

William Sayles, 54, Loses Life Despite Rescue Attempts.

A drowning, several automobile accidents, and a score or more of persons injured by firecrackers and other fireworks, marred Racine's observance of the Fourth of July.

Victim of drowning was William W. Sayles, 54, of 1128 Reschke avenue. His death occurred in an abandoned quarry on Highway 38 near Four-mile road, at 5 p. m. yesterday.

After a day's work in the hot sun on the farm of a brother, Sayles in company with his son went to the quarry just in the rear of the farm where he entered the water.

Stepping onto a ledge three feet under the water he was apparently unaware of a steep drop of 14 feet. Just as he left the ledge he sank into the deep water.

Body Recovered.

The tragedy was witnessed by Harold Quirk, Route 1, Box 257, and William Haas, Route 2, Franksville. One of the men ran for help while the other made unsuccessful efforts at rescue.

The coastguards were notified. Before their arrival the body had been recovered by Franklin Bradley, Route 2, Franksville. The men were endeavoring to resuscitate the victim when coastguards arrived. They continued the efforts for nearly an hour. Sayles was pronounced dead by Dr. T. C. Hemmingsen. Coroner E. B. Yanny was notified and with deputy sheriffs went to the scene. The body was ordered removed to the county morgue and later was taken to the Peterson funeral home on State street.

Mr. Sayles is survived by his wife, Enga; one son, Archie; and one sister, Mrs. Mina Benson, of New York. He was a member of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf. The body is now at the Peterson Funeral home. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

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