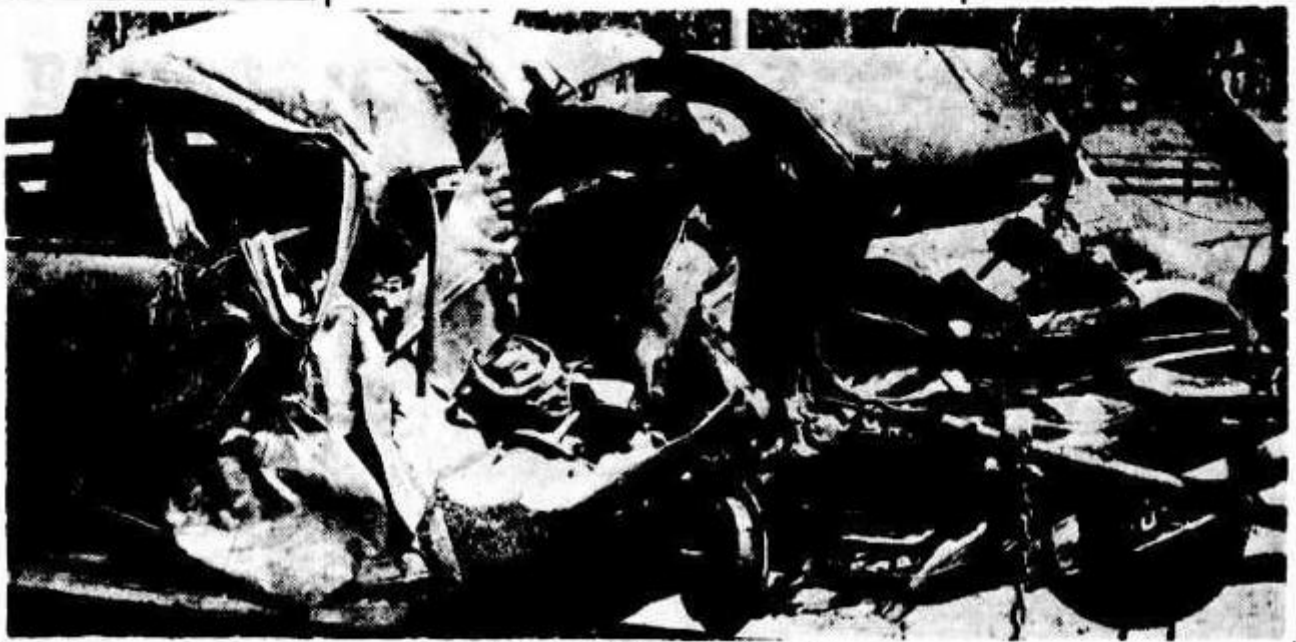


## Mother died in this car



Rescuers dragged a critically injured man from the wrecked cabin of his utility truck near Dandenong yesterday, not knowing that his wife lay dead beneath him in four feet of water.

The utility truck in which the man, his wife,

Donald Thomas, 8, his nephew, of Ballard st., Kingsville, head injuries.

Both boys were reported last night to be in satisfactory condition.

The truck driver, Ted Hunt, of Atkinson st., Oakleigh, escaped with a foot injury.

son and nephew had been travelling, plunged six feet over a culvert and landed in the water after it and a truck laden with bricks had collided on the Princes Highway, two miles from Dandenong.

**KILLED:** Mrs. Elsie Thomas, 29, of Toomuk

rd., Pakenham East.

**INJURED,** and admitted to Alfred Hospital: Norman Thomas, about 35, driver of the utility and husband of the dead woman, fractured skull, fractured jaw, condition critical; Geoffrey Thomas, 7, his son, head injuries;

Donald Thomas, 8, his nephew, of Ballard st.

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