

DEATH'S CALL COMES SUDDENLY

EDWIN PETERSON SUSTAINS A
FRACTURED SKULL IN ACCI-
DENT TUESDAY.

Not for some time has Park Rapids and the community been so moved to sorrow and sympathy as it was this morning when it became known that Edwin Peterson had passed away, a few minutes after four o'clock this morning at the home of Mrs. Peterson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Slater, where he was taken Tuesday following the accident in which he sustained a fracture of the skull.

The family have been living in a temporary home during the summer and on Tuesday were moving to a suite of rooms at the Taig residence.

Mr. Peterson was hauling the household goods to the Taig residence, using his Ford truck. He had cranked the car, which started before he could get into the cab. The truck ran into a tree and he easily pushed the wheel away but apparently did not see the other tree just ahead, the box of the truck carrying him forward pinning his head between it and the tree.

Mrs. Peterson hearing his groans quickly ran to his assistance but could do nothing. She shut off the engine and ran to the Taig residence for aid. Justin Halvorson, her brother-in-law had just drove into the Taig yard and with Mrs. Peterson returned to the truck. When Mrs. Peterson had shut off the engine the car had apparently moved enough so that Mr. Peterson had been able to move and was standing nearby.

They got him into the car and at once took him to the physicians office. As soon as an X-ray could be taken and developed, the nature and extent of the injury was at once apparent, the skull being fractured from the temple to the back, so serious that from the first the attending physician could give no hope of recovery.

He was taken to the Slater home and everything that devoted care and skill could do was done and it was hoped he would be spared, but it was divined otherwise and the young life was gathered by the reaper.

Edwin bore his suffering with marvelous fortitude and patience and was conscious to the last. Surrounded by the devoted wife and little daughter and others of the family, he died as he had lived with a smile on his lips and a thought for all. It is regrettable that he has been called away, but his generous disposition, courteous treatment of others and spirit of sympathy will long be remembered and cherished, not only by the family but by the community as well, who mourn his early demise.

Edwin Alfred Peterson was born at Mountain Lake, Cottonwood county, Minnesota, on July 10th, 1896. The year 1919 he operated a garage at Nevis, this county, later moving to Bowden, North Dakota, where his parents then resided.

He was united in marriage the year 1919 to Miss Violet Slater of this city, one little daughter, Margaret, better known as "Peggy" being born to bless the union.

The family moved to this city the year 1920 and the following year Mr. Peterson secured the position as manager of the Standard Oil Station of this city, a position he held since that time, being considered as a valuable employee by the company, as he could at all times be depended upon, and in his passing feel a deep loss. He was a member of the local order of the Knights of Pythias.

As we go to press funeral arrangements have not been completed, but it is thought that the services will be held Sunday afternoon at the M. E. church. Final arrangements depend upon the arrival of members of Mr. Peterson's family.

Those left to mourn are the wife and daughter, his mother and stepfather, also five brothers and four sisters.

The Journal joins the many friends of the family in extending sincerest sympathy.

Edwin Peterson is Alfred Peterson's son