

Evans Quarry Mishap

Marion Man, 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, 11-year-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 219½ 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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son of Roland R. and Emma Hile Vance. He was not married. A Marion resident seven years, he was an employe of the American Malleable Castings Co. here.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Ralph Hollager of Toledo and Mrs. LeRoy Mitchell of Marion and seven brothers, Robert Vance of Bellefontaine, Chester Vance of Columbus and Sylvester, Charles R., Wesley, Orville and Roland R. Vance of Marion. Two brothers preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be conducted Monday at 2 p.m. in the Mackey Funeral Home at Mount Victory. The Rev. Lloyd Harris will officiate. Burial will be in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery near Mount Victory. Friends may call at the funeral home.

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