

Newton Man Drowns in Rock Creek Lake

Poweshiek Co. Officials Aid In Search

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Floyd Reeder, Father
Of Four Children Dies
In Lake Thursday Night

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DROWNING VICTIM—Volunteer workers are shown here removing the body of Floyd Reeder of Newton from Rock Creek Lake early Friday morning. Reeder was drowned the previous evening while attempting to retrieve a small boat belonging to his son. Workers from Grinnell, Montezuma, Kellogg, Newton and Colfax aided in the search.

Officials were called to Rock Creek lake Thursday night to help search for the body of a 26-year-old Newton man, Floyd W. Reeder.

Reeder drowned in the lake Thursday night when he swam out into the lake to recover a toy sailboat belonging to his son, Ricky, 5. Ricky and his father had gone to the lake Thursday afternoon to sail the

boat.

The boy told members of the search party that when the toy boat drifted away from shore, his father took off his clothes and swam out after it. The time was estimated at about 6:30 p.m.

When his father did not return, Ricky went to the car and waited with a blanket wrapped around him. His uncle, Kenneth Robinson, went once to the lake in search of the pair when they

had not returned home but did not find them.

Robinson went back later and about 1:30 o'clock Friday morning found the car with Ricky still waiting for his father.

Search Party

Jasper County Sheriff Ed Scoville immediately organized a search party, consisting of his department, the Newton police force, the highway patrol, peace officers from Colfax, Grinnell and Montezuma and members of the Conservation service.

One of the boat parties dragging the bottom of the lake found Reeder's body about 4:30 Friday morning. He had drowned about 25 feet from the shore in about 10 feet of water according to Sheriff Scoville.

Reeder's clothes were found piled on the bank of the lake.

Born In Tama

Reeder was born in Tama county, Sept. 11, 1930, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Reeder. He married Doris Janssen Dec. 28, 1950, at Kellogg. He worked in the paint department at the Maytag company.

The Reeders lived at 2400 South Eighth avenue East. Reeder was educated in Tama county schools. A member of the National Guard for four years, he was also a member of the Tama Methodist church.

Funeral services were held today at the Johnson funeral home with burial in Oak Hill cemetery at Tama.

Survivors Listed

Surviving are his widow; two sons, Ricky and James; two daughters, Vicki Lee and Diana Lynn; his father; a grandfather, Elmer Reeder, Dayton, Ohio; four brothers, Charles, Blanchester, Ohio, Robert, Casa Grande, Ariz., Francis, Tama, and Ralph, Newton; four sisters, Mrs. Vance Allen, Blanchester; Mrs. Martha Michael, Long Beach, Calif.; Mrs. Kenneth Robinson, Newton, and Mrs. Ralph Janssen, Tama.