



BENNY IS ON THE MEND—A joyful father, Benjamin Hooper Sr. beams over the son for whom he had given up hope. Little seven-year-old Benny smiles back from his oxygen tent in Bay View Hospital at Mastic Beach, N. Y. The boy was rescued from the bottom of a 21-foot well in the backyard of his home at Manorville, N. Y. He was trapped in the well for nearly 24 hours before heroic rescuer broke through to find him still alive.

Benny on Road To Recovery

Manorville, N.Y. — Seven-year-old Benny Hooper, who survived a 23½-hour entrapment in the bottom of a one-foot wide well shaft, today was reported out of danger and well on the road to recovery.

Week end X-rays showed that the sandy-haired 55-pound youngster was suffering from a simple inflammation of the right lung and inflammations of the bronchial tubes and the sinuses. In addition, he was under treatment for a nerve injury of the left arm.

But doctors indicated that the slender, blue-eyed boy, whose

entombment in the dark, damp well shaft touched off a 24-hour long drama, would be able to leave Bayview hospital in Mastic Beach by the week end.

Looks Good, Lively
"He looks good and is very lively," said Dr. J. H. Kris, the physician who has attended Benny since his fall into the well Thursday evening. Kris, who supervised the pumping of oxygen into the narrow hole throughout Benny's entrapment, said the boy would remain in an oxygen tent until the spot on his lung—a little larger than a dime—disappears. Doctors de-

scribed the lung inflammation as "pneumonitis," a mild form of pneumonia.

Surrounded by toys and get-well telegrams from friends and anonymous well-wishers, Benny still was not permitted to sit up, except for meals—and then only when supported by nurses. Doctors emphasized, however, that this was a precautionary measure. The wide-eyed youngster, doctors noted, was well enough Sunday to devour a milk shake, some chocolate pudding and cereal, in addition to a variety of beverages.

With his temperature at 102.8 degrees Saturday night, doctors feared that complications might set in, jeopardizing his recovery. Sunday, however, the boy's temperature dropped to 100 degrees at 9 p.m., then to 99 this morning.

Doctors, nurses, the boys' parents and other visitors avoided discussing the terrifying ordeal. But not Benny.

"I was mad down there. I was gritting my teeth. I was swearing," he told his mother. "I could feel the sand between my teeth."

The child's father, Benjamin Hooper Sr., who dug the well that trapped his son, expressed his thanks for money contributions that reached the hospital. But he said they will be returned wherever possible.

"I intend to return all money we received," he said. "I've paid my medical bills before and I'll do it this time. I thank these people but we can't take their money."

APPLEGATE-JACKSONVILLE Woman Receives Paris Call

By HELGA MITCHELL

Applegate-Jacksonville — Last Armistice received a Mothers' day gift in the form of a long distance phone call from Paris, J. V. A. Horton, whom she hasn't seen in six years.

Mrs. Armistice, who had been previously informed of the phone call, had just sat down to read her Mail Tribune, with her dog "Tinker" at her feet, when Mrs. Armistice accidentally stepped on "Tinker," who issued a blood-curdling yell.

Mrs. Horton, the former Miss Margaret Armistice, who graduated from Jacksonville high school in 1945, and since then had been employed by the American Embassy in Paris, met her English husband abroad. Mrs. son-in-law, and had the opportunity of speaking to him for the first time. The Hortons operate an engineering firm in Paris. Mrs. Horton asked her mother to say "hello" to all her friends in this area.

Mrs. Dora Krouse and Mr. and Mrs. Francis Krouse drove to Eugene for Mothers' day and visited the latter Mrs. Krouse's sister, Mrs. William G. Francis Krouse Jr., of Corvallis, also came down to Eugene to be with his mother on this occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Rich met their son Jack Rich, of Roseburg, day, and together they motored to the Klamath river gorge, where they each caught their limit of fish.

Visitors at the home of Mrs. Sophia Straube on Mothers' day were Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Sanden, of Medford, Mrs. Bessie Jones of Connelius, Ore., Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Stahl and their three children, of Texas, Mrs. Dale McMullin and her three children of Cottage Grove, and Mrs. Straube's daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Vogel of Central Point. Other recent visitors were Mr. and Mrs. William Eugene of Griffin creek and Billy Osborne.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Childers experienced a "lost weekend" in the Diamond lake vicinity recently. They were on their way to visit her father, C. L. Evans of Toketee Falls, and somehow lost their way to the camp. In their endeavors to find the right road, it grew so late that they had no other alternative but to sleep in the car. Next morning they found the correct road, and discovered they had parked their car within four miles of their destination.

