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A 19 year old Henry county negro died of accidental electrocution this afternoon while working at his father's house two miles east of Martinsville.

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The victim was identified as James Harry Hairston. He was employed by a Plumbing and Heating company. Hairston was working with an electric hammer beneath his father's house when the device apparently became grounded and sent a heavy electric charge through the negroes body. Henry Critz of the Martinsville-Henry county life saving crew tried in vain to revive the boy. Critz said it was raining at the time of the accident and this may have caused the accident which took the boys life...