Local Butcher Dies From Knife Wound

Loss Of Blood In Carving Accident Proves Fatal To August Heu, 39

Victim of a knife wound suffered when he was cutting a side of beef, August Heu of Beattystown, butcher for the past 15 years in the Royal Scarlet Market in Hackettstown, died at 3:15 Tuesday afternoon in Newton Memorial Hospital.

The accident happened about two hours earlier as Mr. Heu was preparing meat for a re-opening of the market on Wednesday. He was working alone just outside the refrigerator when either he or the heavy piece of meat slipped and the long, pointed knife he was using penetrated his groin, severing the vein and artery of his left leg in a puncture wound.

Given Transfusions

As he called for help, fellow workers summoned Dr. Walter H. Harmon, who gave first aid and accompanied Mr. Heu to the hospital in the American Legion ambulance. He was treated there by Dr. Clifford Schmidt, staff surgeon, receiving several plasma injections and a blood transfusion from Charles A. Smith, who drove the ambulance.

Mrs. Heu, who worked in the market as cashier, and George Applegate, another employe, also went to the hospital to be available for blood transfusions. Suffering from severe shock, Mr. Heu expired before the treatment was completed.

Born 39 years ago in Brooklyn, Mr. Heu was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Christian Heu. Beside his wife, Mrs. Alice Whritner Heu, he leaves five brothers.

Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at his Beattystown home, conducted by the Rev. Sydney E. Grant, vicar of St. James' Episcopal Church, Hackettstown. Burial will be in the Hackettstown Union Cemetery.

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NAME: August Heu

DATE OF DEATH: September 18, 1944