message scribbled on an envelope, saying: "Dear policeman, my mummy is dead, please get me to my daddy in Wales. His name is Mr. R. Waite. My name is Cheryl Trudy Waite."

"I am hungry, please get me some food. My mummy loved me dearly, that's why she's dead."

"Please help me. Mummy went because she was not doing my life any good and hopes daddy would do better."

Supt. Terry Snelling, "We couldn't get much out of her at all. She just said 'mummy' now and again."

Cheryl appeared well cared for. She declined food and was later taken to a foster parents home in Folkestone. "She soon fell asleep," said Mr. Snelling.

N.U.P.E. claim victory over school