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Persons hospitalized in hayride accidents

By the Associated Press

Eighteen persons remained hospitalized today as a result of two separate hayride accidents which occurred within miles of each other in Central Illinois.

Fourteen persons were hospitalized after a hayride truck tried to avoid an oncoming car and plunged over a 20-foot embankment five miles north of

Illinois scene

East Peoria. Officials said the accident occurred shortly before midnight Saturday.

Less than an hour earlier, another accident involving a hayride wagon occurred near the Tazewell County town of Washington.

State police said the Washington hayride accident occurred when a farm tractor pulling the wagon was struck by a car driven by Scott Hansen, 20, of Washington, who was treated for minor injuries.

State police investigating the accident near East Peoria said three persons were trapped under the tractor and trailer rig which was being used to haul about 35 youths from Bayview Gardens on a private hayride. Rescuers freed the three after about half an hour.

Hero, 76, rescues couple from flames

"I knew I had to act quick because I heard the woman screaming inside and I knew she was burning real bad," Washington said. He kicked a hole in the side of the mangled car and managed to pull out Mrs. Krug, 54. Then he went back and started pulling out Krug, 77.

Wheeling police and sheriff's deputies arrived just in time to help Washington with his rescue of Krug.

Krug was treated for multiple cuts and released from Holy Family Hospital in Des Plaines, where his wife was hospitalized with second-degree burns on her legs, hands and head. Washington suffered minor injuries during the rescue.

Worker, 95, helps police counsel youths

Chicago (AP)

Ninety-five-year-old Louise B. Hawkins took up karate after being robbed twice on the way to work.

She says she doesn't even think about getting old "because that's a waste of time. I'm going to keep living and working until somebody says I'm too old," she says. "Besides I still have my book to write."

Mrs. Hawkins, a widow, has worked 20 hours a week at a federally funded neighborhood health center since 1975. She helps teach students about diet, hygiene and health.

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