

PET BEAR KILLS BOY GIVING IT AN APPLE

**Pupil Is Clawed to Death at
Lodge Near Brookhaven, L. I.,
as Collar Chain Breaks.**

NEIGHBOR SHOOTS ANIMAL

**Motorists Look On, Helpless,
Until He Arrives—Beast Was
Unfed, Coroner Says.**

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BROOKHAVEN, L. I., Oct. 2—Grant Taylor Jr., 11 years old, a student of the Brookhaven public school, was clawed to death today by a black bear that broke loose from a chain in the yard of a hunting lodge operated by Gardner Murdock, sportsmen's guide, near here.

As the bear lunged at an apple the boy had saved from his lunch at school to feed to the animal, the chain snapped and freed the bear. The boy ran about twenty feet, but was blocked by several large cages containing foxes and raccoons. As he turned to dart aside, the bear stood on its hind legs and clutched him.

Motorists who had stopped upon hearing the screams of the boy stood terrified while Fred Raynor, proprietor of a roadside stand near by, manoeuvred to shoot the bear. Fearing he might hit the boy, he waited before firing until several men with poles had prodded the bear and forced it away from the boy.

The boy had been crushed against a wire cage. His face and his legs had been clawed badly. Dr. John W. Bennett of Patchogue, who made an examination, said that his neck had been broken.

Bear Had Not Been Fed.

Dr. Grover A. Silliman, the coroner, began an immediate investigation. An examination of the bear, he said, indicated that it had not had anything to eat for at least two days.

Murdock, who was away on a fishing trip at the time of the tragedy, surrendered to the authorities tonight. He was arraigned before Justice of the Peace John Morton and released in \$1,500 bail on a charge of second-degree manslaughter, pending action of the Suffolk County grand jury.

The boy was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Taylor, who live on a small farm on the Montauk Highway, about a mile east of Brookhaven. Twice a day, on his way to and from school, Taylor had walked by the inn, an old house of about twenty rooms standing several hundred feet from the highway.

Murdock had collected a small menagerie which he had placed on exhibition on the wooded lawns of the inn. There were several cages of foxes, raccoons and opossums. Two black bears, trapped five years ago in the Adirondacks, had been given to Murdock by friends. The

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bears, known as Cup and Saucer, had been attached to chains tied to stakes in the yard a short distance from each other.

Persons passing the inn and in the surrounding neighborhood frequently fed the animals. On his way home from school today, the Taylor boy, accompanied by a chum, John Gerhardt, 10, had stopped to give one of the bears the apple he had saved.

No one else was near the inn when the two boys approached. The area was wooded on all sides, and the nearest other building was the roadside stand down the highway.

As young Taylor drew the apple from his pocket, the bear turned quickly, stretched the chain to its full length and lunged at the boy. A ring holding the chain to the animal's collar broke.

As the boy ran toward the cages in an effort to get behind them, the Gerhardt boy ran to Raynor's stand and told of the attack.

In the meantime several motorists had stopped. Some of them attacked the bear with sticks and stones, but were afraid of injuring the boy. They were virtually helpless until Raynor arrived.

Nearly ten minutes had elapsed from the time the bear attacked the boy until it was shot by Raynor. He then shot the other bear chained to a pole near by. He said he was afraid it might break loose.