

## 1934 Scrapbook, image 065

(Handwritten date of Thursday, June 7, 1934)

### ZUERCHER LAD BURNS TO DEATH

Vilas Zuercher, 15, Victim of Bad Accident Tuesday Evening

The Solomon Nussbaum family of northeast of town received a message late Tuesday night telling them of the tragic death of Vilas Zuercher, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Zuercher of Rittman, O., formerly of near here. The Zuercher family formerly were close neighbors to the Nussbaum family. Details of the accident have not been learned, but the brief message stated that the lad was attempting to build a fire in a stove when an explosion occurred, throwing burning fluid over him and before his clothes could be extinguished he was fatally burned. He died a few minutes afterward. The mishap occurred Tuesday evening.

The boy is a grandson of Dan Zuercher of this place, and was born in this community. His mother was formerly Viola Musser of near here. Besides the parents, eight brothers and sisters survive, the youngest one being only a few days old. The unfortunate lad had been crippled for several years.

Details and the time of the funeral have not been learned here, but it is believed the funeral was held this afternoon. Those from here who motored to Rittman were: Mrs. Ajule Brunner, Harry and Raymond Musser, Mrs. Dan Zuercher and Fred Zuercher of Decatur. They were motored to Ohio by Clemenz Wulliman.

The Zuercher family has had a hard struggle against sickness, accidents and other misfortunes.

It is not known where the accident happened, but it is believed it was in the Zuercher home, although some say the boy was employed some other place.

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