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MORE ABOUT THE LINN ACCIDENT

The Berne, Ind. Witness has the following regarding the Linn accident of Friday:

Carl Linn, aged 30, a farmer living one-half mile east of the Wild Cat school house, near Chattanooga, Ohio, was killed Friday morning at about 10 o'clock by a tractor.

According to Jonas Sprunger and John K. Mazelin, who talked with the man who found the body under the tractor, no one knows just how the accident happened. Mr. Linn was plowing east and west in one of the fields on what is known as the "Old Coon place."

The man who found him was a Standard Oil truck driver and according to his story to the two Berne men who arrived on the scene later, he found one of the cleats of the Fordson tractor buried in Mr. Linn's head and his feet under the tractor.

The truck driver stated further that he believes he appeared there about 10 minutes after the accident happened. It is thought by neighbors and such others that gathered there, that the tractor was thrown over on the plowed ground in some way. The tractor was not turned over, however.

Mr. Linn had evidently throttled the tractor down, for when the tractor was examined it was found that coal oil had been turned off and all indicated that he was ready to stop before the fatal accident.

Another report, one from Chattanooga, says that Mr. Linn was probably reaching over into a wheel and got caught by his clothes, pulled down and run over. (happened May 6, 1929)

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