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**D. H. Klyce, Foreman, J. D.
Ford, Laborer, Victims**

An excavation cave-in at Clarksville, Tenn., yesterday killed a Memphis construction foreman and a Memphis Negro laborer. Two other Negroes escaped.

David Harvey Klyce of 2647 Autumn, who became father of a girl only last week, was buried alive when the walls of a sewer ditch collapsed. He was 30. The other victim was J. D. Ford, Negro of South Memphis.

Mr. Klyce, a foreman with Norfleet & Lewis Excavating Co. at Clarksville, and the laborer were with a crew putting braces in the ditch when the wall fell. Mr. Klyce was sitting on the brace and Ford was in the bottom of the ditch.

Their bodies were recovered shortly before midnight, hours after the cave-in.

Mr. Klyce was born and reared in Memphis. He attended Lawler School and Tech High, and served four years in the Pacific with the Navy in World War II.

He went into excavation work after his discharge and had been on the job in Clarksville since March.

His wife, Mrs. Jean Klyce, gave birth last week to their first daughter, Fran. He also leaves a son, David H. Klyce Jr., 10; his mother, Mrs. E. B. Klyce of Memphis, and a sister, Mrs. Ardene Tosh of Memphis.

Ford is married and the father of four children. He had worked on jobs with Mr. Klyce for about four years.