

# Pelham Youth Faces Driving Charge Here

## John Ireland Operator of Car Which Sideswiped Pole in Dracut, Killing One, Injur- ing Two Others

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John Ireland, aged 18, of Pelham, N. H., will appear in District court here this morning on the charge of driving an automobile so 'as to endanger the lives and safety of the public as the result of the death Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock at St. Joseph's hospital, this city, of Russell Hayes, aged 18, also of Pelham, N. H.

Hayes was a passenger in the station wagon driven by Ireland which sideswiped a telephone pole about 2.30 o'clock at Bridge street and Marsh Hill road, in Dracut. Hayes was thrown out of the station wagon by the terrific impact and died half an hour later at the local hospital. He had a fractured skull and other injuries.

### Brother, Sister Hurt.

Roy E. Hardy, aged 26, and his sister, Ilda, aged 23, both of Pelham, N. H., suffered injuries in the crash and were treated at St. Joseph's hospital. They were later released. Each had numerous cuts, some of which required stitches, as well as numerous bruises.

According to Chief Vincent D. O'Leary of the Dracut police, who booked Ireland at the Lowell station, and Inspector Warren A. McDonnell of the local office of the Registry of Motor Vehicles, the station wagon was being driven in Bridge street, in the direction of Pelham. The wagon was practically demolished when it sideswiped the pole. The rear wheels and the transmission were torn from the chassis and the wooden body was smashed to kindling. Hayes was sitting in the right rear seat which received the full force of the collision. He was thrown through the side windows.

### Father Aids Children.

John Hardy, father of the injured brother and sister, was driving from his work in Lowell and stopped to investigate the crash. He discovered his son and daughter had been injured and took them to the local hospital. Hayes was taken to the hospital by a passing motorist.

Hayes was a native of Mapleville, R. I., the son of Frank and Mary Louise (Simms) Hayes, and was employed in the finishing department of the Talbot Mills in North Billerica. Besides his parents, he is survived by two brothers, Clifton, of Pelham, and Edward F. Hayes of Chelmsford, and one sister, Mrs. Alfred Jacobson of Pelham. He was a graduate of the Pelham high school, and was a member of both the Pelham Grange and the Pelham Fire department.