

DENSON SMITH DIES FROM BURNS

Accident Occured At Smith Farm
Saturday Afternoon.

Denson Smith, 41, Chandler township farmer died in the Schurer Hospital at Pigeon at 2:00 a. m. Wednesday morning, the result of burns received Saturday afternoon at his farm home, six miles north and one and one-half miles east of Pigeon.

Mr. Smith suffered third degree burns to approximately eighty percent of his body by a fire which started while a tractor which was running was being filled with fuel oil, some of the oil was accidentally spilled on the tractor and became ignited. Mr. Smith mounted the tractor and was driving it away from nearby gasoline tanks and buildings and drove the tractor over a five gallon can of fuel oil, which sprayed the oil on Mr. Smith and the tractor. An explosion occurred blowing Mr. Smith from the tractor and igniting his clothing. The burning tractor continued traveling around the farm yard endangering the Smith family and buildings.

Denson Smith was born in McKinley township October 14, 1904, on September 14, 1927 he was united in marriage with Viola Scholtz, who survives. They resided on farms in Fair Haven and Caseville townships until the fall of 1945 when they moved to their new farm home in Chandler township.

Mr. Smith is a member of the Caseville Masonic Lodge, the Scottish Rite of Bay City, and the Hayes Methodist church.

Besides his widow, he is survived by three sons, Vincent, Richard and Terry; four daughters, Vilma, Kay, Deane, and Sharon, all at home; his mother, Mrs. Margaret Smith of Pigeon; a brother, James Smith of McKinsey township, and a sister, Mrs. Lucille Robinson, of Bay Port.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday afternoon from the home and the Hayes Methodist church at 2:30. Rev. Henry Kuhlman, pastor of the church and Rev. Paul Plueddeman, of Bay City will officiate. Interment in the Caseville cemetery.