

Bessie Curtis Milligan
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**Charged Man in
Automobile Death**

Charles Frederick Catlin, 29, 216 Green Oak drive, Huntington, a metallurgist at the International Nickel Co. plant, was charged Friday with manslaughter in connection with an automobile accident in which Mrs. Bessie Curtis Milligan, 34, 1111 1/2 Fourth avenue, Huntington, was fatally injured early Friday morning.

Catlin, named in a state warrant issued by Justice of the Peace Ezra E. Knight, waived preliminary hearing and was bound over to the February grand jury. He was released under \$500 bond. Catlin also posted bond for his appearance in police court on December 6 to answer a charge of drunk and driving.

The state warrant, sworn to by Detective Azel T. Bryant, charged Catlin with driving an automobile which struck a parked truck at Sixth avenue and Carrington court, near First street, resulting in the death of Mrs. Milligan, a passenger in the car.

Mrs. Milligan, a cafeteria waitress at the International Nickel Co. plant and mother of an eight-year-old daughter was buried Sunday in the Greenbrier Burial Park following funeral services at 2 p. m. in the Central Baptist church. Rev. H. P. Hackney, the pastor, officiated.

Detectives quoted Catlin as saying that he and Mrs. Milligan had been to Ashland and were on the way home at the time of the accident. Mrs. Milligan, according to Dr. F. X. Schuller, county corner, died at 12:40 a. m. at the hospital without regaining consciousness. Death resulted from a fractured skull.

Mrs. Milligan lived with her mother, Mrs. Linda Curtis, in an apartment on Fourth avenue, Huntington. Mrs. Curtis said her daughter and her husband had been separated for a number of years.

Mrs. Milligan was born August 29, 1907, in Hinton and was a graduate of the Hinton high school. Before she was employed at the nickel plant a year ago, she had worked in a downtown drug-store for several years.

In addition to the mother, Mrs. Milligan is survived by her daughter, Patsy Ann Curtis Milligan, 8; a brother, Connie Clifton Curtis, of Hinton; two sisters, Mrs. Isabelle Dick, of Hinton, and Mrs. Clara Granburg, of near Pittsburgh.