

# Salem youth drowns Monday

Willie Hibbs, 19, of Salem, drowned Monday evening while swimming at the abandoned rock quarry on the Crittenden Springs Road west of Marion.

Hibbs and three other youths were swimming at the quarry when the accident occurred at about 7:45 p.m.

They told authorities that two of them had swum across the lake and back, which young Hibbs was also doing when they noticed he was in trouble. Their attempts to rescue him were futile.

The Crittenden County Rescue Club was summoned to the scene and recovered the body about an hour after the drowning. Marion Fire Department volunteers brought a resuscitator unit to the quarry but the youth could not be revived.

Funeral services were at 3 p.m. Wednesday at the Boyd Funeral Chapel at Salem with the Rev. Dick Webb officiating. Burial was in Salem Cemetery.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Esthel Hibbs of Salem; one brother, Eddie Hibbs of Omaha, Neb.; and a grandmother, Mrs. May Hibbs of Hanson.

The quarry where the four were swimming is off-limits to swimming and trespassing.

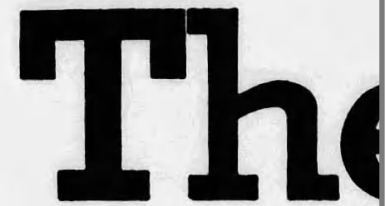
The Crittenden County Rescue Club also recovered the body of 15-year-old James E. Stallins of Dawson Springs from Lake Barkley early last Thursday morning.

The youth drowned Sunday afternoon, May 18, when he either fell or jumped from a boat about three-quarters of a mile off shore near the canal that connects Barkley and Kentucky Lakes.

The Crittenden rescue unit joined the dragging operations about noon Monday and stayed on the lake until the body was recovered at 2:25 a.m. last Thursday. Jesse Grimes of Marion was the club member

who recovered the body. About 18 local residents were involved in the search.

Rescue units from Lyon, Marshall, Calloway and Livingston Counties also participated in looking for the youth's body.



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