

# Ammonia tank crushes youth <sup>1977</sup>

ATLANTIC — Stuart O. Nichols, 16, son of Mr and Mrs Richard Nichols of Route 1, Atlantic, was killed about 7 p.m. Tuesday when he was crushed by a four-ton anhydrous ammonia tank.

Iowa Highway Patrol Trooper Joe Meola of Atlantic said Nichols was pulling the tank with a pickup truck on a county road three miles northwest of Atlantic when the tank jackknifed.

Meola said Nichols apparently disconnected the tank to try to straighten it out. The tank began rolling into a ditch, carrying Nichols with it. The tank then flipped over onto him.

He was dead on arrival at an Atlantic hospital.

Services for Nichols, who was a sophomore at Atlantic High School were last Thursday in Atlantic.

His grandmother, Mrs Eddie Arentson, is a Harlan resident. His uncles are Verl and Eugene Arentson of rural Harlan. Survivors also include Stanley Christensens of Defiance.