

Boy, 5, Drowns Friday In Gravel Pit At Edgerton

EDGERTON - A five-year-old Hicksville boy, visiting his grandparents, drowned in an old gravel pit here late Friday afternoon.

Kevin John McMillen, son of Mr. and Mrs. John McMillen, Jr., 108 Arthur St., Hicksville, was pronounced dead by Dr. C. Paul Waid, Williams' County coroner, ruling the death accidental.

The boy reportedly was playing in the area of the gravel pit,

owned by A. W. Radabaugh and located west of the St. Mary's Catholic Church and School and south of the Penn Central Railroad, with another small boy, Jeff Dunkel, 6.

When the boy apparently slipped down the steep bank of the old gravel pit into the water the Dunkel boy ran to the Radabaugh home for help.

Dr. Waid said the mishap occurred about 4:30 p.m. Friday and the body was recovered from 10 to 12 feet water at 6 p.m. Members of the Edgerton Fire Department searched the water for the body which was finally brought up by Fireman Marlin (Red) Pettit.

Edgerton Police Chief Jerry Thornsley said that the gravel pit is not fenced in or posted.

Chief Thornsley notified the county sheriff's department of the drowning mishap at 5:40 p.m.

Kevin John McMillen was born Feb. 1, 1963 at Hicksville the son of John D. Jr. and Margaret Ann (Goebel) McMillen

Surviving in addition to the parents are two sisters, Susan Marie and Elizabeth Renee the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John D. McMillen Sr. of Hicksville, and Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Goebel, of Edgerton.

Calling hours at the Krill Funeral Home will be after 2 p.m. Sunday

Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. Monday at St. Mary's Catholic Church with the Rev. David D. Moore, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Alvordton Boy Hurt Slightly In Accident

An Alvordton area boy was injured, not seriously in an auto-bicycle accident at 6:10 p.m. Friday, on county road 20, three tenths of a mile south of Alvordton.

Russell Layman, 10, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Layman, route 1 Alvordton, was hurt slightly when he made a U-turn on his bike in the path of a southbound 1968 Chevrolet driven by David N. Buehrer, 20, of 608 S. Pleasant St., Archbold, according to Defiance post state highway patrolmen.

Buehrer was southbound on the county road and the boy was also southbound. Patrolmen said Buehrer slowed for an oncoming car to pass and as he started to pass the bike the youth attempted to make a U-turn in the roadway. The mis-

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