

Adams County Historical Museum, 1937 Scrapbook

Handwritten date of Fri. Aug 27, 1937

Drowning Victim; Jackie Lobsiger Jr. (Photo)

Child Aged 1 Drowns in Can

Jackie Lobsier Jr. Falls In Lard Container At Home

Resuscitation Fails.

Unable to save himself when he tumbled into a five-gallon lard can, partially filled with water, at his home at 4:55 p.m. Thursday, Jackie Dee Lobsiger Jr., aged 1, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Lobsiger, 1502 Vance Avenue, was drowned. All efforts at resuscitation failed.

His parents said he could not have been in the water more than four or five minutes, but despite an attempt at artificial respiration and the injection of heart stimulants, the boy could not be revived. The parents, with their daughter, Bonnie Jean, were in the rear of their home where the baby was playing on a back porch. They could not see the tot and sent the little girl to bring her brother to them. She returned saying he could not be found.

A search was made and he was found by the parents, his head submerged in the gallon and a half of water in the can. His parents said that had he been able to walk he might have struggled out of the can. They believe he crawled to it, pulled himself to its edge and then tumbled in while peering into it.

Coroner Returns Verdict

A verdict of death by accidental drowning was returned in the case by Coroner Walter E. Kruse.

The boy was born August 11, 1936, at Decatur. Surviving are the parents and sister, and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Lobsiger, of Monroe, and Mrs. Maude Meyers, of Harlan.

The body was taken to McComb and Sons Funeral Home, where it may be viewed after 3:30 o'clock this afternoon. Funeral services will be held Saturday at 1:30 p.m. (DST) at the home and at 2 p.m. (CST) at the Winchester United Brethern Church, with the Reverend Dillinger officiating. Burial in Ray Cemetery.