All told, it took the Childers 13 hours to get to camp, which usually takes two hours. Nevertheless, they came home with eight large German browns, which they had caught at the headwaters of the Umpqua river.

The Winningham clan held their annual family dinner on Mothers' day in Grants Pass, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Winningham. Attending from this area were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Winningham, Mrs. Chester McDougall, Mr. and Mrs. Carter Hibbs, and Mr. and Mrs. Hester Knutzen. From Jacksonville were Mrs. Pearl Whitney, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Whitney and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Young and family, and from Medford, Mrs. Ella Russel, Mr.

and Mrs. Francis Russel, Mrs. Gertrude Winningham, and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dykster and daughter. Other relatives in Grants Pass also attended.

When asked how she spent Mothers' day, Mrs. W. L. Couch replied, "My husband celebrated by going fishing."

Despite official reports of poor fishing at the Applegate, Leonard Wicksten and 12-year-old Bobbie Ziegler ventured together down to the river's edge and were, reportedly, not "skunked." P.S. They were using worms.

Speaking of fishing, several visiting fishermen have had difficulty finding a place to fish. They either encountered "no trespassing" signs, or if there were no signs, there were two or more cars parked, with every rattle and hole occupied by a fisherman wearing a "no vacancy" expression. On the other hand, ranchers who border the river have been annoyed by the water because of people who totally disregarded signs, or fences, and tore them down, and after picking on private property, left rubbish and broken glass for the owners to clean up. It's always the few "delinquents" who make it difficult for the majority of good fishermen.

Residents of Top o' the Hill were puzzled recently when they saw loaded log trucks climbing the hill going toward Ruch, which is the opposite direction of loaded log trucks in this area. The log trucks are from the Jackson creek mill, which burned recently, and are going to the mill at Murphy, which was formerly Conifer's mill.

The Applegate Health Unit will meet at the Ruch school on Thursday, May 23, at 1:30 p.m., according to chairman Mrs. Lawrence Tweedy. Special speaker for the occasion will be Claude Haggard, safety engineer at Copco. Election of officers will be held, and baby sitting will be available. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Little Applegate Knitting club will meet at the home of Mrs. Armin Richter on Tuesday, May 21.

The Little Applegate Sewing club will meet at the home of Mrs. Lewis Buckley, a former Applegate resident, who now resides at 630 South Holly street in Medford, on Thursday, May 23.

Friends visiting recently at the Don Gettling residence were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Price and two children, of Gold Beach, Ore. Get-

Leader Faces Trial

Birmingham, Ala. — Asa (Ace) Carter, who claims support of "thousands" in a white supremacy campaign but got only a handful of votes in a recent city election, faces trial today on two counts of assault with intent to murder.

The executive secretary of the North Alabama White Citizens Council is charged with wounding two Ku Klux Klansmen at a Klan rally. The trial is being held in Jefferson County Circuit court.

Five Escape as Plane Hits House

Peekskill, N.Y. — Five persons escaped injury — and possible death — by minutes Sunday night when a seaplane crashed into a house, crumbling a ceiling in the living room where they had just been watching television.

The pilot, Kenneth Ballou, 39, of Verplanck, N.Y., died in a hospital four hours later.

Berkeley, Calif., spent last weekend at their home on the Little Applegate. Accompanying them were Dr. and Mrs. Robert Cutter, of the Cutter laboratories, in Berkeley, and other friends from California.

Only a few minutes before the rented single-engine craft crashed into the house, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Walder and three visitors had left the living room to go into the kitchen for dinner.

The plane, believed to have developed engine trouble, smashed against an upstairs bedroom window, collapsing the ceiling and saving in a section of the roof and the front of the house. It then dropped to the lawn, with Ballou still in the cockpit.

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Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS

Washington—Rep. Emanuel Celler (D-N.Y.) describing President Eisenhower as a "jackadassical" leader: "He issues a clarion call one day and whimpers the next."

