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GORDON BOWER FATALLY
INJURED SUNDAY EVENING
WHEN HE DROVE INTO TRUCK

*October 20, 1941*_____

Died at Olney Sanitarium About Four Hours Later from
a Fractured Skull; Was Trying to Pass Another Car
on Route 33 Five Miles East of Newton

Bower Auto and Coal Truck Were Damaged Beyond Repair In the Collision Sunday Night

Gordon Bower of Newton was fatally injured about 9:00 o'clock Sunday evening when he drove his automobile head-on into a west bound coal truck on Route 33 five miles northeast of Newton. He died about 1:00 o'clock at the Olney sanitarium, where he had been taken, as a result of his injuries.

He received a fractured skull over his right eye and right temple, and had lacerations on his right elbow and cuts on his left hand where his hand apparently went through the glass in the windshield.

Ed McNary, driver of the truck, and Will Wyman, his helper, both of Charleston, received only minor injuries.

At the time young Bower was driving east on Route 33, enroute it is believed to Zook's Nook, for he had stated a few minutes earlier to friends at Newton that he was going there.

Was Passing Car

McNary told a representative of the Press Sunday evening that he was enroute to Charleston from Bicknell, Indiana, with a load of twelve tons of coal. He said that Bower struck his truck head-on when he started to pass an east bound car. He added that Bower was going at high speed and hit his truck when he found he didn't have room to get between it and the machine he was passing and applied the brakes.

Harold Woodard of near Newton, driver of the car being passed, said that Bower was going at high speed and that he apparently applied the brakes when he saw he didn't have room to go around, skidding into the truck. His car was nearly opposite the truck when the crash occurred, he said. Woodard was accompanied by his wife and baby.

Bower was removed from his car by McNary and Woodard.

Funeral Wednesday Oct. 22, 1941

Funeral services will be held at the Central Christian church in Newton, Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock and burial will be in Riverside cemetery. The Rev. R. R. Finlayson, pastor, will officiate.

Gordon was born at Newton, April 3, 1921, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence L. Bower, and had always resided here. He was graduated from the Newton Community high school with the class of 1938, and had recently been employed at the Kaufmann filling station in Newton.

Besides his parents, he leaves two brothers, Donald and Bobby Bower of Newton, and many other relatives and friends.