

Stabbed Boy Died Of Heart Failure

KENILWORTH — Heart failure has been listed as the cause of death of George Bibaud, 14, of New York, who was accidentally stabbed in the stomach last Thursday while playing with Steven Kotch, 14, of 25 South 18th street.

Police said the Bibaud boy who was visiting his grandparents at 22 Columbia avenue, slipped on ice, lurched into a knife while playing with Steven at a bus stop at Boulevard and 18th street. Police said George playfully tried to get an open-pocket knife away from Steven while they were waiting for the bus.

The youth did not know that he was wounded at first, but later felt a pain in his stomach, police said. The boys walked half a block to Steven's home and from there walked to Bibaud's parents' home, where a cab was called to take the youth to a doctor in Cranford. Dr. James J. Daubert of 19 Holly street, Cranford, told police of the injury, and the youth was taken by the Cranford First Aid Squad to Muhlenberg Hospital, Plainfield, where surgery was performed.

The boy died at 9:20 p.m. that night in the recovery room at the hospital. The autopsy was performed by Dr. David Schlein, assistant county medical examiner, who said the cause of death was "cardiac failure."

Detective Sgt. Joseph DiMario and Patrolman Robert Reuter investigated. No charges were placed against Steven, an eighth grade student at Harding School. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Kotch.

George, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Bibaud, was a student at the Lycee Francais School, New York. Also surviving are his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Marie J. Bibaud, and his maternal grandfather, John Ujvari, both of Kenilworth; two uncles, Paul Bibaud of Port Monmouth and Lucien Bibaud of Keansburg.

Born in Hoboken, the boy moved here with his parents when he was six months old and lived here until he was 5. He had lived in New York since that time.

The funeral was held Monday in New York.