

**Monroe Boy Killed By Fall Last Night  
Harry Dean Essex Is Fatally Injured**

A trip to the rodeo at the Fort Wayne Memorial Coliseum Friday night for a group of boys from Monmouth ended in tragedy when 11 year old Harry Dean Essex fell and suffered a fatal brain concussion.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Essex of Monroe, the boy tripped over a guy wire in the parking lot after the show. He was taken to Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne for observation. At the time he entered the hospital he was not believed seriously hurt since he was able to walk. However, he died at 4 a.m. today.

Another boy in the party tripped over the same wire but only skinned his knee. The boys made the trip under the supervision of a teacher in a school bus.

The boy was born in Decatur January 1, 1943. He was a fifth grade student at Monroe grade school and a member of the Methodist Church.

Surviving besides the parents are two brothers, Lester Essex of Columbia City, Glenn E. Essex of Fort Wayne, and two sisters, Mrs. Lois Ellen Arrends of Fort Wayne, Georgia Ann, at home.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Monroe Methodist Church with the Rev. Ralph R. Johnson and the Rev. Vernon Riley officiating. Burial will be in the Ray Cemetery at Monroe.

The body will be removed from the Gillig and Doan Funeral Home to the Essex home in Monroe Sunday evening and will lie in state at the Methodist Monroe Church from 11 a.m. Tuesday until the time of the funeral.