

'Happy As He Could Be', Boy's Now Dead

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A 3-year-old boy who was happy watching a ball game on TV Saturday.

Russell Pinsky, 3, of Belmont, N.J., died Saturday morning, April 20, at the age of 3, after being held without food in connection with the death of his 3-year-old brother, Paul Mason Current. The child was pronounced dead

at Mercy Hospital at 6 a.m. Sunday.

Dr. W. M. Summerville, the coroner, conducted an autopsy but cause of death was not known for several days pending the outcome of his tests.

Beal, dressed in dirty khaki pants and a soiled yellow shirt, said he and Mrs. Current had been "drinking a good bit."

"We'd been together a lot that morning," he said calmly. "About 2:30 Saturday afternoon

we let her husband out of the car and drove to a motel on Highway 74 W. and got a room."

HAPPY AS COULD BE

"We had the little boy with us. We laid him on the side of the bed and turned the TV on. He watched the ball game. There was one on both channels and he was as happy as he could be."

"His mother and me was

drinking beer and watching TV. She was taking these dope drugs called Red Devils, or Red Birds."

"I guess she took about seven of them and she was pretty well drunk. The baby looked fine though to me. He didn't cough or sneeze or nothing."

LAST BEER CALL

"That night I went down to a grill to get some beer and sandwiches. I guess this must have been around 11:45 because

the man was hollering, 'Last beer call.'"

"I got eight cans of beer, one ham sandwich, three grilled cheese sandwiches and four pickled eggs. I took em back to the room with me."

"By this time the baby was sound asleep."

A News reporter asked him if the baby had anything to eat since they registered at the motel that afternoon.

"No, come to think of it, he ain't had nothing to eat. He had

a glass of chocolate milk that morning, but that's all."

Beal said Mrs. Current is the mother of three other children. Police said she was in such a condition yesterday they weren't able to question her.

"Have they found out what made the baby die?" Beal asked a reporter and a police officer.

"You know I've got a good paying job in a mill in Gastonia and I've got to be at work at 10 o'clock tonight. If I ain't

there I'll lose my job."

"I don't want to lose my job over a thing like this. They told me they was just holding me for an investigation."

"Do you have any idea at all what might have killed the boy?" a reporter asked.

"No, I ain't got no idea at all. He was a good little old thing."

"He just laid over there on the bed and seemed so happy watching the ball game. I loved him and his mama did, too."

Beal said he had about three of the narcotic pills in his shirt pocket but he doesn't think the child got hold of them.

"The child was asleep when I got back with the beer and sandwiches," he said. "We drank some of the beer and ate some of the sandwiches and fell asleep."

"I woke up about 5 o'clock that morning and decided I'd cover the boy up. I looked at him and noticed that he was

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Hoover Improves

NEW YORK (AP)—Herbert Hoover was reported improving today following a gall bladder operation two days ago and his doctors allowed him out of bed briefly.

Waters Level

WARSAW (AP)—Flood waters of the Bug and Narew Rivers have finally leveled off. Polish authorities said today, after a 10-day rampage in which scores of houses were toppled and thousands of acres of crops ruined.

Spy Gets Life

BERLIN (AP)—A Communist court has sentenced an East German railway employee to life imprisonment for spying for American and British intelligence. His wife was sent to prison for three years and four months for not informing on her husband.

Spy Case Arrest

WASHINGTON (AP)—The FBI today announced the arrest in Moscow of Mark Zborowski, 50, on a perjury charge related to the Jack Soble Soviet spy ring case.

Gunman Subdued

CHICAGO (AP)—Some 100 customers in a big Loop drugstore cafeteria were terrorized last night when a gunman fired a half dozen wild shots before he was subdued.

Damage Light

JUNCTION CITY, Kan. (AP)—A small tornado struck a rural area 30 miles north of this east central Kansas city last night, but apparently caused no serious damage.

Evening Prayer

Dear Father, give us the glad heart that sings more sweetly for being tuned in sorrow. Teach us that we need never despair, for in the triumphant, living Christ we can find life and hope and joy. In His glorious name we pray... Amen.

BLOODHOUND LEADS SEARCHERS—

3 Lost Boys Found Drowned

GOLDSBORO, N.C.—A bloodhound led a 100-man searching party to the bodies of three young brothers today. The boys drowned in a sand hole, the second triple-death tragedy to strike the family in five months.

The drowning victims were Johnny, 13, Earl, 10, and Danny Wilbert Evans, 8, children of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Evans. The bodies were found a few feet apart in deep water.

Members of the family said none of the boys, missing since yesterday afternoon, could swim.

An uncle, Lee Robinson, and a neighbor started a search for the boys when they failed to return at nightfall. About four hours later Robinson asked for assistance and the bloodhound was brought from the State Prison Depart-

ment at Smithfield.

The bloodhound trailed the boys to a small pool where their clothes were found.

Robinson picked up a small, short-haired dog, about 10 inches high, its sleeves cut short. "That's them," he moaned. He sat down and buried his face in his hands.

The Goldsboro Rescue Squad followed the trail to another, larger sand hole about 100 yards away. There their flashlight beams spotted the bodies in the crystal clear water.

Rescue Squad Capt. Jim McDonald said the bank of the sand hole dropped off sharply. He said that though the water did not appear deep, it measured about 10 feet.

A sand hole in an excavation where sand has been removed for commercial purposes. There are many in this area, filled with

water from runoff and a shallow water table.

Deputy Sheriff Jesse Hanson and Salvation Army Capt. James Hope told Mrs. Evans the bodies had been found.

"God bless 'em," she wailed. Then she pleaded, "I want to see my children. Please let me see my children."

