

Thursday, 3 June 1937

HORSES CAUSE BAD INJURIES TO WICKEY BOY

2-Year-Old Lad in Serious Condition; Trampled By Horse

Reuben Wickey, 2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. David D. Wickey of northeast of Berne, was very seriously injured Wednesday evening when he was trampled by a horse. The lad was standing in a doorway of the Wickey barn when the horse knocked him down and trampled over him.

The animal stepped on the lad's chest, inflicting severe injuries. X-ray pictures showed that at least three ribs were broken, and the lad possibly suffered internal injuries.

The horse also stepped on the boy's right hand and crushed it severely. The thumb had to be amputated. The lad was rushed to the Adams county Memorial hospital at Decatur where is reputed to be resting fairly well today.

The attending physician has good hopes for the boy's recovery, though the injuries are very serious and there is danger of infection.

Monday, 7 June 1937

Photo: Re-Elected

Clifton E. Striker, incumbent, was re-elected superintendent of the Adams county schools, at a meeting of the township trustees this morning. Mr. Striker will start on his fifth term in the office in August.

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Photo: Heads League

Dr. Werner W. Duemling

Dr. Werner W. Duemling was named president of the board of directors of the Lutheran Social Service League at the annual board reorganization meeting at the league offices Tuesday evening.

Thursday, 22 July 1937

Photo: Dies Suddenly

Phil L. Macklin

{some crinkled up} His Death followed a short illness as he had been able to attend to his duties at the postoffice here until last Monday.

Thursday, 22 July 1937

Phillip L. Macklin Is Fatally Stricken At 2:25 p. m. Today In Sudden Attack.

DEATH IS SHOCK

The sudden death of Postmaster Phillip L. Macklin, 53, at 2:25 o'clock this afternoon at his house, 128 North First street of heart ailment, came as a shock to this community.

Mr. Macklin suffered from heart trouble for several years, but was able to attend to his official duties uninterrupted. Since Monday of this week he had been confined to his home and it was until a short time before his death that his condition was reported serious. Members of his family were [crinkled paper].

Employees at the Decatur post office informed the Daily Democrat that Mr. Macklin's condition was regarded serious and that the children had been called home. A few minutes later his death was announced.

Mr. Macklin was conscious of his heart ailment, having suffered from a severe heart attack a few years ago at his garage. He took particular care of himself, conserved his strength as much as possible, did not over exercise or subject his system to over exertion by climbing stairs or doing those things which a man of his active qualities would otherwise do easily.

One of the best known men in Adams county, a former county surveyor and __ years active in Democratic politics, Mr. Macklin took office as Decatur postmaster, February 7, 1936. He was recommended for the appointment by Representative James I. Farley.

The heart ailment did not in the least interfere with Mr. Macklin's close supervision and personal contact at the post office. He performed his official duties meticulously and it was a well known fact about town that he was the first of the postal employes to report for work in the morning. His daily habit was to be in the office at six o'clock and was on the job when the carriers started out.

The deceased was born June 2, 1882, the son of Phillip A. N. and Mary Macklin, pioneer residents of Wabash township. When a boy, he attended rural schools in that township and attended church at the Methodist-Protestant church near Bryant, known as the Macklin church.

Later he attended Valparaiso Normal college and Valparaiso university. For four years after leaving college Mr. Macklin taught in the county schools of Wabash township.

He was married in early life to Lola Jackson. From 1905 until 1913 he was engaged in the chucking business in Decatur with the firm of . In 1913 he was elected county surveyor and served two two-year terms in that office.

Between 1917 and 1927 he was engaged in the contracting business, building roads and . From until the time of his appointment as postmaster, Mr. Macklin was in the garage business in this city.

Appointed Postmaster in _____

On February 7, ___ he was appointed postmaster of the Decatur post office, receiving the appointment upon the recommendation of Congressman James I. Farley.

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