

Two Men Drowned in Lake Willow

B. C. Phipps, cashier of the First National Bank of McHenry and Harry Vadnie of the same city, were drowned Friday afternoon in Red Willow Lake, seven miles north of Binford. The bodies of the men were found by a searching party which went to the lake when Phipps and Vadnie failed to return from a fishing trip started on Friday afternoon. The bodies were found in about six feet of water 15 rods from the shore on the north end of the lake.

While there were no witnesses to the accident, it is apparent that the boat capsized and threw Phipps and Vadnie into the water and the latter being unable to swim was being helped by Phipps when the banker was attacked by cramps and both sank to the bottom of the lake.

The alarm was first given when the fishermen failed to return on Saturday morning. When the searching party arrived at the lake they found the automobile in which Phipps and Vadine had gone to their cottage at the south end of the lake standing by the shore, the lunch they had taken along left untouched in the car and other indications that the drowning had occurred in the late afternoon. Further search discovered the overturned boat by the shore and the hat of one of the men floating in the water nearby, and the bodies were later discovered in the same location.

B. C. Phipps was born at Paynesville, Minn., 41 years ago and about 14 years ago was married to Miss Anna Hammer of Cooperstown. He is survived by his wife and one daughter and a son. His mother lives at Pasadena, Cal., and one sister, Mrs. Drinkwater, lives at Bowbells. He was prominent in business and social circles of the village where he has resided for the past ten years.

H. R. Vadine came to McHenry about a year ago from Sanborn and had conducted the Siegfried drug store since that time. His home was formerly at Sherbooke, where his parents still reside. He was 23 years of age and has won a host of business and personal friends since locating at McHenry.