

MAN DROWNS IN QUARRY

Ben Sipe Recovers Charles Rishel's Body After Dynamite Blasts Fail

Charges of dynamite were twice unsuccessfully employed yesterday afternoon to raise to the surface the body of Charles S. Rishel, 29 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac J. Rishel, York R. D. 8, who was drowned yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock while swimming in D'cheux's stone quarry near Emigsville. The body was not recovered until about 8:15 o'clock last evening when Ben Sipe, veteran waterman, located it with grappling hooks in 20 feet of water beneath a ledge of rocks at the bottom of the abandoned quarry hole.

Repeated attempts were made by swimmers to locate the body by diving into the quarry hole. William E. Sherriff, 611 East York street, and S. Sherriff, 557 West College avenue, happened by on bicycles at the time Rishel sunk beneath the surface of the water in the quarry hole. Both men, although very much overheated from riding, stripped the clothes from their bodies and started diving into the cold water of the quarry in an attempt to find the youth's body. They could not locate it.

Attempts were then made with charges of dynamite to bring the body to the surface. The charges were set by Earl Hife, Emigsville. They were unsuccessful.

The youth's father was at the quarry when the body was finally brought to the surface by Ben Sipe. It was taken to the Rishel home by Sipe in an automobile owned by Louis Dacheux, who lives near the quarry and from whom the quarry got its name. The mother was grief-stricken and it was necessary for a physician to be called to attend her.

Dr. L. U. Zech, coroner, viewed the body at the Rishel home last night and pronounced death due to accidental drowning.

In company with his brother, Lloyd, 17 years old, and his nephew, Ray Meyers, 14 years old, York R. D. 10, Charles drove to the quarry in his father's automobile yesterday afternoon. The quarry, containing a large quantity of water, was abandoned some years ago and is a favorite pool for swimmers. The three boys were the only persons at the quarry until a few seconds before Rishel drowned.

Upon arriving at the quarry the trio stripped and waded about in shallow water for several minutes. Charles was a novice at swimming, although it is apparent that he was more daring than his brother and nephew, who are also novices. He announced his intention of swimming across the quarry, about 40 feet distant, at the point he had chosen, while Lloyd and Ray were wading in the shallow water. They were afraid to attempt to swim, they informed him, and he started away.

"We watched Charles while he was going across," Lloyd said last night. "When about half way across he seemed to tire. Then he threw up his hands and called for help and went down. He never came up, Ray and I became scared and hurried to the bank. Another man, who was undressing nearby, hurried to the water, but he couldn't find Charles. Ray and me didn't try to swim for Charles, because we know we couldn't make it."

The unfortunate youth's companions went to his home, where Mr. and Mrs. Rishel and several other members of the family were spending the day. The father and several of Charles' brothers hurried to the quarry, as the news spread a crowd began to gather, and until the body was found it grew to about 250 persons. Coroner Zech ordered a boat and grappling hooks sent to the scene. The boat was supplied through the courtesy of the Community Swimming Pool association and a number of life guards at the pool were sent to man the boat. A number of expert swimmers at the pool accompanied the guards.

Unsuccessful in their attempts to locate Rishel's body, several of the swimmers hurried to this city for Sipe. He was not at home at the time, but he arrived a few minutes later and immediately went to the quarry, carrying with him a number of grappling hooks, which he had especially designed for recovering bodies. The veteran waterman arrived at the quarry about 6:30 o'clock and took possession of the boat.

Stewart Crowell, a hired man on the farm of Norman E. Rishel, York R. D. 8, a brother of the drowned lad, was in the boat with Sipe when the body was recovered.

The water was so clear that Sipe could see the outline of Rishel's body after the grappling hooks had first caught it. The absence of a swimming suit made it hard for Sipe to hook the body. Swimmers first went down in an effort to tie a rope around the body. This failed and after numerous attempts the body was finally caught and brought to the surface.

"It is a dangerous hole," Ben said last night. "If I had my say, no one would ever swim in that place. It isn't safe for the best of swimmers."

Young Rishel was a member of Heidelberg Reformed church, this city, and a member of the Sunday school at the same church.

The father and the following brothers: Norman E., Henry C., James and Lloyd, were at the quarry when the body was recovered.

The youth leaves, besides his parents, the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. E. J. Meyers, York R. D. 8, Norman E., Henry C., and Mrs. W. E. Rutter, all of York R. D. 1; James K., 926 West King street, York; Mrs. Lloyd Hostetter, Berlin, Pa., and Lloyd E. at home.

The funeral will be held on Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock with services at the home of his parents, Manchester Township, R. D. 8. The Rev. W. S. Keracher, pastor of Heidelberg Reformed church, and the Rev. J. J. Bowser, pastor of the Church of the Brethren, will be the officiating ministers. Interment will be made in Prospect Hill cemetery.

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