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MAXWELL RINDGE KILLED ON WAY TO NEW JOB
THREE INJURED WHEN CAR AND MILK TRUCK COLLIDE ON BRIDGE
All Taken to Hospital But Soon Discharged; Driver of Truck
Uninjured; Accident One Mile Southwest of Truxton

Maxwell C. Rindge, 23, of 42 Crandall street, married and father of two children was killed instantly this morning at 7:25 in an automobile accident on the narrow bridge over Kinney brook, nine miles northeast of here and a mile southwest of Truxton.

Rindge, who with three companions was scheduled to start work this morning on the new Truxton school was thrown from the car after it had collided with a milk truck on the bridge.

Harold MacNeil, 19, of 47 Delaware Avenue, driver of the light sedan owned by his father Harrison MacNeil of 47 Delaware Avenue, received cuts and bruises on his face, arms and hands, sustained painful back injuries, and suffered heavily from loss of blood.

John Sheridan, 22, of 2 Frederick Street, passenger in the sedan, suffered cuts and bruises to his hands, face and shin.

William Tuttle, 29, of 27 Daune Street, another passenger in the sedan, suffered cuts and bruises on the head and shoulders.

Charles W. Ellwell, 30, of Truxton, driving the milk truck owned by Dr. Wilburn Potter of Truxton, escaped injury. The truck was damaged somewhat on the left side but the car was a total wreck.

L. J. Fanning of 8 Grove Street, Homer, who was driving to Sherburne, was the first to arrive at the scene. After placing his topcoat over the body of the dead man, he loaded the three injured men into his car and took them to the Cortland County Hospital where they were attended by Dr. C. J. Kelley. After being treated for their injuries they were discharged and went to the office of Sheriff Jerry L. Eades to file a report.

Sheriff Eades, with Deputies Braman and Wood were summoned to the scene as was Trooper J. E. Crouse of the Homer outpost of Troop D, State Police. Coroner W. F. Newcomb of Homer was called and arrived at the scene accompanied by J. Leslie Winnie of the district attorney's office.

Dr. Newcomb directed that the body of Rindge be removed to Briggs Brothers undertaking rooms in Homer. Dr. J. E. Wattenberg was called to perform an autopsy, which showed death was due to a fractured skull.

The coroner reserved decision in the case, stating that whether or not an inquest will be held will depend upon the outcome of his investigation.

Rindge, with his companions, had started for Truxton this morning to take jobs on the new school construction job. He had been employed on the Marathon road construction job and was just starting for the new work.

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According to MacNeil's report, made at the sheriff's office, he was nearly across the bridge when he met the truck. Ellwell told authorities that he had nearly reached the west end of the bridge when the crash came.

The truck, with the front of the left side of the body broken, was brought to a halt 76 feet beyond the bridge. The left rear fender of the sedan was torn off and caught on a guard rail of the bridge near the east end. A few feet beyond, at the roadside, the body of the victim was thrown out as the car skidded, turned across the road, and then rolled over several times, coming to rest on its side 125 feet from the bridge in the yard of the Donley home, which had been remodeled from a schoolhouse.

At the Donley home it was reported that the three injured men had climbed from the wreckage of the car and had bathed their wounds before being taken to the hospital.

The scene of the crash is just northeast of the John Bloomfield farm on the narrow bridge over Kinney brook. The highway dips sharply to the east of the bridge and is heavily shaded. From the low portion of the highway east of the bridge the visibility to the west is poor.

Ellwell, it is reported, was scheduled to make a stop at the Bloomfield farm to collect milk. Other farms along the route were included in his regular stops on the way to a Homer milk plant.

News of the tragedy did not reach Mrs. Rindge until late in the morning. She was notified at the Cortland Line Company where she was working but bore up well indeed under the tragedy.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred B. Rindge of the East River road, parents of the victim were notified of the accident late in the morning and hurried to Cortland.

The victim was born in Bainbridge July 27, 1911. Besides his parents he leaves a brother Donald Rindge of East River. His wife, Mrs. Harriet Whitley Ringe and two daughters, Marietta, aged 2½ years, and Martha aged 14 months, survive also.

It is expected that the services will be held Sunday afternoon with the Rev. Gustav Ulrich, former pastor of the Universalist Church officiating. Burial will be in Cortland Rural Cemetery.

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"No Criminal Negligence, Death Due to Accident"
Coroner W. F. Newcomb Renders Verdict in Death Yesterday of Maxwell Rindge;
Funeral Universalist Church Sunday

A verdict of "no criminal negligence and death due to accident" was rendered today by Dr. William F. Newcomb of Homer, coroner, who investigated the fatal accident near Truxton yesterday morning, in which Maxwell C. Rindge, 23, of 42 Crandall Street was killed.

"I have completed my investigation and have found no indication of criminal negligence," Dr. Newcomb said this morning.

Funeral services for Mr. Rindge will be held Sunday afternoon in the First Universalist Church of this city, with Rev. Edward Downey, pastor, officiating, assisted by Rev. Gustav Ulrich of Fort Plain, former pastor of the local church.

Burial will be in Cortland Rural Cemetery.

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