

County Records First Road Fatality Since Jan. 1

Mrs. Marie Uhrhammer, 46, Coram, became Flathead County's first traffic fatality of 1968.

She was killed almost instantly in a two vehicle collision at 3:06 p.m. Monday on the Deer Lick curve of Highway 2 in Martin City, Flathead County. Deputy Coroner David O. Cutler attributed her death to massive and severe injuries.

She was a passenger in an

eastbound panel truck driven by Frank R. Thomasser, Coram, returning home. Following the collision the panel truck went into a side skid then overturned on its right side pinning Mrs. Uhrhammer partially in and partially out of the truck.

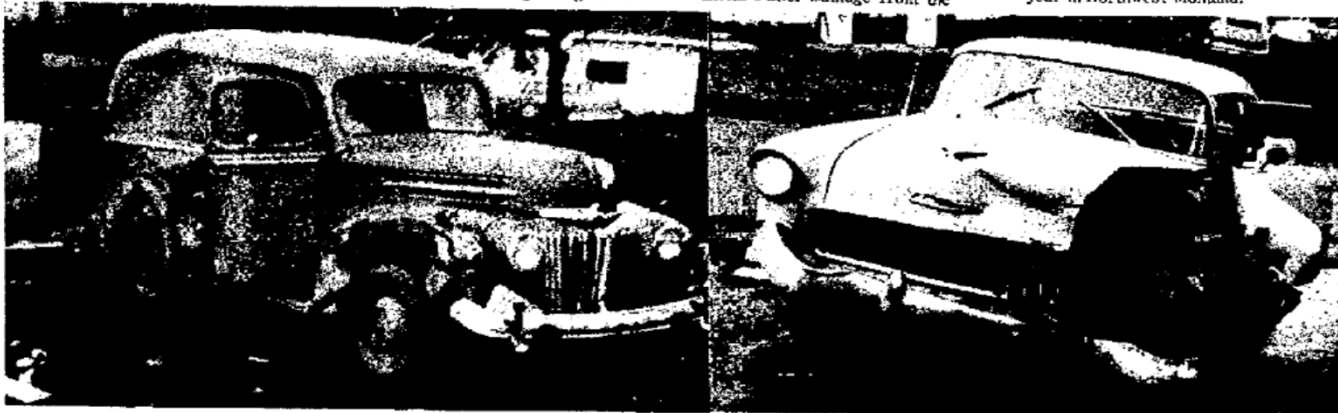
The Montana Highway Patrol did not release the name of the driver of the second vehicle involved, a sedan signalling a left

turn just before the crash, because of his age. There were three juveniles in the car. Investigation is being continued by authorities.

Mrs. Uhrhammer is survived by her widower, Aelmo, at the family home, a son and two daughters. Funeral service arrangements are pending from the Van Leuven Funeral Home, Columbia Falls. Damage from the

accident was a relatively minor \$500. Following the collision, Thomasser was able to drive his truck away. A wrecker removed the sedan from the scene.

The Coram woman's death snapped a string of 124 consecutive days without a fatal accident in Flathead County. The death is also the second of this year in Northwest Montana.



Woman Killed When Vehicles Collide In Martin City

Mrs. Marie Uhrhammer, 46, Coram, was killed when she was partially thrown out of the panel truck, left, following a collision with the automobile

shown on the right yesterday afternoon in Martin City. A juvenile was driver of the car and Frank R. Thomasser, Coram, was driver of the truck. High-

way patrolmen are continuing their investigation of the accident. Mrs. Uhrhammer was Flathead County's first traffic fatality in 1968.