

Monday, November 5, 1962

## Ray Moore, Searsboro, Killed In Corn Picking Accident Saturday

Ray Moore, 58, of Searsboro, became Poweshiek county's first farm accident fatality of the current harvest season Saturday when his clothing became entangled in a corn picker and he was strangled.

The accident occurred in a field just west of the former Sugar Creek church site on the A. R. Meredith farm. The farm is tenanted by the victim's son, Bill Moore, and family.

Moore had been helping his son with farm work recently.

About 5 p.m., the younger Moore noticed an empty wagon in the field where his father

was working and went to investigate. With the help of two neighbors, Tunis DeRuiter and Earl Beyers, the victim's clothing was cut from the pull-type picker, but he had already succumbed.

Survivors include his widow; his son Bill; a daughter, Naomi Moore; three grandsons, Daryl, Tommy and Lyle Dean Moore; a stepdaughter, Mrs. Dave (Peggy) Kelly of DeWitt and her five children; and a step-grandson, Forrest Vaughn.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday from the Church of God at New Sharon.

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### Picker Accident Takes Ray Moore

A corn picker accident Saturday afternoon, just four miles northwest of Searsboro in Jasper county, took the life of Ray Moore, 58, a farmer in the Searsboro area the past 35 years.

According to reports from the Sheriff's offices of Jasper and Poweshiek counties, Dr. R.E.H. Phelps, New Sharon, and Dr. Maynard Jones, Colfax, Jasper county medical officer, Moore was using a tractor-drawn picker helping his son, William (Billy) Moore get in his crop. Billy lives just over the county line in Jasper county.

Billy, his three small sons, Daryl, Tommy and Lyle, and Forrest Vaughn, a grandson of Ray's, were operating the wagon end of the deal. When they returned from a trip at near 5 o'clock, they found Ray standing alongside the machine, his face purple and his clothing securely wrapped around the tumbling rod. Unable to take him down, Billy sent the boys to the house for their mother to call the doctor, and he went to an adjacent field and got Mr. and Mrs. Earl Beyers and Tunis Ryder, who released him. Then Dr. Phelps arrived and pronounced him dead.

Conjecture is that Ray stopped the tractor to undo an obstruction, and his sweat-shirt and overalls bib got caught in the tumbling rod, thus choking him to death in short order.

Funeral services were held at the Assembly of God church in New Sharon at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 6, conducted by Rev. G. D. Corbin. Mrs. Leo Watson played the musical numbers and accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Steen who sang "Beyond the Sunset" and "In the Garden". Flowers were cared for by Mrs. Marvin Effin, Mrs. Walter Burggraf and Mrs. Clyde Bunting.

Interment was in Friends cemetery, New Sharon, under direction of the Hardin Funeral Home. Casketbearers were Thomas Lowry, Glenn Brignon, Criss Selter, Floyd Hasley, Lewis Watson and Marvin Effin. Ray Moore was born April 3, 1904 at Nevada, Mo. He is survived by his wife Naomi and daughter, Neoma, of the home; the son William; a daughter, Mrs. Dave Kelly, DeWitt; 9 grandchildren; a brother, Lewis Moore, Irwin, Mo.; four sisters, Mrs. Elmer Stone, Barnes City; Mrs. Oscar Moore, Lamar, Mo.; Mrs. Kermit Meas, Nevada, Mo., and Mrs. Earl Rice, Sheridan, Mo.