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Battered truck and Red Arrow Lines interurban trolley after crash on West Chester Pike west of Newtown

Square. John Scattolini, the truck driver, was burned to death as the truck overturned and caught fire.

Landscape Gardener Burned to Death as Trolley Hits Truck

A West Philadelphia landscape gardener was burned to death shortly after 1 P. M. yesterday when a Red Arrow Lines inter-urban trolley crashed into his truck on West Chester Pike, four miles west of Newtown Square.

Three other men were killed in automobile accidents in the Philadelphia area.

The dead were:

John Scattolini, 64, of 6112 W. Girard ave., victim of the West Chester pike crash.

Scattolini, operator of the Scattolini Tree Service, was badly charred. Identification was made by a son-in-law, John M. Vuocolo, who was working in a field about a half-mile from the scene and who heard the crash.

TURNED ON PRIVATE ROAD

Chief of Police Charles Clemson of Willistown township said the truck driven by Scattolini turned into a private road leading to Delchester Farms, directly in the path of the 69th st.-bound trolley car.

The motorman, Joseph Callaway, 31, of Cobbs st. near Township Line rd., Drexel Hill, applied his brakes, Clemson said, but it was too late to avoid the crash. The light truck was tossed more than 200 feet down the track where it overturned and caught fire.

RESCUERS DRIVEN BACK

A dozen passengers on the trolley, although shaken by the crash, rushed to the truck to extricate the victim, but were driven back by the intense heat and flames.

The front of the trolley car also burst into flames. Newtown Square volunteer firemen extinguished the blaze.

Clemson said Scattolini and Vuocolo had gone to Delchester Farms

to cut sod. Scattolini was returning with the men's lunch when the accident occurred.