

Adams County Farmer Killed Saturday Night

Clarence Case Dies When Struck by Auto Near Home Saturday

Clarence Case, 55-yr.-old Blue Creek township farmer, was instantly killed at 8 o'clock Saturday night when he was struck by an automobile while he was crossing federal highway 33 in front of his home, one mile west of Willshire, O.

The victim, a native and lifelong resident of Adams county, was reported enroute to the home of a neighbor to make arrangements for shredding corn.

Starting across the highway, he ??? back from the path of a truck, directly into the path of an auto driven by Ens. Robert E. ???, 21, of Kenosha, Wis. The naval officer was absolved of ??? by Sheriff Leo Gillig and Coroner Robert Zwick, who investigated. The ensign had been visiting relatives in West Virginia and was enroute to Evanston, Ill., where he is stationed.

Case suffered a crushed skull, fractured pelvis and compound fractures of both legs.

The accident victim was born in Blue Creek township February ??, 1890, the son of John Lewis and Catherine Teeple-Case. His wife, Emma Greuleuch, preceded him in death and he was later married to Jessie August, who survives.

Other survivors include one son, Oran Case, of Lima, O.; three sisters, Mrs. Earl Moser of Wren, Mrs. Walter Leeth of Lima, O., Mrs. Opal Sargent of San Bernardino, Calif., and four brothers, J. W. Case of Lima and John, of Waynesfield, O., and Isaac of Dixon, O. One sister preceded him in death. He was a member of the United Brethren church.

Funeral Tuesday

Funeral services will be held at ? o'clock (CST) Tuesday at the ?? funeral home in this city, with the Rev. L. A. Middaugh officiating. Burial will be in the Willshire cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home after 5 o'clock this evening.

Fifth Traffic Victim

Case's death Saturday night was the fifth traffic fatality in Adams county during 1945, three within the Decatur city limits and two in the county.

The county's fist victims were George F. Geels, 21, of Decatur route 3, and Jack Byron Friedt, ??, of Decatur, killed June 7 when a motor cycle on which they were riding collided with a truck at the intersection of federal highway 27 and Monroe street.

Anthony Corral, 15, of Root township, was killed July 7 when the auto he was driving left the road and plunged over a ditch in a field one and on-half miles ??? of Preble.

Charles H. Longenberger, 84-yr.-old Root township farmer, was killed August 25 when struck by an auto at the intersection of ??? and Jackson streets in this city.

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Mr. Case, walking across the highway as cars approached from both directions, apparently saw only one car nearing him and stepped back directly into the path of the Baer vehicle. The farmer suffered a crushed skull, fractured pelvis and fractures of both legs, being mangled badly.

Leo Gillig, Adams county sheriff, and Robert Zwick, county coroner, investigated. Coroner Zwick absolved the Navy man from all blame and indicated he would return a verdict of accidental death. Baer was enroute from West Virginia, where he had visited relatives, to Evanston, Ill.

Surviving are the wife, Jessie; a son, Oren, of Lima, Ohio; three sisters, Mrs. Earl Moser, Wren; Mrs. Walter Leath, Lima and Mrs. Opal Sargeant, San Bernardino, Calif.; four brothers, J. W. Case, Lima; Albert and John, both of Waynesfield, Ohio, and Isaac, Defiance.

The body was taken to the Black funeral home at Decatur, where funeral services will be held at 2:00 Tuesday afternoon. Burial will be in Willshire cemetery.

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