

Alvin Holverson, Jr.

October 25, 1940 - Oct. 26, 1944

Holverson Child Killed By Smoke, House Burned

Alvin Holverson, Jr. aged 4 years died as a result of suffocation when the tenant house on the Fred Altmann farm, just north of Monticello, was burned down late Thursday after noon. His sister, Elsie Hannah, 2 years old who was overcome by the flames was taken to the Monroe hospital where it was expected she would recover.

The Holverson's are tenants on the Altmann farm. Mrs. Holverson was at the Altmann home and her husband in the barn. The children were asleep in the home and when their mother returned the home was filled with thick, dense smoke. Mr. and Mrs. Holverson rescued the children and took them to Monticello where J. M. Harden, osteopath, pronounced the boy dead. His sister was revived by artificial respiration.

The Altmann's knew nothing of the fire until later when flames were seen coming out through the windows. They sent in an alarm for the Monticello Fire Department who responded and kept the fire from spreading. The cause of the fire has not been determined.

The Holverson family lost all their household goods, furniture and clothing and food. The house valued at 33,000 was partially covered by insurance, They had moved back to the Altmann farm in April of this year after living at Mazomanie during the winter. Before that they had lived on the Altmann place for 16 months.

Alvin Holverson, Jr. was born on October 25, 1940 in Dayton, the son of Alvin and Elsie Tubbs Holverson. Surviving are his parents, his sister, his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Crawford, Brooklyn and Mr. and Mrs Carl Holverson of Madison.

Funeral services were conducted at the Voegeli Funeral Home at Monticello on Saturday afternoon by Rev. W. J. Abe, pastor of the Grace Evangelical congregation at Monticello. Burial was in Highland cemetery there.

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