New York—Evangelist Billy Graham, predicting an end to the world "by fire": "I have not only God's word for it, that the end of the world is sight, but I have the word of the scientists."

Manorville, N.Y.—Dr. J. H. Kris, on the hospital demeanor of 7-year-old Benny Hooper who was rescued from the bottom of a well shaft where he spent 36 hours: "He's a good little patient. His spirits are good. He is very cooperative with the doctors and nurses, and he asks for food and drink when he wants it."

New York—Erstwhile racketeer Mickey Cohen, after being marched by police in response to a viewer's complaint that he saw a gun under his coat as he was interviewed on television: "I'd be a damn fool to wear a gun on TV."

The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor, a women's editor and two writers. Each article is a summary of an actual report. The Family Council does not give advice; it merely reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

Rose N. — A child couldn't tell a lie like that.

Beatrice D. — I can't believe he's that kind of man.

Rose N. — My sister has told me shocking story. She was recently married after having been a widow more than eight years. She has a 14-year-old daughter. The girl told her that one day when she was alone with her stepfather, he made advances to her.

This happened more than six months ago and they are still living together. I simply cannot understand my sister. She doesn't seem to care about the safety of her own child. The girl despises her stepfather and won't even look at him. Their home life is just a living hell, but still my sister doesn't want to leave her husband. He, of course, denies the whole thing—but could a child make up a lie like that?

I feel that Beatrice is overlooking her responsibility as a mother for purely selfish reasons.

BEATRICE D.—I have been in agony since this thing happened, but I just don't know the right thing to do. I can't believe my daughter would tell a lie like that and yet I don't believe my husband is the kind of man to do such a thing. He claims he kissed my daughter in a completely innocent, fatherly spirit because he wants to win her affection. She hasn't liked him from the beginning. She says, however, that he went further than a kiss. I haven't left them alone together since it happened, but it

is a horrible thing to live with all this suspicion. My husband is heartbroken and my daughter is miserable.

I knew my husband several years before we got married and have found him to be a person of fine character and reputation. He has been a loving, devoted husband and I would hate to leave him.

THE COUNCIL: Beatrice is wise to avoid snap judgment in this matter. It is virtually impossible for her to get the full truth. The accusation is so serious that both parties are forced to stick to the stories they have told her.

Rose is wrong in her belief that a child could not make up such a lie. Children have made up such lies. This long-fatherless adolescent girl is now operating under the stress of adjustment to a stepfather. She undoubtedly has many conflicting feelings about him and may have misinterpreted his actions. She may have exaggerated in order to create a more convincing story. All of this could have been done without her intending to tell a lie.

On the other hand, persons of fine reputation have been known to make a disastrous slip in a moment of weakness. There is no reason to completely absolve the father.

The problem is too delicate for Beatrice to handle alone. A competent outsider should be brought into the case. A social worker attached to a reliable family agency would be better able to evaluate the whole situation. If necessary, she could give the girl and her stepfather some individual guidance.

Beatrice is wise to hang on to her marriage to a "loving and devoted husband." With guidance, she may be able to create a happy home. (Copyright 1957, General Features Corp.)

Jockey Ties Two On \$64,000 Challenge

New York — Jockey-art expert Billy Pearson took on two new challengers on the "\$64,000 Challenge" television quiz on CBS Sunday night to tie one at the \$4,000 level and the other at \$2,000.

Pearson, from Pasadena, Calif., has previously won \$102,000 in his appearances on the "\$64,000 Question" and "Challenge" programs. Dr. Joyce Brothers retained her "boxing" championship by defeating bartender and former prize fighter Jimmy Mendoza, who failed to name Sydney, Australia, as the city in which Jack Johnson defeated Tommy Burns for the heavyweight championship in 1908.

Senate Passes Bill To Pay Prosecutors

Salem — The Oregon Senate Saturday unanimously passed a bill appropriating \$35,000 to the Department of Justice to pay expenses incurred by hiring special prosecutors to handle cases growing out of the grand jury probe of alleged vice conditions in Portland.

Also passed in the Saturday session was a bill appropriating \$100,000 to the Oregon National Guard to prepare plans for a Portland National Guard armory.

The Senate unanimously passed a resolution to establish an interim committee of nine members to study the migratory labor problem in Oregon.

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