

## ACCIDENT IS VERDICT IN DROWNING OF BOY

### Chum Tells How Lad, Seeking Nest, Fell Into Quarry.

A verdict of accident was returned yesterday at the inquest into the death of Johnny Pike, 12-year-old Cote Brilliante schoolboy, who drowned in the quarry at Euclid and Ashland avenues last Monday.

Richard Steen, 4605 St. Ferdinand avenue, 12-year-old schoolmate of Johnny's, who saw him drown, unable to aid him, and then fled, testified. He said they went to the quarry after school to sail Johnny's boat.

"We put the boat in the water and threw rocks to make it go out," Richard testified. "We went out and got it back and then threw rocks again. I knocked it over, and John said, 'Let's try to sink it.' Finally, John said: 'I know where the pigeon nest is. I am going to try to get the baby pigeons.'"

He then told how John fell off the ledge 40 feet above the water at the southeast corner of the quarry. Two brothers, Orville and Arthur Handey, 4816 Greer, 13 and 12 years old, respectively, related they heard the splash and saw John struggling in the water, with Richard on the ledge above frantically shouting encouragement: "Kick your feet; put your feet against the rock and push!"

John's body was recovered Tuesday by a professional diver, 60 feet below the surface.