

Monday, July 6, 1942

Farmer Dies From Injuries in Mower Mishap

Peter Helmrich, 78, Father of Monroe Woman Is Victim

Peter Helmrich, 78, of rural route 2, Decatur, died at 10:00 o'clock Sunday morning in the Caylor Clinic Hospital in Bluffton of uremic poisoning following severed leg arteries and other injuries received in a mower accident last Tuesday, June 30. Mr. Helmrich had his right leg severely cut below the knee when he was struck by the cutting blades of a mowing machine.

He was discovered in a field on his farm one-half mile west of Magley, at 6:00 pm Tuesday by his daughter Anna who went to search for him when he failed to come home. He had lost much blood but was conscious and said the accident had happened three hours earlier. At the time of the mishap, he had stopped the team of horses and had stepped in front of the mower to replace a pin in a single-tree clevis. The horses jumped forward, pulling the cutting bar against him. The cuts were said to be unusually severe.

Blood transfusions were made but all to no avail. The seriousness of his injuries and his age combined to hasten death, when uremic poisoning set in.

Mr. Helmrich was born October 13, 1863 in Rieschweiller, Germany, the son of Jacob and Elizabeth Weidler Helmrich. He was married to Miss Louisa Leimenstall 49 years ago in Adams County.

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