

Fred Ely Killed in Auto Accident

New Rockford Transcript: Fred L. Ely met death Sunday night at about half past eleven by being suffocated under his automobile which turned over pinning him underneath in about two feet of water on the high grade at the turn about forty rods north of the Leonard Roffler home nine miles southwest of this city. The overturning of the car followed a collision in which Mr. Ely ran into and overturned the Ford car driven by Guy Bervig who was running just ahead of him.

Mr. Ely, Bervig and Mr. Hackney had been out in the country during Sunday evening and were on their way home when the accident occurred which cost a life. Mr. Bervig slowed up to turn the corner just north of the Roffler home, when the heavy Studebaker car which Mr. Ely was driving crashed into him from behind tearing off the left hind wheel and overturning the car. Mr. Bervig and Mr. Hackney had considerable trouble in extricating themselves from the overturned car and when they were able to do so they found that the car Mr. Ely had been driving had turned over in the ditch at the side of the road with Mr. Ely pinned underneath in the water and mud of the ditch. Being unable to turn the car over alone Mr. Bervig went for aid, while Mr. Hackney held Mr. Ely's head out of the water. On account of the position of the car and its weight it was some time before the men who had rushed to the scene were able to right it and the unfortunate victim had suffocated before he was released, and the indications were that he had been stunned by the overturning of the car and never regained consciousness.