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Ten weeks of the best kind of Boy Scout service in his own home ended yesterday for William Bode, 10 years old, with the death of his mother, Katherine, at her two-room tenement at 510 East Fifth Street. While other boys were playing and swimming, William cooked the meals, ran errands, cared for his younger brother and in every other way shouldered the duties of his mother, who lay ill of pneumonia.

Yesterday morning William went to his mother's room to inform her that he had prepared her breakfast, as he had been doing. She failed to respond. A neighbor who had visited the home arrived with a basket of fruit while the boy still wondered at his mother's silence. It was apparent that the mother was dead. The police were notified and William and his 2-year-old brother George were taken to the Fifth Street Police Station.

Like a true Scout, William bore the

news like a man and kept it from George, who walked about the police station wearing a policeman's cap and carrying a nightstick. The boys were taken to the Children's Society after policemen bought ice cream for them and tried to cheer them. No relatives are known.

Mrs. Bode was 27 years old and since the death of her husband, two years ago, supported her small family by domestic work and cleaning offices. The police found that her funds at her death totaled only \$70. William's story of his conduct of the household amazed the police.

He learned most of the details, he said, as a member of Troop 284 at Public School 64, in Ninth Street. But the mending and shopping and the care of his brother were new fields that he had to conquer by himself. The boys will remain in the Children's Society care until a home is found for them.

MRS. BODE IS BURIED; NEIGHBORS AT MASS

***Representative of Heckscher, Who
Saved Woman From Potter's
Field, Is at the Funeral.***

Funeral services for Mrs. Katharine Bode, 27-year-old mother, who died in her two-room home at 510 East Fifth Street last Friday, leaving two small sons, were held at St. George's Ukrainian Catholic Church, 22 East Seventh Street, yesterday at 10 o'clock.

About fifty persons, mostly women neighbors, attended the requiem mass which was celebrated by the Rev. Alexander Pavlak. The boys, 3-year-old George and his half-brother, William, 10-year-old Boy Scout and pupil in the sixth grade at Public School 25, who cared for his mother during her ten weeks' illness, with Conrad Cherka of 394 East Elght Street, the father of George, were the mourners.

Dr. Charles Gray Shaw attended the services as the representative of August Heckscher, whose financial aid prevented the burial of the mother in Potter's Field.

After the burial in Calvary Cemetery, Queens, the boys were returned to the Children's Society, in whose custody they have been since their mother's death. Decision as to their future will be made next Wednesday in the Children's Court.

Cherka showed a letter received on Wednesday, on the letter head of William E. Toelle of Grove Street, Ramsey, N. J., and signed by Bertha M. Toelle, in which an offer was made to adopt both boys. He said he had answered the letter, referring the writer to the Children's Society.

Contributions totaling \$105 to be applied to the case of William Bode were received yesterday by THE NEW YORK TIMES. The TIMES forwarded to the Children's Society, 2 East 105th Street, \$100 from John T. Ardia and \$5 given "In Memory of K. B., the most glorious of mothers."