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GE Manager Prevents Tragedy . . .



GE Manager Is Rescuer of Family In Near Mishap

A Schenectady GE manager has been identified as the operator of a cabin cruiser which pulled another craft off the top of Lock 7 dam at Vischer Ferry Sunday and saved the occupants from a possible 27-foot plunge to a rock formation below.

He is L. D. Miles, manager, Value Analysis Section, Manufacturing Services. He was accompanied by R. K. Fowlkes, Value Analysis Section, his wife and their three children.

The rescued craft, an open speed boat, occupied by a Troy couple and their three children, became balanced precariously on the flashboards of the dam and remained perched there with about four feet of prow hanging over the dam. Miles went to the aid of the stricken boat after his attention had been drawn to the situation by the gatekeeper and towed it to safety.

The identity of the Troy family is not known.

SCENE REVISITED—L. D. Miles, manager, Value Analysis Section, Manufacturing Services, views Lock Seven dam at Vischer's Ferry from his cabin cruiser at spot where he rescued five occupants of an open speedboat recently. Operator of the other boat apparently failed to see the dam in time to prevent becoming balanced precariously against the flashboards. Because of the water's height at the time, it was feared that the stricken craft might be carried over the dam.