

ERVIN TOWNSHIP BOY KILLED

KOKOMO, INDIANA, WEDNESDAY MORNING, MAY 29, 1918.

FEET CAUGHT IN LINES AND BOY DRAGGED BY TEAM

NECK IS BROKEN

Eugene Etter, Grandson of John Heinmiller, Meets Untimely End

Eugene Etter, age fourteen, grandson of John Heinmiller, living near Kappa in Ervin township, was almost instantly killed yesterday evening when the team which he started to unhitch became frightened and the boy was dragged over the top of a roller when his feet became entangled in the lines. His neck was broken.

The boy had been driving a roller and his uncle, H. H. Heinmiller, was driving another team to a breaking plow when the storm started at about 5:30 p. m. yesterday evening. Mr. Heinmiller was busy unhitching his team when he heard the boy yell "whoa." The team which the boy was unhitching was hidden from view by the horses hitched to the plow. In a few minutes when Mr. Heinmiller glanced that way he saw the boy lying in the dirt, his feet caught in the lines and his head half buried in the dirt.

When he picked up the boy he was still breathing and was carried to the home of O. D. Barber, nearby, but the little fellow died before Mr. Heinmiller arrived at the house.

Dr. Bruce Lung was called and found that death had been caused by a broken neck.

The theory of Mr. Heinmiller is that the horses became frightened and started to run while the boy was standing in the rear of the roller. His feet evidently became caught in the lines and he was dragged over the top of the roller feet first, falling flat into the dirt in front.

The boy had always made his home with his grandfather. The grandfather is in North Dakota, having been called there by the serious illness of a son who has a bad attack of pneumonia.

The boy's mother, who lives in Indianapolis, was notified last night. The father, whose home is near Sharpville, also was notified. No funeral arrangements will be made until they arrive.