Policeman Killed in Wreck

Patrolman A.C. Kinard, 41, a veteran Negro policeman, was killed in a wreck traffic accident in the 200 block of Highview Avenue about 6:15 a.m. today.

Killing a three-wheel police motorcycle, he apparently ran into the side of a car which was making a right turn.

The collision apparently threw the motorcycle out of control. It wound up upside down about 75 feet away. Kinard’s head was believed to have struck the roadside. His skull was broken.

He was rushed to St. Jude Memorial Hospital, only a few blocks away, but died on arrival.

The police investigation indicated that the driver of the car was Roy H. Hodge, 28, of 351 4th Street, a tobacco company employee.

The accident was a highly unusual one. Highview Street is a one-way thoroughfare and both vehicles were traveling in the same direction.

Mr. Kinard, a blue-ribbon policeman, was in the right lane of the street, which has two lanes for traffic at this point. However, the passing lane at the curb provides additional space.

Information indicated, police said, that Kinard was overtaking the car, presumably not realizing that it was about to turn. He probably turned to the right also, taking the curb line in an unsuccessful attempt to avoid a wreck.

The two vehicles collided at the intersection. The point of impact on the car appeared to be on its right side, high front fender and bumper.

The motorcycle continued across the intersection and ended its trip upright down a tree on the far side of Highview Avenue.

Kinard was one of the older Negro officers of the police force, having joined the department June 4, 1936.

Officers of the police department expressed shock and extreme regret this morning at the accident and the loss of such an experienced and loyal member of the department.

Policeman Kinard lived at 304 Street. Survivors include the wife, Mrs. Ruby Kinard, and a daughter, Carla, 12.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

The death was the sixth traffic fatality in Winston-Salem this year. It broke a period of 120 days--more than four months--in which the city had recorded no fatal traffic accident.

The city has had 448 persons injured in the 2,700 traffic accidents which have been recorded here up until this morning.