

## GIRL, 18, DROWNS IN OLD QUARRY NEAR LEESPORT

**Dorothy Luckenbill, Port  
Clinton, Wades Be-  
yond Depth**

### LONG HUNT FOR BODY

**Tragedy at 8 o'Clock,  
Corpse Recovered  
After 11 P. M.**

Wading beyond her depth while bathing with companions who could not swim, Dorothy Luckenbill, 18-year-old Port Clinton factory worker, drowned in an abandoned quarry hole near Shoemakersville about 8 o'clock last night.

**A volunteer squad of workers armed with grappling hooks recovered the body at 11.10 p. m.**

The fatality was the second from drowning in Berks county within two weeks. Earl Peters, 8, met a similar fate in a rural swimming pool near Pricetown June 14.

The Luckenbill girl, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Luckenbill, her sister, Erma, 16, and a two-year-old brother, Thomas, Jr., were visiting her mother's brother, Benjamin F. Zimmerman, yesterday.

They drove from Port Clinton to the Zimmerman farm, located on the road between Shoemakersville and the Half-Way House, to pick cherries.

#### Wade In Quarry Hole

While the parents were preparing to return home after their day's work, Dorothy, Erma, and a cousin, William Zimmerman, 12, donned bathing suits and went wading in a water-filled quarry hole near the Zimmerman farm.

**None of them could swim. Dorothy waded out of her depth, gave one cry for help, and sank. The other two children ran to the Zimmerman farm for help. Dorothy's father ran to rescue her, but he could not swim and after wading out over his depth and realizing he could do nothing, returned to the farmhouse to call Dr. William J. Fessler, West Leesport physician.**

Bassler called Deputy Coroner Albert Lauer at Blandon. Lauer took a boat to the quarry, Dr. Bassler equipment to attempt to resuscitate the girl if her body had been recovered by the time he got there.

#### Grappling Successful

But neither the grappling efforts of Lauer and LeRoy Tobias, West Leesport, nor the diving of a small army of youths from the neighborhood, disclosed the location of the body.

The grappling and diving went on while with the weeping mother and father watching the work by the lights of 100 curiosity-seekers' automobiles.

State Troopers Eisenberger and Hartman removed the body to the Burkey funeral home at Hamburg.

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