

Cambridge church bus crashes

By ALICE McQUILLAN

A tour bus carrying a Cambridge church group returning from a musical in New York City overturned yesterday in a multivehicle crash that killed two car drivers.

The group was headed home when a car jumped the median on an interstate just north of New York City, colliding head-on with the bus which then swerved, hit another car and landed on its side, police said.

"The bus was down in a ravine approximately 20 feet deep," said North Castle Police Sgt. Richard Herbst. "It was on its side and the people had to come out through the roof."

Many locals injured, 2 others die

Killed were a man from Connecticut and another from Whitestone, N.Y., Herbst said. Both men were drivers of the two cars, he said.

Four area hospitals in Westchester County treated 52 crash victims for injuries ranging from minor cuts to fractures, according to hospital administrators. Most were treated and released.

A church social group from the St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church in Cambridge chartered the bus for an annual day trip to see a matinee in New York. The

group, the Pacesetters, had gone to see "Mama, I Want To Sing" at the Heckshear Theater in Harlem.

About 4:30 p.m., the bus, owned by Crystal Transport of West Roxbury, was struck by a Jaguar that crossed the median on Interstate 684 in Armonk, Herbst said. The impact sliced the Jaguar in half, he said.

The bus, traveling in the passing lane, then apparently swerved and struck another car before turning on its side, he said.

"At this time it doesn't

appear to be the bus driver's fault," Herbst said.

Witnesses reported that speeding played a part in the crash, but that has not yet been confirmed, he said.

Herbst said the 49 bus passengers and driver were carried out of the wreck through a vent in the vehicle's roof. Eighteen people were taken to Northern Westchester Hospital in Mount Kisco, according to administrator Nancy Kaufmann. She said most were treated and released.

Of the 12 people taken to

St. Agnes Hospital in White Plains, one was admitted with chest pain, the other with a broken leg.

Six people were treated and released with minor injuries from White Plains Hospital and another was admitted for observation, according to Norma King, a nursing supervisor.

The Westchester County Medical Center said it treated 15 people, most with bruises and back pain.

The trip to New York is an annual outing for the church group, according to the Rev. Richard Richardson, administrator of the St. Paul A.M.E. Church.

Major health hazard: Your

This is the first in a series of articles on environmental issues to be highlighted by organizers of Earth Day 1990 in the weeks leading up to the April 22 event. This week's theme: household pollution.

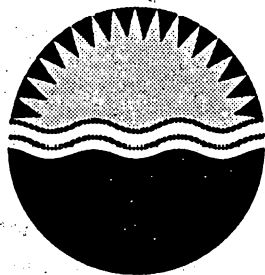
By NICK TATE

Several weeks ago, the problem grew so bad that Adeline Barrett was forced to flee her Walpole home in the middle of the night and seek refuge at her sister's house until dawn.

"I felt much better almost immediately after I got out of that house," recalled Barrett, 67. "It wasn't the first time I've had to do that. It's a horrible thing."

Barrett's problem has nothing to do with her home life or her husband

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ease and even cancer — have also been observed.





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IN CITY COUNCIL

March 26, 1990

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
MAYOR WOLF
VICE-MAYOR REEVES

- WHEREAS: During the past weekend tragedy struck Saint Paul's African Methodist Episcopal Church when a tour bus carrying many of the members of the congregation was involved in a multi-vehicle accident which killed two individuals and injured several church members; and
- WHEREAS: This accident occurred after the church group known as the "Pacesetters" had just attended the musical "Mama, I Want to Sing" at the Heckshear Theatre in Harlem, New York; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record extending its deepest sympathy to the families of the two out of state gentlemen killed in the accident as well as to extend its prayers and well wishes for a speedy recovery to all the members of St. Paul's A.M.E. Church who were injured over the weekend.

In City Council March 26, 1990.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

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Councillor Sullivan, Mayor Wolf and Vice-Mayor Reeves re: bus tragedy which struck Saint Paul's African Methodist Episcopal Church.

In City Council,

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