

[Klock, Reuben]

Reuben Klock's Body Found in Mohawk River

The Mohawk river Saturday night gave up the body of Reuben Klock, 64, of Little Falls, who drowned on April 11 when he fell into the water while working on the Rock Rift dam, halfway between this village and his home city. The body was found floating in midstream, about a mile and a half east of this village. It was believed that Mr. Klock was thrown into the water when a guard gate which he was lowering slammed down suddenly. No one witnessed the accident, as he was working alone.

Members of the crew of a westbound canal boat saw an object in the water which they thought might be a body, and called out their information to John Hajczewski, South St. Johnsville, who happened to be crossing the river bridge here when the boat passed beneath it. Mr. Hajczewski in turn notified Patrolman Bart McGee, who called Chief of Police Roland Dockey and Webster Kennicutt, a village street employe[e]. Mr. Kennicutt, in company with Floyd Weaver, Harry Weaver, and Gerwood Dodson, all of this place, secured a boat and started eastward on the canal. Before they reached the body the supply of gasoline in their outboard motor became exhausted and the boat was half full of water. An eastbound tanker, the New Haven Socony, came along and they informed the captain of the errand on which they were bound. The tanker crew aided in the search, reached the body and held it until the local men could get there and get it to shore. Chief Dockey and Coroner Raymond Wytrwal were meanwhile en route to the shore pint, and after viewing the remains, Dr. Wytrwal ordered them removed to the Smith funeral home here. They were later taken to Little Falls.

Mr. Klock was a native of the town of Danube, and a farmer most of his life. He had held the position of caretaker on the canal dam, a part-time job, since 1921.

He leaves his wife; two sons, William of Auburn, Ind., and Richard, town of Manheim; three daughters, Mrs. Ernest Cotton, town of Manheim, and Mrs. Nellis Jones and Miss Barbara Klock, both of Little Falls; one brother, Kenneth, of this village, and five grandchildren.

The funeral was held Monday afternoon in the Newitt funeral home, Little Falls, with Rev. Howard B. Gilman of the Universalist church officiating. Burial was in Fairview cemetery, Little Falls.

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