

## Boy Killed While Working Under Auto

Ned Raines, 16, Dies After  
Machine Strikes His Father's  
Stalled Car

**BEN CRAIG HELD  
FOR THE INQUEST**

**Witnesses Testify He Had  
Been Drinking; Charges  
Filed Wednesday**

Charges of reckless driving were filed Wednesday against Benny Craig. He was released under bond to appear in the October term of Circuit Court.

Ned Raines, Jr., 16 years old, was fatally wounded in an automobile accident three miles southeast of Arrow Rock on State highway No. 41 about 1:30 o'clock Sunday morning while working beneath his father's car, parked on the road, when it was struck by a car driven by Bennie Craig of Arrow Rock.

An inquest into the death was conducted at the circuit court room at the court house Monday, by Dr. R. L. Anderson, coroner, and the jury returned a verdict placing no direct blame for the death.

Testimony of the various witnesses at the inquest told the story of the fatal accident. The Raines boy was returning to his home at Slater from Boonville with his parents and a younger brother. They were forced to stop on the highway to repair the car before they reached Arrow Rock. Mr. Raines and Ned crawled under the car, removed the oil pan, and replaced a bearing while the younger boy, in front of the car, struck matches to give them light. Just before they completed the work the Raines car was struck from behind by the car driven by Craig. One of the wheels on the Raines car was broken down, and the youth was crushed under the axle. Mrs. Raines, who was sitting in the seat, and Mr. Raines, were not injured and the younger boy was only slightly injured.

Although witnesses including Sheriff Bradley and Dr. Anderson, stated that Craig admitted he had been drinking, testimony failed to prove that he was intoxicated. He claims not to have seen the Raines car, although both Raines and his wife testified that both the tail light and the head lights were burning.

Dick Nuckols of Slater, who was driving a short distance behind Craig at the time of the accident, testified that Craig was not driving fast and that he also did not see the Raines car until after the accident. He said that he took Craig, who received lacerations of the face, to his home and returned with Dr. Bradshaw of Arrow Rock, and that the boy had not yet died. Dr. Bradshaw testified that he recommended the boy be taken to a hospital immediately, but said that he told the parents that he would not live. Sheriff Bradley, Deputy Sheriff John Chalm of Blackwater, and Dr. Anderson each took the stand and told briefly of the accident.

The coroner's jury was composed of Tyro T. Tucker, foreman, Fred Renshaw, Matt Cleary, Paul Warnhoff, W. N. Gelger, and Hagan Windsor. Their verdict was: "We, the coroner's jury, having been sworn this ninth day of October, 1933, in the county of Cooper, state of Missouri, by Dr. R. L. Anderson, coroner, to diligently inquire and true presentation make how and by whom Ned Raines, Jr., whose body was found on Highway No. 41 three miles southeast of Arrow Rock, on the eighth day of October, 1933, came to his death, having viewed the body and heard the evidence do find that the deceased came to his death by being hit by an automobile driven by one Bennie Craig. Given under our hands this ninth day of October, 1933. Tyro T. Tucker, foreman."

Funeral services were held here Tuesday. Burial was at Salt Fork cemetery.

## Mrs. Sarah Wilson Simmons Died Sun.

**Funeral Services For Prairie Home  
Woman Were Held Wednesday**

Mrs. Sarah Wilson Simmons, who made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Walter Dungan, near Prairie Home, died about two o'clock Sunday afternoon following a long period of ill health though she had been as well as usual until a short time before her death, a weak heart being the immediate contributing cause. Short services in charge of Rev. O. A. Blaylock, of the Prairie Home Baptist church, were held at the home on Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. These were followed by a service at Mt. Pleasant Baptist church, in charge of the pastor there, Rev. Hood.

Mrs. Simmons, whose maiden name was Wilson, was born in 1864 at High Point in Moniteau county and thus was 69 years of age at the time of her death. In 1880 she was married to James Andrew Simmons, who died thirty-two years ago. To them were born eleven children, nine of whom are living. They are: Mrs. Ed Hodel, Hickman and Chas. Simmons, Mrs. Herman Howard, of California, Mo.; Mrs. Sylvenus Barry, of Kansas City; Mrs. Wm. Walterscheid, of Olean; Aubrey Simmons, of St. Louis; Mrs. Ed Bottom, of Pontiac, Mich.; Mrs. Mrs. Walter Dungan, of Prairie Home with whom she had made her home for fourteen years. She also leaves 33 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. Mrs. Simmons had been a member of the Mt. Pleasant Baptist church since she was a young woman. She was a good woman, finding her chief pleasure in the love of her family and will be greatly missed in the home, where she had so long lived and by her many relatives and friends.