

Boy Drowns as Pal Fails in Rescue Effort

Child Playing at Quarry
Slips Down Bank Into
Deep Pool.

Little Chum Tries Valiantly
to Save Him by Aid
of Long Wire.

Girls Assist in Call for
Help—Firemen Recover
Victim's Body.

While his chum made a valiant effort to save him, Hugo Roos, nine-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Roos, 1819 Lincoln street northeast, was drowned late Tuesday afternoon in the pond of an abandoned stone quarry at Sixteenth avenue and Lincoln street northeast.

Hugo and his playmate, Edwin Hfgstad, 10 years old, 1911 Lincoln street northeast, had returned to their homes from the Whitney school after the fourth grade class had been dismissed and then went out to play.

Went to Quarry.

First they went to an abandoned quarry at Buchanan street and Sixteenth avenue northeast. They were there for about 15 minutes and then started for home. On their way they came to the Lincoln street quarry.

While walking along the rim of the quarry, which contains a deep pool, the dirt underneath Hugo's feet gave way and he went tumbling down the almost perpendicular slope, into the water. His chum shouted, "try to stay afloat!" and then tried to rescue his pal.

Edwin found a long wire near the quarry rim and tied one end of it about a tree. The other end he threw to the drowning boy, but Hugo was too frightened, apparently, to grasp it.

Chum Tells Story.

"He came up two or three times and then I didn't see him any more," Edwin told neighbors and firemen afterwards.

When Edwin saw his friend sink he ran to Sixteenth avenue and shouted to two girls who were roller skating. He asked them if they had phones in their homes. One had, and she ran home and told her mother. Police were called and the rescue squad of the fire department notified in turn.

Firemen went down into the quarry, which is about 20 feet from the top to the surface of the water, on long ladders. They recovered the body with the use of a long pike pole, but efforts to revive the boy with a pulmotor failed.

Quarry Abandoned.

The quarry, which has been abandoned for about 15 years, has a pond about a block long. The water, in many places, is 20 feet deep. There is no railing about the quarry.

At his home Tuesday night Edwin was almost prostrate with grief for his chum and classmate. He is afraid that he did not do enough to save him despite assurances to the contrary by firemen and his parents.

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