

Hartung, W. J.

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**W. J. HARTUNG OF MAXWELL
KILLED BY GRAVEL TRUCK**

W. J. Hartung, 59, well-known farmer of near Maxwell, was instantly killed when he fell beneath the dual rear wheels of a truck loaded with gravel last Thursday afternoon.

Hartung, who had been cutting weeds along the roadside, attempted to mount a passing truck, when he slipped as he grabbed for the door and fell beneath the rear wheels, one passing over his chest and the other over his head. The head and chest were terribly crushed by the heavily loaded truck.

Sheriff Hattery, who happened to be at Collins at the time, was called to the scene of the accident and he called coroner Mills of McCallsburg.

After checking up on the accident with the truck drivers who had witnessed the fatality, they decided that there was no doubt of it being purely accidental.

Mr. Hartung, pioneer and prominent resident of that locality, lived upon his farm but did not work the land and spent much of his time in the care of his invalid wife.

Having lived in that community all his life, he had been prominent in public affairs. He had served on the board of directors of the old Maxwell State bank and since the reorganization had been president of the Farmers State bank of Maxwell and active in the affairs of that institution. He had served as a township trustee for many years and in other positions of public trust.

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