

**Richard L. Graber**  
**1954 - 1957**  
**Graber Child Dies of Burns**  
**Rural Monticello Tot Match Victim**

Little Richard Graber, who was to be three years old in March, Was burned fatally this morning when his clothes were ignited with matches by his 4-year-old brother.

The child, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Permin Graber, rural Monticello, was rushed to St. Clare hospital this morning where he died at 12:56 p.m. Physicians said the child's body was 100 per cent covered with burns.

Sheriff Samuel F. Humbel, who investigated the accident this morning, said Richard apparently was playing upstairs in the Graber home with his brother, Paul, 4, and his sister, Dianna Jane, one.

He said Richard's flannel pajamas, undershirt and diapers were set ablaze when they came in contact with a match.

The child's parents were in the barn doing the chores and the grandmother, Mrs. Peter Graber, ran over from the grandparents' nearby home and extinguished the blaze with her housecoat.

Richard's mother is the former Ursula Verena Kopp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Kopp, Route 1, Monticello, and was married to Permin Graber in 1951.

The body has been taken to the Voegeli funeral home at Monticello. Interment was in Highland cemetery.