

High Scaler Dies

In 500 Foot Fall

P. B. Hicks Topples Over
A Cliff On Arizona Side
Sunday Morning

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Falling nearly 500 feet over the cliff of the Arizona side of Black canyon, P. B. Hicks, high scaler, yesterday met instant death at about 10:30 o'clock.

After arrival of Coroner Wymer from Kingman, 95 miles away, the body was picked up from the rocks at the base of the cliff and taken to Kingman, Arizona.

Hicks, who was 30, is survived by a father, living in Virginia, and is believed to have been single. He lived in one of the dormitories of Six Companies Inc.

The man had just come to work at scaling on the Arizona keyway, and stood on the brink of the cliff fastening his safety belt into place when a rock from above struck him, hurtling him off into space, before the horrified eyes of another worker who was helping him.

Six Company officials notified the coroner immediately in Kingman. Permission to remove the body from the canyon was refused, and so it was left until arrival of the Arizona coroner at about 4 p. m., nearly six hours after the man's death.