

# Clifford Littledave Victim of One-Car Crash Early Sunday

A one-car accident near here Sunday morning claimed the life of Clifford J. Littledave, young B. F. Goodrich plant worker and former professional baseball player.

Littledave, 27, died when his 1955 model convertible went out of control and plunged over an embankment two miles south of Miami on U. S. Highway 66.

The clock on the dashboard of the demolished car was stopped at 2:25 o'clock. The wreckage, partially obscured from the highway, was not discovered until about 6:30 a. m.

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Week's Program Highlighted  
Locally by Contest, Special  
Film Showing

Local service stations are participating in a "lucky neighbor number" program, arranged as one feature of the observance of Oil Progress week, which ends Oct. 15.

Some visitors at one Miami station will receive two tickets to the Arkansas-Texas A&M football game to be played at Fayetteville on Oct. 29.

Miami is one of six state cities participating in the special program, according to Chas. A. Neal, Jr., chairman of the district oil information committee, and D. M. (Doug) Owens, field representative for the industry's information committee.

In addition to the "lucky neighbor number program" Oil Progress week will be featured locally by the presentation of the new oil industry information committee film, "Barrel Number One," which will be shown to the students in the Miami and Picher school systems and to the Commerce Lions club, Picher Lions club and the Miami Junior Chamber of Commerce.

This film presents the story of the journey of a single barrel of oil—from the time it is located beneath the ground until it is delivered to the consumer in the form of products such as gasoline, lubricants, fuel oil and plastics.

Each of the operations is seen through the eyes of the men who make them possible—the geologist and geophysicist who search for oil-bearing deposits; the crew that drills the well and brings the oil to the surface; the men who transport it by pipeline, truck, train and ship; the refiner who manufactures it into finished products; and, finally, the marketer who sells those products.

"Barrel Number One" effectively illustrates the complex techniques which the oil industry employs in providing the American public with nearly eight million

Highway Patrolman Bert George said Lee Anderson, a Vinita trucker, spotted the overturned convertible and notified authorities. Littledave's body, thrown from the car, was found lying face down in a creek containing about five inches of water.

The trooper said Littledave, traveling alone, apparently lost control of the car on a curving upgrade. The convertible knocked down two guard posts on the east side of the highway, swerved across the road and crashed through three more posts before going over the embankment at the bottom of the hill. Marks on the highway, George said, indicated the car sped out of control 645 feet.

Littledave, who was returning to Miami from Afton, apparently was killed outright. An examining physician said he suffered multiple injuries.

As a student at Miami high school the Indian youth was an outstanding baseball, football and basketball player. After leaving school in 1946, he entered professional baseball and was considered a promising pitching prospect in the New York Giant farm system before an arm injury shortened his career.

Littledave, who lived at 509 B street southeast, was a veteran of the Korean war.

Surviving are a son, Clifford Joseph Littledave, Jr.; his mother and step-father, Mr. and Mrs. Harley Hicks of Miami; a brother, Carl Littledave, stationed with the Navy at Norman; three sisters, Mrs. Robert E. White, Miami; Mrs. Ben Hanna, Salem, Ore., and Ramona June Littledave, Miami; his grandmother, Mrs. Beatie Harry, Miami, and grandfathers, Jake Harry, Spavinaw, and Dave Littledave of Salina, Okla.

Funeral arrangements, incomplete at noon, will be announced by the Cooper mortuary.

The highway fatality was Oklahoma county's fourth of 1955. It was the first involving a crash, however. The other three victims were pedestrians.

Oklahoma counted seven other deaths over the week-end, boosting the state's traffic fatality toll (Continued on Page Three)

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