

DOUGLAS, ERNEST A.  
January 18, 1921-July 2, 1947

Ernest Douglas, 25 years of age, was found dead about five o'clock Tuesday afternoon by his wife who went to the field where her husband had been working alone stacking hay. She had at first thought he had fallen from the stack and was unconscious, then sighting the pool of blood went for assistance to Clarence Stumpff and Lloyd Shepard then Coroner Schrader was called.

An investigation shows that apparently Mr. Douglas had broken the handle of his pitchfork as he slid or jumped the hay stack, the handle splitting and one piece penetrating his jugular vein with death coming almost instantly. It is believed he had been dead about two hours before being found.

Sunday, May 11, Mr. Douglas came near losing his life by drowning when he went to the aid of his brother-in-law, Albert Anderson, who was drowned in Festo Lake.