Area Teens Killed in Rural Coldwater Accident

(May 28, 1971) Three Mercer County teens were killed early Friday evening in a two-car collision that occurred at the intersection of St. Anthony and Township Line Roads west of Coldwater.

A car driven by Danny Quigley (18) might not have halted at a 2-way stop driving into the intersection when his car was brosided by another vehicle driven by Jonny Revet (19) of Fort Recovery. Quigley, Revet, and Janet Stupinka (17), a passenger in the Quigley car, were all killed. Stupinka had graduated from Coldwater High School earlier in the day.

According to a report provided by the Mercer County Sheriff’s Department, Quigley and Stupinka were on their way to a drive-in picture show when they were brosided by Revet. The impact was so violent that the two cars were “welded” together as a result of the collision according to the police report. The vehicles came to a rest 85 feet down the roadway from the point of impact. All died from blunt force trauma, and had to be extracted from the wreckage by the Coldwater Volunteer Fire Department.

The Mercer County Sheriff’s Office indicated that a high rate of speed might have contributed to the deaths. This is the fourth tragedy involving a student from CHS this year, the last being on May 1st. The Sheriff’s Department continues to investigate the latest accident. See today’s Obituaries on page C4 for more details about the individuals involved.