

TIRE EXPLOSION KILLS MAN

Berne, Ind. - Oct 10 - Vinton Ray, 41, whose skull was fractured by the explosion of a tire he was changing, died yesterday. He had been in a hospital several weeks.

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VINTON RAY IS TAKEN BY DEATH

Man Injured in Freak Accident May 13, Dies This Morning

Vinton "Skippy" Ray, 41, of Dixon, Ohio, died this morning at 8:25 o'clock at the Adams county memorial hospital.

Death was attributed indirectly to an injury sustained in a freak accident, on May 13. On that day Mr. Ray suffered a severe skull fracture when a truck tire blew out and the rim struck him on the head.

He was confined in the hospital here for several weeks in a critical condition, but apparently recovered and was released. Last Tuesday he became ill when he suffered from exposure in a rainstorm. He was readmitted to the hospital. The attending physician attributed death to chronic encephalitis known as sleeping sickness.

The deceased was born in Geneva, Oct. 2, 1899, the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Ray, who still reside there. Surviving also are the widow, Pearl Hendricks-Ray, the children, George, Chester and Geraldine; three brothers, Clyde of Convoy, Ohio; Jude of Eaton and Marion of Muncie; and two sisters, Mrs. Margaret Lough of Geneva and Mrs. Helen Passwater of Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be held at the home near Dixon Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. Simon officiating. Burial will be in the Studabaker cemetery near Geneva.

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DEATH OF DIXON, O., MAN LAID TO FREAK ACCIDENT IN SPRING

Decatur, Oct. 8 -

Vinton (Skippy) Ray, 41, of near Dixon, O., died at 8:25 o'clock this morning at the Adams County Memorial Hospital.

Death was attributed indirectly to an injury sustained in a freak accident last May 13. Ray suffered a severe skull fracture on that date when a truck tire blew out, the rim striking him in the head. He was confined to the local hospital for several weeks in a critical condition but apparently recovered. Last week he became ill after being exposed during a severe rainstorm. The attending physician attributed death to chronic encephalitis.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Ray of Geneva, who still reside in that town. Other survivors are the widow, formerly Pearl Hendricks; three children, George, Chester and Geraldine, all at home; three brothers, Clyde of Convoy, O.; Judge of Eaton and Marion of Muncie, and two sisters, Mrs. Margaret Lough of Geneva and Mrs. Helen Passwater of Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be held at the home near Dixon Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Burial will be in the Studebaker Cemetery near Geneva.

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