

Man Unable to Swim Drowns in Quarry Near St. Charles

Jobless Machinist Goes Down When Tire Tube Becomes Deflated.

Robert J. Brown, 25-year-old unemployed machinist, was drowned yesterday in an abandoned rock quarry at Gardnerville, three miles west of St. Charles. Unable to swim, he had entered the water with an old automobile inner tube, which burst after he had paddled 10 feet from the edge of the quarry. The body was located two hours later.

Brown had gone to the quarry with three friends. Mrs. Clay McDavid, 20, also unable to swim, was being pushed through the water on another inner tube by her husband and Joseph Strasser, 24, a chauffeur. Brown was the last to enter the water. Strasser said he was about 30 feet from Brown when the tube burst and swam to rescue him, grabbing his hand twice, but Brown wrested himself away.

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