

Friday, October 9, 1942

Accident Victim's Funeral Sunday

Homer Mills Rites Sunday Afternoon

Funeral services for Homer Mills, 57, of near Kingsland, who was the second man to lose his life on the county's highways during 1942, will be held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Ossian Methodist Church, with Rev. Charles Moore of Athens, officiating.

Burial will be in the Ossian Church Cemetery.

Mr. Mills died last evening at 3:45 o'clock in the Adams County Memorial Hospital of injuries which he suffered in a truck collision about 6:20 o'clock Thursday morning.

Coroner J. Jerome Yager of Berne said death was caused by a basal skull fracture. He had also suffered a broken neck and other injuries when his truck, towing a four-wheeled trailer, was rammed from behind by a large semi-trailer truck, driven by James Monroe of Chicago.

The victim was apparently intent upon playing Good Samaritan and aiding two Huntington young men when he slowed his truck to offer them aid, since they were parked along the highway, three miles west on U.S. 224 with a stalled motor. As he slowed down his vehicle, the big truck crashed into the trailer and then into the rear of his pickup truck. The truck was overturned and he was pinned underneath.

Attending physicians and hospital attaches held little hope for his recovery at any time yesterday.

Prominent Farmer

Mr. Mills was born in Lancaster Township, Wells County, January 21, 1885, the son of the late Sylvester and Ida Rupright-Mills and had been a life-long resident of that township. He served on the township advisory board at the time of his death.

He was married October 21, 1907 at Uniondale to Frances Farling, who survives, along with four sons, Harry and Robert, at home; Wayne and Roscoe in the U.S. Army; a daughter, Mrs. Alice Davis, at home; a brother, John of Fort Wayne and two sisters, Mrs. William Merkey of Bluffton and Mrs. Mildred Morris of Fort Wayne.

The body will be taken from the Jahn Funeral Home to the residence this evening and may be viewed there until time for the services.

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BIRTH

John B. and Katherine Eicher Schwartz are the parents of a baby girl born this morning at their home. The baby was named Katherine K.

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