

Brother Lost in 1971

Delanco Youth, 13, Drowns in River

DELANCO — A 13-year-old township youth drowned here during the weekend two years after his younger brother died in the same manner less than a quarter-mile away.

Delanco police said William Taylor died Saturday afternoon when a peninsula of land between the Delaware River and a quarry pond on which he was playing gave way. The resultant rush of water swept the boy into rough currents and he drowned.

His brother, Raymond, 9, died June 7, 1971, when he developed a cramp while swimming a short distance up-

stream in the Rancocas Creek and could not reach a safety buoy.

The two boys were the children of Mr. and Mrs. William Taylor of 844 Laurel St. They have another son, Ricky, 10, and two daughters, Diane, 14, and Laurie, 3.

In the Saturday incident, police said that the youth was playing with two friends on Hawk Island, a peninsula jutting into the junction of the Rancocas Creek and the Delaware River. On the island was an abandoned quarry filled with water.

Shortly after 2:30 p.m., police said, the narrow strip of land between the pond and the river collapsed and all three boys were swept by the force of rushing water into the quarry. Two of them swam to shore but the Taylor boy floundered.

One of his friends, Frank Chambers, 14, of 500 Walnut St., tried to rescue him, but had to let go, police said, when the struggling boy pulled him under.

The boy's body was recovered later by a diver from the Delanco Emergency Squad. An autopsy was scheduled for today at Rancocas Valley Hospital.

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tions are here to stay," he said.

Three ratings are possible at the inspection: satisfactory, conditionally satisfactory, and unsatisfactory.

The conditional rating is the result of a violation that is not a public health hazard—such as improper storage of cleaning supplies or a minor plumbing problem. The owner