

Kenneth W. Kundert
July 12, 1911 - July 11, 1942

**KENNETH KUNDERT MEETS DEATH FROM ELECTRIC SHOCK;
Comes into contact with wire carrying 6,900 Volts**

Kenneth W. Kundert, aged 30, former agricultural teacher in Blanchardville and Jefferson high schools and popular member of the younger group in Monroe, was accidentally electrocuted about 9:30 this morning while attempting to loosen a pulley from a tree on his father's farm, route, 5, Monroe.

Kundert apparently either fell into or grasped wires leading to the house and carrying 6,900 volts of electricity. Corner Frank Shriner, investigating the accident, said that Kundert had climbed into the tree to take down a pulley used in building a haystack. The stack had just been completed.

No Burns on Body – His father, Edward A. Kundert, watching the youth, saw a spurt of flame and heard him moan, "I'm electrocuted." He fell from the tree, slid down the stack and was caught in his father's arms. Artificial respiration was administered until the arrival of a physician who pronounced him dead from electric shock. There was no burn mark on his body.

Corner Shringer said the wires were high enough so that a man could walk on the top of the stack without coming in contact with them. The pulley was fastened to a limb of the tree, and Kundert had climbed to a platform near the limb to loosen this when he came in contact with the wires.

Native of Monroe – Kenneth Kundert was born July 12, 1911 in the town of Monroe, the son of Edward A. and Ella Benkert Kundert. He would have been 31 years old tomorrow. As a Monroe high school student, he was outstanding in athletics, being a member of the football, baseball and basketball teams for his entire four years. Attesting his popularity as well as his ability was his designation as American Legion citizenship award winner in 1930. He was also well-liked by his team-mates and by members of opposing teams, for in his junior year he was named captain and quarterback of a mythical all-Southern six football team.

Mr. Kundert continued receiving recognition for his athletic ability, playing in the backfield on the varsity football team at the University of Wisconsin three years.

In 1935 he was graduated from the college of agriculture at the university. The same year on June 17, he married Hazel V. Zweifel in Monticello.

Teacher at Blanchardville – For five years he was an agricultural instructor in the Blanchardville high school, going then to the Jefferson, Wis., high school to serve the same capacity. In March of this year he resigned, returning to work on his father's farm.

The young man proved a successful farmer. Two weeks ago, on a Sunday, when weather was threatening, he got in his hay between rains with the assistance of some of his pals from town. It was commented at the time that not many of the farmers had managed to get in their hay and the friend of the young man replied, "if any of them gets in their hay it will be Kenny."

Served as Lifeguard – He served a lifeguard at the Recreation park pool in 1934.

Surviving are the widow; a son, Kenneth R., aged 3, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Kundert, 1218 Twenty-second avenue; two brothers Ray, Monroe, and Alden, Buffalo, N. Y.; and a sister, Lois at home. His grandfather, Jacob B. Kundert, was buried June 29.

He was a member of the Christian Science church, the Jefferson Rotary club, and the University W club.

Last rites will be conducted at 2 Monday afternoon in the Shriner-Neushwander funeral home by Rev. A. Weittenhiller, a former Blanchardville Methodist minister, was an intimate friend of Mr. Kundert. Interment will be in Greenwood cemetery.