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FARMER DIES AFTER CRASH NEAR MONROE

Harvey L. Kessler Fatally Hurt When Car Hits His Rowing Machine

Harvey Lewis Kessler, 52, prominent Monroe township farmer was fatally injured at 6:20 Monday evening when a mowing machine, on which he was riding, was struck by an automobile on highway No. 27, four and one-half miles south of Decatur. Mr. Kessler was taken to the Adams County Memorial Hospital where he died at 8 o'clock last night. He sustained a fractured skull, internal injuries, a broken jaw, fractured collar bone and was badly bruised and lacerated.

The accident victim was driving south on the highway returning the team and mower to the home of his brother, James Kessler, Monroe. As he neared the Henry Lengerich farm, an automobile also approaching from the north, struck the rear of the mower. The force of the impact crushed the radiator of the car and the hood struck Mr. Kessler in the back of the head, inflicting a deep gash and lacerations.

The auto was driven by George E. Hess, 35, Indianapolis. Hess was accompanied by John H. Weghorst, also of Indianapolis. Neither of the occupants of the Indianapolis car was injured.

The deceased was born in Monroe township on Nov. 14, 1882, a son of Ferninand [sic] and Lucinda Bell Kessler. His father preceded him in death.

Surviving are the widow of near Monroe; a son, Kenneth, who is in the U.S. Navy; his mother, and the following half-brothers and half-sisters: James Kessler, Monroe; Frank Kessler, California; Peter Kessler, Colon, Mich.; Jacob, Sturgis, Mich.; R. W. Hathaway, Springfield, Ill.; Mrs. Mattie Yankman, Fort Wayne; Lucy Stettler, Rockford, Ohio.

Funeral services will probably be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Methodist church at Monroe.

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