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LOCAL MAN HAS LEG AMPUTATED

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A. Clayton Smith Under- goes Operation at Hos- pital Wednesday

A. Clayton Smith, well-known local man, Wednesday submitted to an operation for the amputation of his right leg. Local doctors performed the operation, which took place at the Adams County Memorial Hospital. The limb was amputated under the knee and flesh grafted so that an artificial leg may be more easily fitted.

The condition of Mr. Smith was reported to be satisfactory today.

Mr. Smith has had considerable trouble with the leg which was shattered in an automobile-train collision on Nov. 14, 1932. He has suffered several attacks of blood poisoning and physicians agreed that the amputation of the limb was the only course left.

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State Department Heads



James D. Adams, director of the Indiana highway commission and Virgil Simmons, head of the state department of public works, who aided in obtaining state road 527 for residents of Adams county and Ohio. Mr. Adams, former Columbia City newspaper publisher, will be the principal speaker at the dedication ceremonies Friday afternoon. Mr. Simmons, whose home is at Bluffton, formerly represented Adams and Wells county as state representative.

History of Meshberger Stone Co.

Dates Back More Than Sixty Years

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The history of the Meshberger Stone Company dates back to 1881 when David Meshberger, father of Harry and Oscar Meshberger, the present proprietors of the company, opened a small quarry along the Wabash river, and on the other side of the river from Linn Grove.

The quarry under the first years of its management by David Meshberger produced only lime building stone used mainly for the construction of bridges. The stone was of a good quality and found a ready market. The growth of the company was not fast but steady.

In 1905 Mr. Meshberger desired to expand his business so he purchased a stone crusher and began preparing stone for road work. He continued to sell building stone.

The crushed stone was sold for use on roads in Adams and nearby counties.

After David Meshberger's death during the years of 1911 and 1912 the quarry was operated by his widow, Jane Meshberger.

The present owners, Harry and Oscar Meshberger, purchased the quarry from their mother in 1913. They began the production of crushed limestone for road work and limestone building material under the name of Meshberger Brothers.

For many years the problem of keeping the quarry dry because of its proximity to the Wabash river had proved both expensive and difficult so in 1917 the quarry was abandoned, and a new one opened at a point a mile and a quarter northwest of Linn Grove on the Bluffton road. This is the site of the present quarry.

In 1922 the company was incorporated under the name of the Meshberge Brothers Stone Quarry the name it bears today.

During the same year the company purchased new equipment and began the building of county roads. Most of these were built in Adams, Wells and Jay counties.

Not until 1930 did the real expansion of the company begin. In that year the two brothers began accepting state contracts. State road 527 has been one of the largest of the state contracts received so far.

Equipment has been added to keep pace with this remarkable growth.

The first stone sold from the old quarry along the Wabash river delivered by horse and wagon.

In 1909 the company pulled a

steam engine, capable of pulling five wagon trailers behind it over the country and city roads of that time. It was considered the latest means of conveyance at that time.

In 1914 the company first began to hire trucks. They used from one to ten trucks a day as business demanded.

Not until 1920 did the company purchase its first truck. Today the quarry maintains a fleet of 32 trucks. To keep them in efficient condition a modern garage and repair shop has been erected at the Linn Grove quarry. Mechanics are kept on the job at all times to service the trucks.

The company also has two 1¼ yard gasoline driven shovels, two caterpillar tractors and one power grader tractor, and three ten ton gasoline driven rollers. Some of screens, washers to clean stone, the other equipment includes drills, and bins capable of storing 25,000 tons of stone.

The plant's office is maintained at the Linn Grove quarry.