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## ONE OF MURRAY QUADRUPLETS, 75, DIES AT BLUFFTON, OHIO

Acquaintances here of the Murray quadruplets at Bluffton, O., will regret to learn of the death of the second member of the quartet. He is Horace G. "Hod" Murray, 75, who died a week ago. The two surviving members are M. M. Murray and W. Medlow Murray. One of the quadruplets died in infancy. The deceased was a veteran of the Spanish American war and a retired interior decorator, and former deputy recorder of Allen county, O. His wife, a son Aaron, superintendent of schools at Washington Court House, Ohio, and Mrs. Edwin Badertscher, survive.

[Karin King note: Buried Maple Grove Cemetery, Bluffton, Allen County, Ohio]

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## FENNIG-BAUMAN WEDDING SUNDAY

Miss Margaret Fennig, Geneva, Bride of David Bauman

Miss Margaret Fennig, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Fennig of Geneva and David Bauman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bauman of Decatur, were united in marriage on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Geneva Methodist church, with the Rev. Claude W. Fawns officiating. The couple's impressive wedding was held in the presence of approximately one hundred relatives and friends. The bride was given in marriage by her father.

For the occasion the bride wore a white satin floor length gown, a waist length veil and wore a gold necklace, a gift of the groom. Her attendants were the Misses Maxine Bauman of Decatur and Kathleen Fennig of Geneva. They wore blue taffeta, in floor length and carried bouquets of salmon gladioli. Tony Fennig of Portland attended the groom. Mrs. Tony Fennig was matron of honor and the ring bearer was Patty Gibson, who carried a basket of flowers. Ushers were the Misses Esther Fisher and Margaret Brecht, of Decatur.

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## EDWARD SCHULTZ ELECTROCUTED AT O. N. SMITH FARM

Decatur Phone Lineman Meets Tragic Death South of Town Thurs.

Edward J. Schultz, 27, of near Decatur and a lineman for the Citizens Telephone company, was instantly killed by electrocution about 2:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the O. N. Smith farm a mile south of town, when a wire he was attempting to install as a

ground wire came into contact with a 6,700-volt current at a transformer on a utility pole on which he was working.

Mr. Schultz and Chester Heare, local linemen, had gone to the farm to install a telephone where the tragedy occurred. The unfortunate young man is married and the father of two small children. He had been regarded as a capable workman, but at the moment of his death he was working with a piece of wire about eight or ten feet long and the lower end apparently (cut) dangled against the lower part of a transformer touching a hot spot on an insulator.

No one witnessed the accident. At the moment Mr. Heare and a small son of Victor Simon, had gone to the Simon barn nearby to see some of the remodeling that has been going on. Suddenly, Mr. Heare heard a loud cracking, hissing sound. Apprehensive of what may have happened, he ran out of the barn, in time to see the body of Mr. Schultz fall limp back into his climbing harness and a large puff of smoke rise into the air above him.

He hurried to summon help but by the time help arrived it was apparent that the body was far beyond resuscitation. It was almost an hour until it was lowered.

Norbert Hoffman, local Indiana Service Corporation lineman snipped the live wires leading to the transformer to make lowering of the body safe, and he went up to lower it with ropes.

Both hands of the dead man were terribly burned. The ends of the thumb and index finger on the right hand were practically burned off and a deep burn was made on the left hand. Where the wire and the hands contacted, the wire was almost melted. The forearms also showed burns and a hole was burned in one trouser leg where evidently the wire had touched his body.

Mr. Heare was overcome with grief and was brought to town by his father, Charles Heare, an executive of the company, whom he had summoned.

Mr. Schultz and Mr. Heare have been working here in town the past few days.

The elder Mr. Heare said that this was the first electrocution that he knows of in the history of his company, he having been with the firm for 43 years. Dale Eley was a near victim some years ago, leaving his hands crippled.

Mr. Schultz has been with the company about eight years altogether, having been also with the Central Soya company and returned to the lineman work about a year ago.

He was a son of Julius and Isabell (Bernard) Schultz, residing south of Decatur on road 27. (cut off)

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