

[Ruehl, Floyd D.]

FALLS RESIDENT KILLED, ANOTHER HURT IN CRASH

Floyd Ruehl Dies When Auto Hits Tree

Police investigate Accident; Witnesses Lacking

St. Johnsville—A Little Falls man was killed and another injured early yesterday when their auto crashed into a tree at West St. Johnsville.

The victim was Floyd Ruehl, 21, 86 John St., Little Falls. The driver, police said, was Thomas E. Connolly, 24, of 134 West Monroe St., Little Falls.

Chief of Police Raymond Walrath said there were no witnesses. He said the auto apparently failed to negotiate a curve in the road.

Gives First Aid

Dr. Bernard Feldstein, this village, gave first aid to Mr. Connolly. He said Ruehl's skull was fractured, and that Connolly received severe lacerations of the face, a possible fracture of the jaw, loss of nearly all his teeth, and numerous other cuts and bruises. He was still unconscious early today.

Coroner C. E. Congdon of Fort Plain is investigating. Sheriff Gerald K. Nellis of Fonda is assisting.

Funeral Tuesday

Ruehl was born Dec. 4, 1915, the son of Mr. and Mrs. George and Lela Billings Ruehl. He attended local public schools and was a member of the Universalist Church.

For the past year he was employed in the assembly room at the H. P. Snyder Manufacturing Company. He leaves his parents, two brothers, George Jr. and Harold, and a sister, Mrs. Viola Leskovar, all of Little Falls.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday from his home. The Rev. Charles R. Allnatt will officiate. Burial will be in Inghams Mills Cemetery.

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