

Death of Martin Knapp.

Word has been received from Binford of the accidental drowning of Martin Knapp which occurred Sunday afternoon on Stump Lake, 24 miles northwest of Binford. Mr. Knapp, in company with Ernest Amadon and Fred G. Lewis were up there hunting geese. Mr. Knapp took the boat and went out into the lake after some geese they had shot, leaving the other fellows on an island. In trying to reach the geese in the water he capsized the boat. It is said that he was an excellent swimmer and that he would swim awhile and then climb on top of the boat to rest. He was heavily laden with shells and it is thought that he became exhausted and went down to a watery grave. The other boys had no means of going out to help him being on an island without a boat or any one in sight and watched Mr. Knapp in his struggle until it got too dark and he was lost sight of. They were on the island 27 hours and had a terrible experience in the cold without any food and shelter and were rescued Monday afternoon. Search was immediately made for Mr. Knapp but only his cap and the boat were found. Searching parties have been out ever since and dynamite is being used hoping to raise the body that way. It is a deplorable affair and comes very hard on the stricken wife and four children. Mr. Knapp was a member of the firm of Knapp & Buchheit of Binford, and was a highly respected business man. His untimely end has cast a gloom over the community and is regretted deeply by all who knew him.