

## YOUTH DROWNS IN QUARRY HOLE

EFFORTS ON PART OF CHUMS  
TO SAVE MITCHELL LAD  
FUTILE

### BODY RECOVERED

Two Hours Spent By Group At  
Scene Of Tragedy In Efforts  
To Resuscitate Body

The first drowning of the 1930 swimming season in Lawrence county was recorded Friday afternoon at 4:20 o'clock in a quarry hole two and one half miles northeast of Mitchell on land owned by the Lehigh Portland Cement Company and Harold Winkler, 16 years old, Mitchell high school student and son of Mrs. Dora Mundy, resident on East Oak street in Mitchell was the victim.

The body was recovered by Oscar Smith, former Mitchell High School basket ball center, fifty-five minutes after it sank for the third time, who dived to the bottom of the quarry hole to locate it and brought it to the surface.

For two hours after it had been brought to the Harry Clemens who gathered at the scene after being informed of the drowning, labored in futile efforts to resuscitate the body. The remains were brought to the Harry Clemens mortuary in Mitchell about 8 o'clock Friday night and prepared for burial.

Winkler in company with several of his schoolmates went to the quarry hole, a gigantic pool formed from previous quarrying operations on the Lehigh Portland Cement Company's lands, which for several years has been a favorite swimming hole for boys of Mitchell and vicinity, for an early season swim. Doffing his clothing he plunged into the cold water and swam out some forty or fifty feet from the bank when his body was seen to suddenly disappear below the surface. It rose twice and three of his schoolmates, discovering his plight, swam for him but arrived too late to perfect a rescue before it sank for the third time. It is presumed the lad was seized with cramps in the chilly water.

News of the tragedy spread rapidly and in a short time reached Mitchell where scores of persons halted their activities and rushed to the scene of the tragedy to offer their services in rescue efforts.

The youth is survived by the mother, two sisters, Esther and Hazel, one brother, Gerald, a step-father and several step-brothers and step-sisters.

Coroner O. D. Emerson was called from Bedford to investigate the case last night and from evidence gained rendered a verdict of accidental death by drowning.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

1930 May Harold Winkler drowns at quarry  
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