

## Lee Vandeventer Seriously Hurt In Felling Tree

A. Lee Vandeventer, in Loudoun Hospital with injuries suffered when a tree he was felling on his farm near Hamilton crushed him this afternoon remained in a serious condition. He had been given a number of blood transfusions and placed under an oxygen tent. It was disclosed that he had seven broken ribs, a mangled foot, lung and chest injuries and smashed vertebrae of his spine.

Mr. Vandeventer, one of the county's best known dairymen, lay in a semi-conscious state for eight hours before he was found by Mrs. Vandeventer, who is employed in Leesburg. He had gone into the woods Monday morning with a power saw to take down a tree. Upon her return home, Mrs. Vandeventer, unable to find her husband around the barn, went in search of him. The barking of the family dog led her to where Mr. Vandeventer lay. Mrs. Vandeventer, held at bay for some time by the dog, finally, with the help of neighbors, reached his side. His clothes were frozen to the ground. Mrs. Vandeventer built a fire around him and remained at his side, while others aroused area residents and called Dr. Joseph M. Rogers to the scene.

Mr. Vandeventer, after long hours of exposure in freezing weather, was incoherent and in a pitiable condition. Moving him to the hospital proved difficult. He finally was placed in a pickup truck and moved out of the woods.

## VanDevanter In Critical Condition At Hospital

*The condition of A. Lee VanDevanter was described as "unchanged" late this morning by an official at Loudoun hospital.*

A. Lee VanDevanter, prominent Loudoun county farmer of near Hamilton, is in Loudoun hospital in a critical condition as a result of an accident on his farm Monday.

VanDevanter was cutting a tree with a circular saw in a wooded area a mile from his home. The tree split and part of it fell on him, pinning him under it, according to reports.

He lay in this condition for seven hours until his wife, who is employed in Leesburg, returned home after five o'clock. Learning from an employee, Floyd Thompson, that he had not returned from the woods, the two went to look for him. They found him semi-conscious with his faithful dog by his side.

VanDevanter is suffering from a fractured leg, two fractured vertebrae, six broken ribs, a fractured shoulder and exposure.

His condition was described as "fair" yesterday.