

RESCUE ATTEMPT KILLS 2 FIREMEN

Men Seeking To Aid Family
Drown In Flooded Creek

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New Hampshire avenue when he approached the area where the creek had overflowed its banks. "I lost control and the car began floating down," he said. "As we passed the service station at the intersection of Sligo Creek highway and New Hampshire avenue several people sitting on top of the roof of a car yelled, 'get out.'"

Witnesses said that as the car moved into New Hampshire avenue it turned around several times. "It looked like a balloon floating in the water," one woman said.

Car Spun Around
Mr. Knowles said everything happened so fast that he didn't realize the car was spinning around.

"My wife grabbed the baby from the back seat," he said. "He fought her because he was trying to get out."

The Turner youth, who was sitting on top of a car in the flooded service station, swam to the car and yelled for Mr. Knowles to hand out the child.

"My wife at first wouldn't let go of the baby," Mr. Knowles said. "But she then gave him to the boy and we climbed out the window."

Moved To Aid Firemen
All four made it to the bridge rail as the car plunged down the embankment north of them.

Thomas Poland, Jr, whose car also plunged off the road, said the firemen then arrived south of where the four people were trapped. He said the two firemen with ropes around their waists slowly moved to them until they reached an area where the road had collapsed.

"Colin Turner started to move over and asked the firemen if they needed help," young Roland said. "One said he did and as Colin reached out all three were pulled into the creek."

The Knowleses were rescued by members of the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Company who led them across New Hampshire avenue by rope.

Dog Still Missing
Mr. Knowles said during the incident he let his 4-year-old cocker spaniel "Cookie" out of the car, figuring it might have a chance to swim to safety. He has been unable to locate the dog.

"It is a good thing that both my wife and I are slim and we didn't have any more children or we would never have been able to get out of the car," he said.

Fireman Mobeletter, who leaves a wife and a 5-year-old child, was a film editor for Metromedia News in Washington. He had been with the company since 1961.

4 Cars In Creek
Fireman Harmon, who was unmarried and lived at the firehouse, was a glassblower at the National Institute of Health. He was a fireman 18 months.

Young Roland said he and a friend abandoned his car after it floated backward and hung over the same area half an hour before the fatal incident. He said another car floated down into his car pushing it over the embankment.

Four cars ended up in the creek and it took more than eight hours to haul them out.

Lightning Hits Home
As the storms spread northward to Baltimore, lightning struck a home in the 7400 block of Berkshire road but caused little damage. No lightning damage was reported in Baltimore city.

On the Eastern Shore, the rain which ended at 10:30 last night caused more damage to crops already hit heavily by rains this summer.

The storm knocked out the power for about 2,500 homes in the Harlock area for an hour when a fuse line broke.