Mary Agnes Hendricks Sheppard

Obituaries

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Mrs. Sheppard Dies of Burns Tuesday

Wife of Prominent Tariff Farmer Succumbs to Burns Received When Oil Can Explodes.

Mrs. Austin Sheppard, wife of a prominent Tariff farmer, was fatally burned Tuesday morning when an oil can exploded while she was building a fire in the kitchen stove. The accident occurred at 11 a.m. and she died of burns at 4 p.m. She was 68 years of age.

Funeral services will be held this morning at 10 o?clock at the Henry?s Fork Baptist. Church, with the Rev. Herby Spencer officiating. Burial will be made in the Tariff cemetery.

Mrs. Sheppard had been using crude oil to get the fire started and was holding a can in her hand when it exploded setting fire to her clothes. A daughter, Mrs. Holly Courtney, heard her screams and rushed to her aid, succeeded in extinguishing the flames. A physician was called immediately, but she could not survive the burns about her face and arms.

She is survived by her husband fives sons, Boyd at home; D.H. and Newton Sheppard, Akron; Alonzo and Charley, of Dawes; and three daughters, Mrs. Holly Courtney, at home; Mrs. Carl Looney, Looneyville; and Mrs. Howard Boggs, Looneyville. One daughter, Mrs. Ruth Ellis, proceeded her in death a few years ago.

(Mary Agnes Hendricks Sheppard passed away December 18, 1934)
(Submitted by Carol Sheppard Board)
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