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DIED FROM INJURIES.

Benona William Hurt: Fatally Burned by Gasoline Flames Saturday Morning—Died Sunday.

One of the most distressing accidents of this community for a number of years was that of last Saturday morning at the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hurt; three miles southeast of Boonville, when their son, Benona W. Hurt, was fatally burned by gasoline flames. After suffering intensely for more than twenty-four hours, death came to his relief about 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Funeral services were held at the home Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock, conducted by Rev. J. T. Orr, of Versailles, and interment at Walnut Grove cemetery.

The sad accident was brought about as follows: The young man went to the tank of gasoline, which was in the house yard, to draw therefrom some gasoline for use. The tank was frozen to the ground and faucet refused to work on account of the cold. He thought to thaw the ice around the faucet by putting fire underneath it. Gasoline leaked out on the fire and there was a fearful explosion which sent pieces of the tank into the air and the young man was immediately enveloped in flames from the gasoline which was thrown over his clothes and caught fire. He was fearfully burned on all parts of the body and no doubt the flaming fluid penetrated the interior of his body through his mouth. His father, W. A. Hurt, who was standing near at the time of the explosion, received slight burns also but not severe ones.

Benona W. Hurt was born in Cooper county on March 12, 1882, and was 33 years of age at the time of his sad death. He had attended the public schools and Kemper Military school. He lived all his life with his parents and devoted himself to the care of his father's extensive farm and stock interests. He was distinguished for filial affection, unflinching industry, even temper, clean life, devotion to friends and willingness to serve. While he chose the inconspicuous tasks of life, few performed them better than he, or even as well as he. Many cherish his memory.

A BOONVILLE LADY DEAD.

Mrs. A. K. Mills, Jr., daughter of Mrs. Mary L. Gibson of this city, died at her home in Webb City, Mo., early Monday morning, January 17, after an illness of a few weeks. The remains arrived here Tuesday morning and, after funeral services at the Catholic church Wednesday morning at ten o'clock, were interred at the church cemetery.

Mrs. Mills was born in Boonville on January 3, 1880. She grew to womanhood here and some fifteen years ago married A. K. Mills, Jr. They resided here until about six years ago when they removed to Colorado. One year or more ago the family moved to Webb City where the husband of deceased engaged in the undertaking business, a business he has followed for a number of years. Besides the husband, deceased leaves two sons, the elder about thirteen years of age and the latter six years old. To the surviving husband and children a sympathizing public extends deep and sincere sympathy.

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