

Brothers reinterred; investigation continues

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Investigators from the McLennan County district attorney's office spent much of Friday at a gravel pit looking for a hasp and a lock belonging to a shed in which two Hewitt boys died.

With the aid of two trustees from the McLennan County Jail, investigator J.C. Rappe led the search through the debris that remains of the shed where Joby Graf, 9, and Jason Graf, 8, died in a fire

Aug. 26 behind their home at 505 Angel Fire Drive in Hewitt.

While investigators dug, just a few miles away the bodies of the two boys were reinterred Friday morning at Oakwood Cemetery.

They had been exhumed Thursday at 8 a.m. and taken to the Southwestern Institute of Forensic Science in Dallas for autopsies. An institute spokesman said the autopsies still were pending.

The search for the hasp and lock was

made at the request of the state fire marshal's office in Austin, investigators said.

A.J. Loney, supervisor of arson investigation, said the state fire marshal's office has classified the case as a criminal investigation and "we're looking into what is possibly an incendiary fire."

Loney said a report on the fire should be complete by next week.

Neither the state fire marshal's office nor the district attorney's office would

comment on the significance of the hasp and lock.

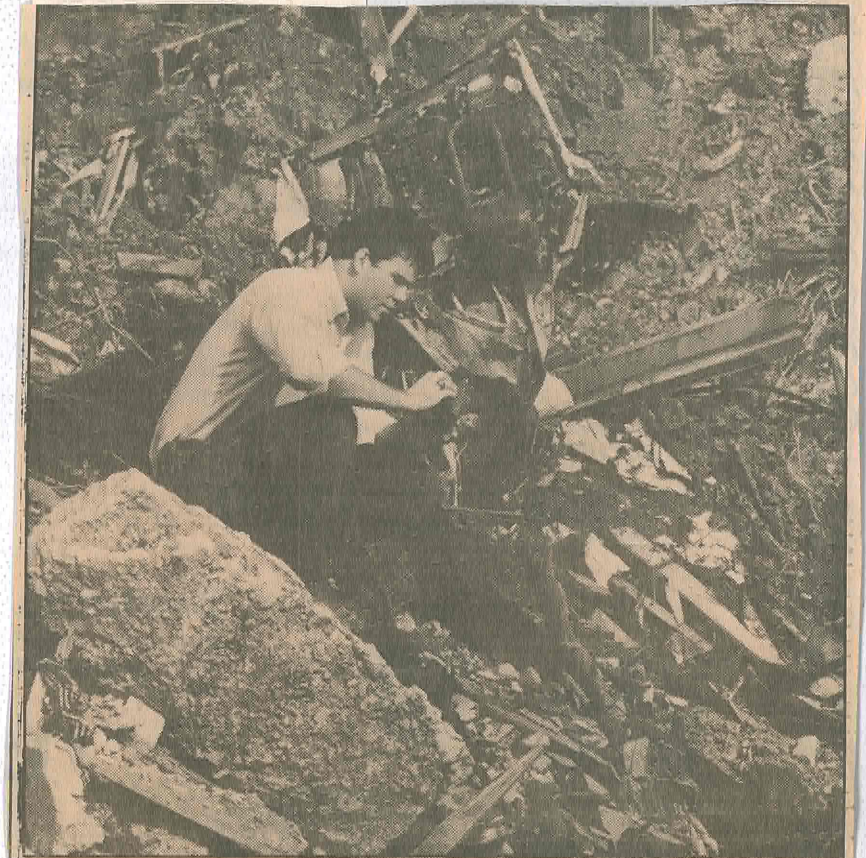
Remains of the shed were dumped at Donaldson Sand and Gravel in South Waco by the Hewitt Volunteer Fire Department after the fire. Chief Tom Luce-nay has said the shed was moved as a "courteous gesture" to console the family of the children.

Rappe and the two trustees began

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Investigator Dennis Garvey of the McLennan County district attorney's office looks through the remains of the shed in which two Hewitt boys died in a fire

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going through the mountain of debris early Friday morning.

Rappe combed through the debris with a knife and spoon.

About noon, he found the rusted hasp.

"That's one of the things I was looking for," he said. "I hope I can find a friend of his (the lock)."

The district attorney's office would not say, however, whether the lock was found Friday.

Meanwhile, the Hewitt Police

Department announced that it has completed its investigation of the fire. Chief Jack Caswell said his department was waiting only for the autopsy reports, the state fire marshal's report, laboratory analysis results and a few additional reports and statements.

The results of Hewitt's investigation have been turned over to the district attorney's office, Caswell said in a prepared statement, "for their review and to act on as they deem necessary or see fit."