

# Salunga Man, 21, Drowns in Quarry

## Couldn't Swim But Dives Into Water at Abandoned Site

A 21-year-old Salunga man, who didn't know how to swim, drowned in a water-filled 60-foot quarry near his home Sunday afternoon after he dived into it.

The victim was William B. MacKenzie Jr., 21, of 156 W. Main St., Salunga.

A deputy coroner, Dr. Barry D. Walp, said that an autopsy performed today confirmed a preliminary diagnosis that death was caused by drowning.

### WITH FRIENDS

Preliminary investigation by Dr. Walp and West Hempfield Twp. Officer Arthur Landis indicated that MacKenzie had gone to the quarry, along Prospect Road, about two miles south of Salunga, Sunday afternoon with three or four friends.

Although the victim's father reported that the victim could not swim, Dr. Walp said the youth apparently did dive into the water of the abandoned stone quarry owned by J. Miller Eshelman and Son.

Dr. Walp said he has obtained the names of four boys thought to have been with MacKenzie at the time, but their presence at the quarry has not been confirmed and the names are withheld pending continued investigation by the deputy coroner and by Officer Landis.

Township offices reported that Landis is a parttime policeman who works on the force only during evening hours.

MacKenzie and his companions apparently went onto the quarry premises, although James B. Eshelman, head of the quarry firm, said it is

posted to prohibit trespassing.

Eshelman said that the quarry is about 60 feet deep.

Asked if he had determined why a non-swimmer would plunge for a swim into such a pool, Dr. Walp suggested that "Boys will do foolish things like that once in a while."

Officer Landis Sunday said that he was summoned to the drowning scene Sunday about 3:25 p.m. When he arrived at the scene, the victim's companions had departed.

Three volunteer skin divers, whose names were not obtained by the officer, came to the quarry and recovered the body about 4:45 p.m.

Officer Landis Sunday dis-

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### SUNNY THROUGH

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Sunny skies and oppressive humidity are expected to nudge Lancaster County's heat wave into sticking around for a few more days, according to the weatherman.

The National Weather Service in Harrisburg reports that it will be mostly sunny today and Tuesday, with highs both days in the 90s.

The high on Sunday was 90 at 3 p.m., but thunderstorms

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counted any possibility of foul play in the death.

A native of Bellefonte, MacKenzie had resided in the area for the past three years with his parents, William B., Sr., and Elizabeth Ann Wilkins MacKenzie.

He was an employe of Burnham Corp. and of Petco Industries.

Surviving, besides his parents, are three sisters: Sandra, wife of Blaine Dreiblebis, State College, Pa.; Bonnie and Tammy, at home; and grandparents: Peter C. MacKenzie, Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. Wilkins, State College.

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