

# YOUTHFUL CHUMS GO TO THEIR DEATH IN QUARRY WATERS

Paul Kempski and William  
Nitchie Drown in Pit  
Near Elsmere.

## *THEY WERE AT PLAY*

Two boys, chums in life, went to their deaths together in the deep waters of Foreman's quarry hole, near Elsmere, yesterday.

They were Paul Kempski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Kempski, 106 Cedar street, and William Nitchie, son of Joseph Nitchie, 111 Cedar street, and Mrs. Vera Nitchie, 906 Brown street. Each was 12 years old.

The tragedy occurred at noon, yesterday. The boys had been playing near the quarry and Paul ran along the embankment, at its edge. His foot slipped and he started to fall. His comrade, close behind him, made a lunge forward in an effort to save him. Their arms locked, but the Nitchie boy's strength was unavailing.

Vainly they struggled at the quarry edge, then fell into the treacherous water. Unable to swim, both sank from sight. Alexander Triepka, 212 Lower Oak street, who was sitting on the opposite bank, fishing, heard the splash as the boys fell, and, after removing his coat and shoes, plunged after them.

The dark waters of the quarry pit had closed over the two bodies before Triepka reached the spot where they fell, and he was unable to locate them. After swimming and diving for about 15 minutes, in a vain search for the bodies, he went to the home of John Destaffaney, tenant on the

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Foreman estate, and told of the tragedy.

## Found With Rake.

Armed with a rake they returned to the quarry and probed about in the water. After a short time, the prongs of the rake became entangled in the clothing of one of the boys, and the body was dragged to the surface. The other body was located a short time later.

Meanwhile, Lieutenant Ray and Corporal Cole of the state highway police, had been notified, and they, with Detectives McDaniel and Wilson, hurried to the scene with grappling irons. The bodies had been found before they arrived at the quarry. Coroner Nichols was summoned and he took charge of the bodies, later releasing them to their families.

Both boys are the only sons in the Kempinski and Nitchie families. William Nitchie lived with his mother, who is divorced from her husband. The two boys had been playmates practically all of their lives, and where one was the other could usually be found. Both took their first holy communion together last year at St. Elizabeth's Church. Paul was a pupil at No. 19 School, while the Nitchie boy was a pupil at St. Elizabeth's School.

Funeral services for the two boys will be held Wednesday morning from St. Elizabeth's R. C. Church.