

## Young Hamburg Brothers Drown

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### Rescue Efforts in Quarry Fail



**MELVIN JONES**



**MICHAEL JONES**

**Firemen and Police Risked Lives Trying to Save Them**

**T**WO young brothers drowned when they fell through thin ice in a Town of Hamburg quarry shortly before 5 Monday afternoon.

Pronounced dead on arrival at Our Lady of Victory Hospital were:

**Melvin Jones, 11, of 179 Linden Ave., Town of Hamburg.**

**Michael Jones, 8.**

Medical Examiner Edward R. Egan issued certificates of accidental death.

Another brother, Roy, 9, ran home and told their father, Charles, who phoned police.

#### **Rescuers Go Through Ice**

Police Chief Robert G. Williams said the boys sank in about 15 feet of water about 75 feet from the edge of the quarry which is not far from the Ford Motor Co. Lake Shore Rd. plant.

Asst. Chief Vincent Pupo of the Woodlawn Fire Department, a rope tied around his waist, recovered the boys' bodies,

though he fell through the ice several times.

Fire Capt. Howard Bell also fell into the water while attempting to revive Michael, whose body was found first. He was rescued by Patrolman Eugene Paolini and was treated for a knee injury in Our Lady of Victory Hospital.

#### **Warned "A Dozen Times"**

When Chief Pupo located Melvin's body, he too fell through the ice but was pulled to safety by firefighters.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones, the parents of six other children, told police they had warned the boys "at least a dozen times" to stay away from the quarry.

Chief Williams lauded the "quick and efficient work" of firefighters and police.

"These men really deserve the highest praise," he told The Buffalo Evening News. "Police got the call at 4:55 PM and the bodies were at the hospital by 5:30."

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