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HARRY NELLIS ACCIDENTALLY KILLED WHILE HUNTING DEER;
BROTHER FIRES FATAL SHOT
Wounded Man Carried Three Miles Through Woods on Improvised
Stretcher Dies Few Minutes After Medical Aid Reached Him;
Was President of Nelliston Board of Education

Harry A. Nellis, prominent resident of Nelliston, mortally wounded by his older brother, Clyde Nellis, while hunting in the Adirondacks near Arietta, Hamilton county, died at 10:30 yesterday morning, an hour and a half after he had been accidentally shot.

The fatal accident occurred about 9 as Clyde Nellis was driving along a runway. He saw a movement in the thick underbrush and fired with a high-powered rifle. The bullet struck his brother under the arm, passed close to the heart and left the body at a point near the shoulder.

Signal shots and yells attracted the other members of the party to the scene. An improvised stretcher was made of poles and hunting coats, while a member was sent ahead to telephone for medical assistance.

For three miles they carried the wounded man through the thick woods to the camp of Grover Stowell, former member of the Gloversville Police department, where he passed away at 10:30, a few minutes after Dr. H.C. Hagaman of Gloversville arrived.

Ambulance is Called

A call was received about 10 at the Buchanan undertaking parlors in this city, asking for an ambulance to take an injured man to the hospital, and about the same time a similar call for assistance was received by Dr. H.C. Hagaman of Gloversville.

Both the doctor and ambulance arrived at Stowell's camp about the same time, 10:30. After a preliminary examination, the doctor declared it would be needless to start for the hospital and his judgment was borne out when the man passed away a few minutes later.

The Nellis brothers were members of a hunting party that left Fort Plain Saturday night with the intention of spending a week in the northern woods. Other members of the party were Rock Gray, Carleton C. Boslet, Chester Wohlgemuth, Bert Keller and William Gros of Fort Plain and Webb Gross of Nelliston.

They went into camp about opposite the Stowell camp, which is between two and three miles beyond the end of the concrete pavement at Stoner Lake.

Clyde Nellis is understood to have been doing the driving and the other members of the party were stationed along a runway at various points.

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When he was the bushes moving, it is believed that the older brother thought it was a deer and fired, the shot entering the body of Harry Nellis.

All the members of the party are said to be veteran hunters having gone into the Adirondacks for the past several years during the deer hunting season.

After a coroner's examination had been made late yesterday afternoon the body was removed to A.G. Swart & Son, Fort Plain undertaker, and later to the home at Nelliston.

Mr. Nellis was born in Nelliston 38 years ago. He was a son of Mrs. Grace E. Nellis and the late Edward I. [Irving] Nellis. He was a president of the board of education and also belonged to Fort Plain lodge, No. 433, F. and A.M. An accountant by occupation, he was connected with the Stewart & Bergen hardware store for the past six years.

Surviving are his mother, Mrs. Grace E. Nellis; his wife, formerly Miss Lena Yops of Nelliston; and four daughters, Dorothy, Beatrice, Ruth and Mildred, and two brothers, Clyde of Nelliston and Jacob of Canastota.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

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Nellis Funeral to Be Held at Home Thursday

FORT PLAIN, Nov. 11.—The funeral of Harry Nellis, who was accidentally killed while deer hunting at Arietta Monday morning, will be held at his home in Nelliston Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the Rev. Rufus H. Dix, pastor of the Universalist church, and the Rev. R.B. Cook, pastor of the First Methodist church, officiating. The interment will be in Fort Plain cemetery, with Masonic services. There will be a special communication of Fort Plain lodge, Nov. 433, F. and A.M., at Masonic temple Thursday at 1 o'clock for the purpose of attending the funeral.

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