

## **Betty Ann Talmage**

**Dec. 7, 1930 - June 3, 1943**

### **Mt. Pleasant Girl Instantly Killed When Team Bolts Father in Field Nearby Rushes to Halt Runaway**

Tragedy struck swiftly Thursday afternoon on the Mt. Pleasant farm of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Talmage when their only child, Betty Ann, 12, was killed instantly when she fell from a manure spreader which she was driving.

The horses apparently became frightened at a sudden shower and bolted, throwing their youthful driver from the wagon seat. Her body became lodged between the left rear wheel and the axle causing skull and head injuries which made death instantaneous.

### **Father Stops Runaway**

Her father, operating a tractor in an adjacent field, rushed frantically to the scene, halting the runaway after the horses had traveled several hundred feet.

Young Betty Ann was born Dec. 7, 1930, in the town of Mt. Pleasant, the daughter of Raymond and Clara Thoman Talmage, farming four and one-half miles northeast of Monticello. She had just completed the seventh grade at the Silver school. Her parents and her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Gottfried Thoman, Belleville, survive.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 Sunday afternoon in the Zwingli Evangelical and Reformed church, Monticello, of whose Sunday school Betty Ann was a member. Rev. A. R. Achtemeier will officiate and burial is to be in Exeter cemetery. The body will be taken from the Voegeli funeral home to the Talmage home Saturday afternoon and to the church at noon Sunday.