

Charles Bevis Dodds, Class of 1960.



COLLEGE STUDENT FATALLY SHOCKED Antenna Youth Was Holding Whipped onto Hot Wires by Wind

A 22-year-old college student who took a 30-foot steel radio antenna from a man he knew had a weak back was fatally shocked yesterday afternoon at 243 West Edwin Circle near the Fairgrounds.

C. B. Dodds of 928 University, a student at Memphis State University had been hired to help remove and extend a ham radio antenna at the home of Grady B. Ricks, retired civil service employee.

"We lifted the pipe (antenna) out of a hole," said Mr. Ricks. "I had it" the boy said, "Here, let me have that, you have a bad back."

"I was cautioning him about getting it away from the wires. And he was doing that. Then it wobbled – the wind caught it or something and it hit the wires."

Mr. Dodds was knocked unconscious. Clarene Martin, a fireman who lives across the street at 242 West Edwin Circle, heard the wires crackle and ran to give the youth artificial respiration. Efforts by Mr. Martin and other fireman who arrived shortly failed to revive Mr. Dodds. He was taken by Medic Ambulance to Methodist Hospital where he was pronounced dead at 12:35 P.M.

Mrs. Ricks, who hobby is operating a ham radio was holding a wire running to the top of the antenna. Heavy insulation on the wire saved him. The limber antenna, which has three 10-foot sections, is located at the back of the Ricks yard. It struck several wires running north and south over an alley.

Mr. Ricks said he and Mr. Dodds, himself a ham operator, planned to extend the antenna by placing another section onto it.

Mr. Dodds is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles N. Dodds, of the University address. Who own Dodds Grocery at 4974 Lamar at Capleville.

He also leaves a sister, Mrs. Jane Dodds Killman of Grand Rapids MI, and a grandmother, Mrs. James M. Bevis of the University address.

He was graduated from Tech High School and had completed one year at Memphis State.

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