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MISS REBA MERILL AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT

of the Pokegama sanatorium, was instantly killed in an automobile accident, near Center City, last Monday afternoon. The accident occurred on a road intersection where the Sunrise-Center City road crosses the North Branch-Almalund road, about 4:40 p. m/.

Miss Merill was driving, accompanied by her father, George Merill of Minneapolis. As they approached the road intersec-tion, they met a car coming from the direction of North Branch, on their right. Miss Merill evidently turned to the left, in an effort to miss the other car, but both cars collided and the Merall car went into a field and turned over. Miss Merill was thrown toward the back of the car and partly thru the rear left window and was crushed by the top part of the window as the car came to rest on the left side. Her father, who is 79 years of age, was badly bruised and shaken up but escaped serious injury. A farmer, working in a field nearby, saw the accident and ran to the car where he discovered Miss Merill pinned down by the car. He was unable to release ther and went for help when they were able to lift the car and take her out.

The occupants of the other car were from St. Croix Falls. Their car also turned over and they were quite severely bruised and were taken to a hospirtal. · Both cars were badly

wrecked.

Mr. Merill, although severely shaken up, was able to get to a phone and called Dr. Callahan of or the Sanatorium. Dr. Callahan and Clint Boo left for the scene o of the accident at once and took Mr. Merill to the Northwestern hospital in Minneapolis. Merill's remains were brought to Pin City by Mr. Goodrich, funeral director here.

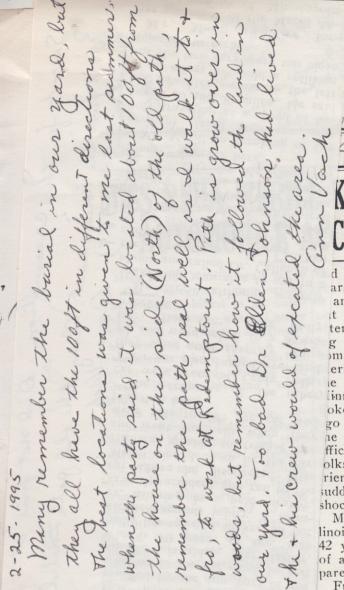
Mr. Merill, in speaking of the accident stated their car was only traveling at a speed of between 20 and 30 miles. He said his daughter swung to the left in an effort to avoid a collision but the two cars were too close together to escape.

Mr. Merill is the former president of the Merill Abstract Company of Minneapolis

Miss Reba Merill, head nurse and retired from business some years ago. He was up for a visit and he and his daughter were out for a pleasure ride Monday afternoon. Mrs. Merill is visiting at the Larry Cummings home at the sanatorium, Miss Merill is a graduate nurse of the Northwestern hospital in Minneapolis and came to the Pokegama sanatorium 9 years ago and has been the head nurse the past 8 years. She was very efficient and was well liked by folks at the sanatorium, and friends in this community. Her sudden death was a terrible shock to her parents and friends.

Miss Merrill was born in Illinois December 7, 1856 and was 42 years, 8 months and 5 days of age. She is survived by her parents and one brother.

Funeral services will be held in Minneapolis today.



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