

Boy Camper Drowns in Forbidden Pool as Chum Escapes

One of two boys wading in an abandoned quarry pool in South Euclid was drowned at 8:30 last night when he stepped into eighteen feet of water from a ledge over which the water was only three feet deep. The hole is forbidden to swimmers, South Euclid police said.

The drowned boy is James Whitmer, 16, of 9308 Columbia Avenue N. E. With Walter Lewin, 15, of 9403 Columbia Avenue, he had been camping in the vicinity and gone wading in the quarry, which lies between Green Road and Belvoir Boulevard. Neither could swim.

When Whitmer slipped off the ledge and yelled for help, his companion attempted to pull him back on the ledge but was forced to abandon his efforts when the struggles of the drowning boy threatened to pull him into deep water also.

Neighbors heard Lewin screaming and called South Euclid police. They borrowed a boat from Shaker Heights police and recovered the body at 10:30 p. m.

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