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Workers were attempting to force steel tiles into the well in an attempt to hold back the walls.

Point High School.

A brother, David, ran screaming for help when the well collapsed.

Slips From Drainpipe

6-Year-Old Boy Falls Into Canal, Drowns

Six-year-old Douglas Ferrebee never had been permitted to play on the bank of the Ohio Canal next to his W. Thornton st. home. Wednesday was the first time—and the last. He drowned in the canal.

DOUGLAS FERREBEE
...death ends play

Accompanied by 7-year-old David Williams of 912 Hartz ct., Douglas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd J. Ferrebee of 262 W. Thornton, scooted under the rickety iron railing on the west side of the Thornton st. bridge.

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SLIDING down to the canal bank, the two boys tried to imitate circus performers as they walked along the narrow drainpipe which runs along the canal. Douglas slipped and fell into the murky water at the south end of the bridge. The canal is three to four feet deep there.

David gave the alarm to neighbors. Motorcycle Patrolman Albert Wilkerson located the body approximately 10 minutes after Douglas fell in.

Wilkerson and other patrolmen attempted artificial respiration until an ambulance arrived. Oxygen equipment from the ambulance and a City fire truck also was used. But it was no use.

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THE BOY'S mother, Mrs. Mildred Ferrebee, said the boy had never been allowed on the canal bank. The family has lived in the house next to the canal 12 years.

Besides his parents, Douglas leaves two brothers, Melvin, 18, and Boyd Jr., 3, and a half-sister, Eva Coon. Douglas was a first grader at Lincoln Elementary School.

Services and burial will be arranged by the McKinley-McCullough Funeral Home in Pennsboro, W. Va.

Friends here may call at the Prentice & Co. Funeral Home, 856 Coburn st., after 7:30 tonight and until 10 p. m. Wednesday.

Elephant Hurls Man Out Of Trailer

NEWARK, N. J. (UPI)—A four-ton circus elephant slammed his trainer against the side of a trailer van today, and another elephant threw the man out of the trailer, seriously injuring him.

The handler, Allan Boyetde, 31, of Portsmouth, Va., was reported in fair condition at Martland Medical Center. Boyetde is with the Cristiani Brothers Circus.

While Boyetde was in the van, which carried four elephants, one of them slammed him against a wall. Another elephant then wrapped his trunk around the handler and

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This was the boy whose story we heard again and again as kids.

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