

Melvin Mellum, of Jessie while out pumping water, had the misfortune of having the cover turn and fell 40 feet, striking the ladder with his foot and hitting his head on the curb. This stopped his fall long enough for him to grab the round above, and he then crawled up out of the well, which is some pluck for a 12-year-old boy. Outside of a sprained ankle and a bad cut on his head he came out extremely lucky, as there was five feet of water in the well.