

Celebrant Unhurt In Car Accident

Driver Absolved of *44m*
Blame When Man
Is Struck By Car

An Allendale New Year's Eve celebrator, one Arthur Payne, an interior decorator who has a shop on West Allendale Avenue, and resides in the Allendale Hotel, very nearly crowned his "celebration" by exiting from this earth. However, barring unforeseen complications, he merely topped a New Year's Eve party with a twenty-four hour rest in the Hackensack Hospital, plus a lacerated scalp.

The story, according to police, is that B. J. Bon Maur, of Mahwah, accompanied by his wife and friends from Long Island, was driving north along the Franklin Turnpike at 1:20 A. M., January 1st, when suddenly a man appeared in the road directly in front of the car. Though Bon Maur swung to one side of the road, the man staggered into the front fender. Mr. Bon Maur went to the Cunningham home and notified the police, the doctor and the ambulance.

Dr. Kanning examined the accident victim, who turned out to be Payne, for possible broken bones or other injuries, but with the exception of being intoxicated, and a cut on his head, was apparently unharmed. He was taken to the Hackensack Hospital where he was confined for twenty-four hours.

After taking the statements of Bon Maur, and the passengers in the Bon Maur car, Chief of Police Kenneth Booth completely exonerated him of any responsibility of the occurrence