

# YOUTH DROWNS AS ICE GIVES WAY ON POND

Samuel Eshelman, 9, Of 524  
South Lime Street, Loses  
Life Near Conestoga River;  
Rescue Fails

FISHED FROM ICY  
WATER BY LONG POLE

Body Sank In Seventeen Feet  
Of Water; Companions  
Sound Alarm

While skating with several youthful companions on the thin ice coating of a quarry hole near the foot of Dauphin street yesterday afternoon, Samuel Eshelman, age 12, of 524 South Lime street, broke through the ice and was drowned despite the vallant efforts of Lorenz Lamparter, the police and General Hospital attendants to save his life.

The victim, accompanied by William McCue, age 11, of 139 Juniata street; Richard Balr, age 12, of 146 Juniata street, and Roy Brown, age 10, of 742 South Lime street, approached the quarry hole in which seventeen feet of accumulated rain-water had frozen over with a thin coating of ice, shortly after four o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The hole lies near the Conestoga river, directly opposite the plant of Lorenz Lamparter. Despite many warnings by Lamparter to the youngsters of the neighborhood, to keep away from the quarry, the boys brought their skates and quickly adjusting them, were soon circling around on the thin ice.

Shouts of young Eshelman's companions attracted Lamparter. The boy had suddenly disappeared through a break in the ice. Finding a long pole, Lamparter located the body under the ice and finally worked it to the opening.

Lamparter had telephoned to the police as soon as he had heard the boy's shouts and a detail under Sergeant Silvius arrived just as the boy's inert form was being dragged from the icy water.

Here the officers left for pulse of the little chap. There was no apparent heartbeat and the body was still warm. The boy was taken to the General Hospital where doctors endeavored to stimulate heart action. But it was of no avail.

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quarry PA

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