

## **Herbert Feller**

**May 16, 1924 – January 1934**

### **Falls On Icy Road Cause Death of Herbert Feller, 9 Tragedy Strikes Second Time At Washington Children**

The second juvenile tragedy to occur in the local community within a short time happened Thursday afternoon when Herbert Feller, aged 9, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Feller, Washington township, died in the office of a local physician from the effects of a probable skull fracture and ruptured blood vessel which he sustained as a result of a fall on the icy highway while returning to his home from the Dividing Ridge school, several miles west of Monticello, which he attends.

The accident happened while Herbert was standing on a handsled, but whether he was coasting or the sled slipped from under him as he stepped upon it, thus causing him to fall, is not definitely known. At any rate, according to Norman Arn, 8-year-old schoolmate who was with him at the time, Herbert first fell forward, striking his head against the concrete abutment of a culvert, then regained his feet and fell backward. Rushing to the school house, Norman summoned Mrs. Raymond Smith, the teacher, and the injured boy was taken to the Arn home and a physician summoned. Subsequently he was brought to Monticello for an Xray examination but passed away only a few moments after reaching the physician's office. He never regained consciousness.

Herbert's untimely passing comes close upon the heels of the passing of Lorraine Blum, aged 8, also of Washington township, who suffered fatal burns in a Christmas tree mishap.

A youngster blessed with a sunny disposition and an apt pupil, Herbert was popular among his schoolmates and his passing from life at such an early age is deeply mourned throughout the entire community. He was born in Washington township on May 16, 1924, and was in the fifth grade.

Surviving, besides the parents, are one brother, Walter, aged 13, and a sister, Ruth 7. A grandfather, Gottfried Feller, resides in Switzerland,

Funeral services were held at 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon in the home in Washington township, and at 2 in the Reformed church in Monticello. Rev. A. Muehlmeier, pastor of the church, officiated at the last rites and interment was in Highland cemetery.