

Bonnie Mae Schmick

LIGHTNING BOLT KILLS WOMAN; CRASHES INTO ROOF; SETS HOUSE AFIRE

Victim is Seared by the Flame

Mrs. Bonnie Schmick, Preparing Dinner, Dies Instantly as Current Races Along Electric Wires Through Socket.

Husband, From Next Room, Finds Her Dead

Mrs. Bonnie Schmick, 24 years of age, was struck by lightning and instantly killed Tuesday afternoon, while preparing dinner in the kitchen pantry at her home, 3525 Avenue G, Polytechnic, Texas.

Standing Under Drop Light

Mrs. Schmick was standing beside a table, her head directly under a drop light. There was no incandescent globe in the socket and evidently the current was not shut off. The bolt struck the top of the house, set the roof on fire, and connected with the electric wiring. The current followed the wire until it reached the socket, and jumped through the air to the top of Mrs. Schmick's head, searing her body to her feet. The top of the socket was at least a foot above the woman's head.

Husband Finds Wife Dead.

Thomas F. Schmick, the woman's husband, was sitting in the front room of the house with his children when the bolt struck. He rushed to the kitchen to his wife's assistance and found her dead, in a heap on the floor.

Mr. and Mrs. Schmick had but recently moved to Polytechnic from Gorman, having lived there but four months. He is a railway postal clerk, and his run is between Fort Worth and Galveston on the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe. He was to have left on his run Tuesday night.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Schmick is survived by four children: Gladys, 8; Henry, 6; A.G., 3, and Warren, 1. Mrs. Schmick also is survived by her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Channing of Tyler, and three brothers and six sisters.

The body will be forwarded to Gorman Wednesday morning for interment.

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Schmick—The funeral of Mrs. Bonnie Schmick, who was killed by lightning in the kitchen of her home at 3525 Avenue G, Polytechnic will be held at Ranger. The body was shipped Wednesday morning by Undertaker Robertson.

She is survived by her husband Thomas F. Schmick, a railway mail clerk on the Santa Fe between Fort Worth and Galveston; and four children, who are, Gladys 8, Henry 6, A.G. 3, and Warren 1. She is survived also by her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Chauncey of Tyler, and three brothers and six sisters.

Mrs. Schmick was preparing dinner when killed. She was standing under an electric light socket, which was without a globe. The lightning struck the house, and followed the electric light wire to the end, and then jumped to Mrs. Schmick's head. Her husband and children were in another room.

