

Help Others Help Themselves

Swimming Hazards

Abandoned gravel pits that have filled with water may make ideal swimming places, but they are dangerous places unless they have been converted into regular swimming pools and are provided with life guards.

The toll of deaths from drowning over the last weekend included a number of persons who lost their lives in old gravel pits.

The bottom of these pits usually is a series of ledges, each producing a deep step-off. Inexperienced swimmers and persons who are wading may easily step off a ledge into one of these pools, and drown because of their inability to help themselves.

Abandoned gravel pits and quarries are not patrolled by life guards, as are the regular swimming pools. Adequate supervision of swimmers is provided by the management of these pools, and the inexperienced swimmer who gets beyond his depth runs little danger of drowning, as the guards are there to pull him out.

Parents should recognize the danger that lurks in swimming holes, old gravel pits and quarries, which often are favorite places for the swimming activities of their children.