She collapsed when she viewed the bodies.

The boys' grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jethro Evans, and an aunt, Mrs. Gilbert Jones, were killed last November by three shotgun blasts at their rural home. Gilbert Jones was acquitted in January in the death of Mrs. Evans and acquitted 10 days ago in the slaying of his wife. He has been indicted, but not yet tried, in the death of Evans.

Jet, Liner Collide In Nevada

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP)—A New York-bound United airliner with 47 aboard crashed and burned in the desert today after an apparent collision with a military jet.

There was no immediate word on the fate of the 42 passengers and crew of five.

Witnesses reported seeing a parachute floating down, indicating the military pilot may have safely ejected.

The four-engine DC7 left Los Angeles at 7:30 a.m. (PST) heading for New York via Denver, Kansas City and Washington. It was due over this desert gambling resort at 8:31 a.m. But was not scheduled to land there.

A few minutes after 8:31 the big craft crashed in a hilly desert area about 15 miles southwest of here.

The area is known as the Blue Diamond area and the only town is the small mining community of Arden, about eight miles from the crash area, the CAA said.

Helicopters, ambulances and rescue crews were dispatched to the isolated area.

17 Children Die In U. S. Fires

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Seventeen children died in four fires over the weekend.

At Dunn, N.C., Mrs. Archie Robinson, expecting her eighth child in two months, returned to her farm tenant house yesterday to find six of her children burned to death.

The oldest child, Bobby, 9, managed to get out safely.

Mrs. Robinson and her husband had been visiting a neighbor. The dead children were 7, 7 years old. The family is Negro.

Burned to death with Shirley in fire of undetermined cause which destroyed the five-room frame house four miles from Dunn were Jerry, 5, Eugene Alexander, 4, Lillian Doris, 3, Willie, 2, and Rebecca Robinson, 1.

Our Weather

Partly cloudy and continued warm with widely scattered showers and thunder showers today, tonight and Tuesday.

Low tomorrow morning... 57
High today... 83
High yesterday... 83
High tomorrow... 83
Sunrise today 5:15 a.m. sunset today 7:24 p.m.

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Crouching On Rock, Rod (Arrow) Waits For Helicopter To Descend

Helicopter Rescues Youth From Island In Potomac

WASHINGTON (AP)—A 14-year-old boy was rescued by helicopter today after being stranded overnight on a rocky island in the churning rapids of the Potomac River.

Twice last night the frightened lad, Roderick John Henderson Jr., of Arlington, Va., had resisted offers of rescuers to bring him ashore over the roaring currents just above Grand Falls, about 12 miles from Washington.

One attempt was made with a rope sling rigged from a dam 50 feet above the little pin-pointed, rocky island. A second time the frightened boy refused to climb into a sling lowered by the helicopter which effected the daylight rescue.

But this morning the youth calmly allowed himself to be pulled into the helicopter.

GOOD CONDITION

He was taken immediately by ambulance to Suburban Hospital, Bethesda, Md. A quick check-up showed him in good condition. He calmly related his story to reporters, then went home with his parents.

After his refusals at rescue by night, Roderick had settled down to a comparatively peaceful night under blankets left by rescuers.

At 4 a.m. today, Roderick was awakened by the voice of Chief Donald Marshall of the Cabin John (Md.) fire department, calling over the roar of the water by loud speaker. He told the youth of the plans to rescue him over the water, dipping down to the island, and asked him to signal if he understood. Roderick waved his hand.

Shortly thereafter a 21-passenger twin-blade army helicopter arrived from Davison Air Field near Ft. Belvoir, Va.

The helicopter backed cautiously over the water, dipping down so that one wheel missed the island by six inches.

Capt. Irving Dandy said two crew members reached the boy's outstretched arms and easily pulled him through the launch.

The parents had spent half the night searching for Roderick. Mrs. Henderson and Rod left home at 2 p.m. yesterday afternoon, promising to return home at 6 p.m. to cut the grass.

His companions were James Rahr, 19, Richard Rahr, 13, Theodore Miller, 14, and James

Mrs. Blythe Dies At 56

Mrs. Joe L. Blythe, 56, 753 Hempstead Pl. died in a local hospital day at 11:15 a.m. She had been ill for more than two months.

She was the widow of Joe L. Blythe, prominent local road contractor and treasurer of the National Democratic Committee when he died Jan. 23, 1949.

She was the daughter of Martha Chambliss High and the late Saba F. High and was born in Nash County. She was a member of the Myers Park Country Club, Charlotte City Club, Blowing Rock Country Club and United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Surviving are two sons, Joe Jr. and Sam F. both of Charlotte; two daughters, Mrs. Harold Richardson and Mrs. Claude L. Ives Jr., both of Charlotte; 10 grandchildren; her mother; and one sister, Mrs. K. D. Morgan of Tarboro.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Westminster Presbyterian Church conducted by the pastor, Rev. I. Howard Chadwick. Entombment will be in Oaklawn Mausoleum.

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To Heck With The Gator! What About Those Bees?

JERSEY CITY, N. J. (AP)—A 16-foot alligator broke its crate in a railway baggage car today and its whipping tail freed a shipment of bees, forcing the car crew to bail out when the train pulled into Jersey City.

The car was put on a siding and a call made to Palisades Amusement Park to come get its gator.

But the bees were the immediate problem.

A Baltimore and Ohio Railroad spokesman said the alligator broke its crate at the Metropolitan Special from St. Louis near Jersey City today.

The gator's tail knocked over a shipment of bees, provoking a lively time for the crewmen until the car got into Jersey City.

The railroad said it put in a call for gator experts at the amusement park near the George Washington Bridge.