

## SANDUSKY BOY DROWNS AT PORTAGE

Despite the heroic efforts of a 16 year old farm boy, Victor Hillard, who lives two miles east of Portage, Donald G. Hartung, 19, of 1211 Columbus Ave., Sandusky, was dead today, a victim of drowning in the deep stone quarry at Portage yesterday afternoon at about 11:30 o'clock.

Five girl acquaintances looked on helplessly as the youth, who had come to Bowling Green to visit them sank beneath the surface after calling for help and then watched the Portage boy desperately attempt to save the fighting Sanduskian.

The girls, students of the State College here, were Genevieve Swain, Dorothy Jieg, Ruth Heath, Margaret Whysall and Marian Hanes.

Four of the girls went ahead for the picnic that was planned and Hartung and Miss Swain "bummed" a ride with Mrs. Harold Finch, of this city. Hartung decided to take a dip before eating and dove off into the water to swim to the opposite shore.

He had gotten to, within thirty feet of his goal when he was suddenly seized with cramps in the right arm and neck and cried out for help as he started to sink.

The Hillard boy was swimming with his friend, Donald Wood, 15, of Portage, and swam immediately to attempt to rescue Hartung, but the fighting Sandusky boy almost took Hillard down with him and the latter was forced to give up, lest he too, should drown.

Evelyn Summers, of this city, rushed to Portage to a telephone and summoned Coroner Halford Whitacre, who rushed to the quarry with Sheriff Bruce Pratt and Deputy Arnold Isch.

Kenneth Gill, lifeguard at the Bowling Green pool, also rushed to the quarry and made several futile efforts to reach the bottom of the quarry to get Hartung's body. The body was resting in 30 feet of water.

Jim Stitt and Carl Shedron furnished a row boat and grappling hooks were sent down from Perrysburg and it took the group two hours before the hooks of Coroner Whitacre and Baird Hicks, marathon swimmer of this city, brought Hartung's body to the surface.

Hartung was the son of Mr. and Mrs. George F. Hartung, of Sandusky, and was born on Sept. 27, 1913. He was a shipping clerk in the Sandusky Packing Company. A Sandusky ambulance came to claim the body.

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