Evans Quarry Mishap

MarionMan,33,Drowns Despite Rescue Efforts

A 33-year-old Emerson Ave. resident drowned at Evans Quarry Friday afternoon despite rescue efforts by an 11-year-old Marion youth and three other swimmers. The victim, Harley F. Vance, slipped beneath the surface in approximately eight feet of water sometime around 3:30 p.m., sheriff's deputies said. He apparently was swimming alone and his disappearance was not immediately noticed, deputies reported.

According to statements taken at the scene by Deputies Malcom Severns and Floyd Williams, 11year-old Mike Hassell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Hassell of 467 W. Church St., dived to the bottom and brought the man to the surface after swimmers saw bubbles rising in the water.

Richard Pate of 564 E. Center St. came to young Hassell's assistance. With the aid of Edward Garver of 219¹/₂ Leader St. and an unidentified man, they finally suc-

| ceeded in pulling Mr. Vance out | of the water.

Deputies were told Mr. Vance was still gasping when he was brought to the surface but that artificial respiration failed to keep him alive.

Meanwhile, the police and fire departments and the sheriff's office had been notified by someone in the crowd. Deputy Williams said Mr. Garver was preparing to take the victim to the hospital when he arrived.

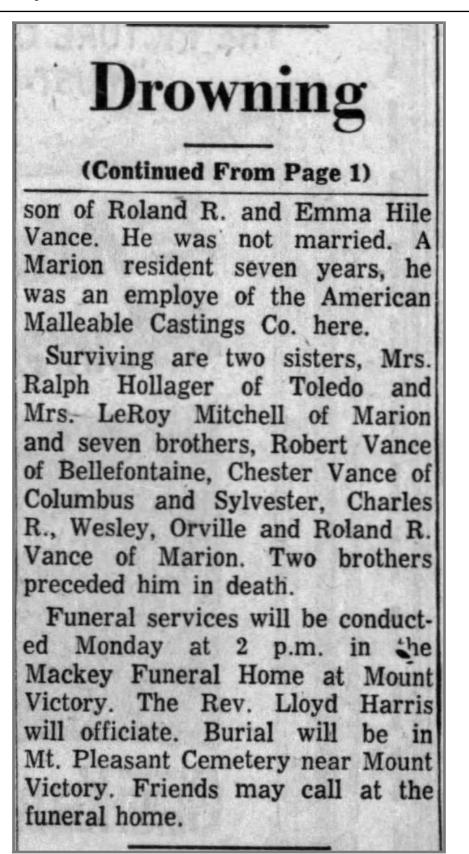
A Boyd ambulance arrived a short time later and the body was taken directly to the funeral home. Dr. Robert T. Gray, Marion County coroner, viewed the body at the funeral home and ruled that death was due to drowning.

Deputies said they believed it was the first drowning in Marion County in about three years.

Harley F. Vance was born in October, 1924, in Union County, a

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