

Former Monroe Man Drowned

Howard Gale Hendricks, 65, member of a prominent Monroe family, who had lived in Panama City, Fla., for the past few years, was accidentally drowned in that city Saturday.

No details of the drowning have been received here, but Hendricks' body was reported recovered late Sunday.

Mr. Hendricks was formerly employed as a brakeman on the Pennsylvania Railroad, and later with the Kelsey-Hayes Wheel Co. in Jackson, Mich. The family returned to Monroe in 1944, and lived there until 1959, when Mr. and Mrs. Hendricks moved to Panama City.

The drowning victim was born in Monroe Jan. 27, 1899, a son of James A. and Elizabeth Thompson Hendricks. He was married to Miss Thelma Burkhead in September of 1927. Mr. and Mrs. Hendricks had visited in Monroe and Decatur only a few days ago.

Mr. Hendricks was a member of the Monroe Methodist Church, and Adams Post 43, American Legion, the Moose and Eagles lodges, all of Decatur, and the Lions club at Panama City. He was a veteran of World War II.

Surviving in addition to his wife are three sons. Dmitri W. Hendricks of Huntington, Jack Dee Hendricks of Cambridge, Ohio, and Howard Gene Hendricks, at home, and seven grandchildren. Two brothers are deceased.

The body will be brought to the Zwick Funeral Home , where friends may call after 7 p.m. Thursday, with the Moose lodge conducting memorial services at 8 p.m. Funeral services have been tentatively set for 10 a.m. Friday at the funeral home, with the Rev. Charles E Elam officiating. Burial will be in the Decatur Cemetery.