

# Marshall Weekly Daily News

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## WAS BURNED TO DEATH.

Ben Hurt, of Near Boonville, Died Sunday Afternoon at 3 O'clock; a Gasoline Tank Exploded.

Ben Hurt, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hurt, 2 1/2 miles southeast of Boonville, died Sunday afternoon as the result of injuries received when a gasoline tank with which he was working, Saturday morning, exploded and threw burning gasoline over him.

Mr. Hurt and his son, finding that their gasoline tank had frozen to the ground, decided to build a small fire around the tank and thaw out the ground sufficient to allow the tank to be moved. Getting too warm the tank exploded and threw burning gasoline over the younger man who started to run toward the house. He was badly burned about the face, arms and lower limbs. His ears were burned almost to a crisp and as he ran he inhaled the flames which probably was the direct cause of his death. He suffered very little considering the severity of his injuries and seemed to be getting along very well until Sunday morning when he became unconscious and remained so until death occurred, about three o'clock in the afternoon. Mr. Hurt, the father, was also slightly burned.