

Monon Boy, 6, Drowns; Brother Saved By Friend

Abandoned Quarry Scene Of Tragedy

MONON — Three little local boys went out to wade in an abandoned stone quarry a half mile south of here at 7:15 p.m. Sunday. Only two came back.

The body of the third, six-year-old Harlyn Orville Schuette, was retrieved from 10 feet of water, two hours later by divers from the state police post.

With the victim were his 7-year-old brother, Kenneth W. Schuette, Jr., and 9-year-old Rocky Dean Thompson.

The Schuette's are the sons of Kenneth W. and Donna Lee Whipple Schuette and the Thompson boy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thompson, Monon.

Authorities said there was no one else at the quarry, which has been a favorite swimming spot for many years, when the trio got there.

Rocky Thompson said the Schuette brothers stripped off their clothes and started wading. He stayed on the bank. When they were about 20 feet in the water, both started to go down and called for help.

Rocky, still dressed, plunged in and was able to rescue Kenneth, but Harlyn did not surface again.

The boys made their way to the highway and flagged down a car driven by Ed Gutwein, Monon. He drove them to the fire station, and the Stewart

ambulance, the town marshal, and the fire chief went to the scene.

The marshal radioed the sheriff's department at Monticello and the state police post. Trooper Bob Jennings arrived with the White County sheriff's department.

State police said they responded to the call by sending two divers, Trooper Herb Clear and Trooper Mike Taylor, along with Sgt. Donald Cox from the Post.

Troopers Clear and Taylor kept diving and found the body of the boy at the bottom of the water, a depth of about ten feet.

Monon residents said the quarry has been a favorite spot for wading and swimming for many years, with only one other drowning reported in the last 16 years. After the tragedy Sunday night the owners closed it off and are polluting the water to prevent further use of it.

Harlyn, who was born in Denver, Colo., on Nov. 30, 1963, was the son of Kenneth W. and Donna Lee Whipple Schuette. His maternal grandparents are Mrs. Dean Whipple, Illinois; Joseph Whipple, Centralia, Ill.; paternal grandparents, William Schuette, Staunton Ill.; paternal grandmother, Mrs. Freda Shire, Benld, Ill.

One sister, Wanda Cathy Ann, and the brother, Kenneth W., Jr., are at home.

Harlyn would have entered the first grade this fall.

This is the first death by drowning in White County this season and is thought to be the first in the Loganland area.

Rites will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Stewart Funeral Home, with the Rev. Ralph Schnarr officiating. Burial will be in Bedford Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home after noon Tuesday.

Teacher Pay Proposal Set

A proposed salary schedule for Logansport teachers will be presented to the board of school trustees Monday night.

The new schedule has been under negotiation for several weeks by a special salary committee comprised of members of the administration, the school board and Logansport Education Association, the teachers' organization.

Details of the proposed schedule were not released pending its submission to the entire school board.

The board agenda also includes a recommendation for the hiring of five new teachers including the first member of the staff of the El-Tip-Wa Area Vocational School, which goes into operation next fall.

The latter is Clara A. Bell, a registered nurse who will instruct classes in health occupations.

Two instructors remain to be hired for a vocational program, one for automobile mechanics and the other for automobile body repair.

The other four teachers the board will be asked to employ are Phyllis Delaney, and Georganna Leslie, both elementary; Theresa Duennés, speech and hearing; and Mary Steward, special education.

The board will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the school administration building.

Fire Damages Local Home

Fire gutted the entire kitchen area in a one-story frame house at 18 W. Main St., at 9:15 a.m. Sunday.

The house, owned by Clifford M. Miller, 1119 E. Broadway, was rented to James Riddle.

Fire Chief Bobby Bannon said the blaze is believed to have started in an electrical outlet behind the refrigerator.

The loss of the kitchen and all kit-

The Weather Forecast

Sunny and quite warm today and Tuesday. Fair and mild tonight. High today 84 to 90. Low tonight 61 to 68. High