

5-Year-Old Boy Who Saw Brother Drown in Quarry Fails to Notify His Parents Until 3 Hours Later

**Richard Hayes, 8, Loses
Life in Quarry on
Schmidt Road**

How a five-year-old Davenport boy witnessed the drowning of his eight-year-old brother in Vale's quarry on Schmidt's road in west Davenport Wednesday evening, but withheld information of the tragedy from his parents for three hours because he feared he would be punished, was revealed to Davenport police after the body of the victim was recovered.

Richard Hayes, eight-year-old son of Mr and Mrs John Hayes of Cook's Point, drowned at about 4:15 p. m. Wednesday in eight feet of water in the quarry when he slipped from a rope on which he was swinging from a tree over the water.

Jack, five-year-old brother of the victim, who witnessed the tragedy, went home for supper, but did not tell his parents until after 7 p. m. when his father asked why Richard had not come home.

"He fell in the water," Jack told his parents.

Body Recovered

Rushing to the quarry, the parents were unable to find any trace of their son. Later, Ed Collins, 23, and Marvin Baker, 26, residing on Cook's Point, dived for the body and recovered it at 8:30 p. m.

Police were not notified of the drowning until after the body had been recovered. The body was found near the place where the boy fell into the water.

According to the information received by police, the Hayes boys had been warned by their parents not to go to the quarry, and Richard had been punished on one

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Senate Completes Action on Plan to Retain Selectees

**18-Month Extension Bill
Ready for Roosevelt
Signature**

WASHINGTON, D. C. — (AP) —Final senate approval sent to President Roosevelt today legislation extending the service periods of all army enlisted personnel for 18 months.

The measure, passed by the single vote margin of 203 to 202 in the house Tuesday, would authorize the president to retain selectees, national guardsmen and reservists for a total of two and a half years. Regular enlisted men, who signed up for a three year period, could be held for four and a half years. Today's senate action was acceptance of the house bill.

Senate opponents of the resolution authorizing retention of draftees, national guardsmen, reservists and enlisted regulars for 18 months beyond their normal service decided at a conference that a further fight would be useless.

Wilson to Speak in Waterloo

WATERLOO, Ia.—(UP)—Gov. George A. Wilson will be the principal speaker Sunday at the annual Josh Higgins day at Josh Higgins state park. "Josh Higgins of Finchville" is a radio character created 10 years ago on radio station WMT and since become a regular feature on the NBC network.

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occasion for playing near the water.

Police said children in the neighborhood were enjoying a "thrill" by swinging on a rope attached to a tree at the edge of the quarry. Hanging onto the rope, they would swing out over the water. Police removed the rope last evening.

Richard apparently lost his grip on the rope and plunged into the water.

Acting Coroner W. A. Hoepner said no inquest will be necessary.

The death of the Hayes boy increased the drowning toll in the tri-city area this week to four.

Richard Joseph Hayes was born in Iowa City, May 9, 1933 and was a student at Monroe school. He was a member of St. Alphonsus church. Surviving are the parents; three brothers, Jack, David and Albert; four sisters, Mrs Albert Benschoff of Milwaukee, Mrs Leonard Nissen of Davenport and Geraldine and Helen at home; and the maternal grandparents, Mr and Mrs Adolph Stamp, of Davenport.

The body was taken to the Horrigan home for funerals. The funeral will be held from the funeral home to St. Alphonsus church Saturday at 9 a. m. Burial will be in Fairmount cemetery. The rosary will be recited at 8 p. m. Friday at the funeral home.

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