GIRL DROWNS IN OLD QUARRY

Florence Schimek, 11, Is Season's 5th Victim in County.

Fifth drowning of the season in Racine county occurred late Saturday afternoon when Florence Schimek, 11, stepped off a ledge at the quarry on Highway 38 near the Horlick dam and sank into 15 feet of water.

The child with her mother, Mrs. Emily Schimek, 1036 Hayes avenue, a sister, Bessie, 13; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Yonke, of Lisle, Ill., and Mildred Passek, also of Lisle, went to the quarry earlier in the afternoon. Florence, with other children, went into the water to bathe. Unable to swim, Florence disappeared in the deep water when she slipped from the ledge.

William Peterson, 1514 West street, recovered the body, being assisted by Frank Fortina, of 1408 Hamilton street. They were swimming in the quarry.

Guards' Efforts Fail.

Coast guardsmen were called, and they worked for two hours and 20 minutes in a futile attempt at resuscitation. Coroner E. B. Yanny investigated and ordered the body removed to the county morgue. Later it was taken to the Strouf Funeral home.

Florence was born in Racine and was a student at Fratt school. She was a member of the Sunday school of Gospel tabernacle, Hayes and Kinzie avenues. Surviving relatives are the mother, three brothers, James, Oscar, Harold and two sisters, Alice and Bessie.

The funeral will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. from the Strouf Funeral home. Rev. L. E. Petersen will officiate and burial will be in the Bohemian national cemetery on Five Mile road. The body may be viewed today at Strouf's.

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Racine county's other drowning fatalities of the season were Dominiak Lippird, 12, of 3441 Douglas avenue, drowned in the quarry on Highway 42 June 1; Michael Witrykus, 18, of Chicago a student of St. Bonaventure a c a d e m y, drowned at Eagle lake June 12; Norbert Grabowski, 14, of 1996 Howe street, drowned June 27 in Lake Michigan near the Racine college grounds; and William W. Sayles, 54, of Reschke avenue, drowned in an old quarry off Highway 38 near Four Mile road July 4.

Coroner Yanny today expressed the opinion that danger signs should be posted at the quarries. He said the coast guards were of the same opinion.

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