

BOY, 14, DROWNS IN OLD QUARRY WHILE FISHING

Brother, Cousin See Him Slip Into Water and Disappear

Irvin Dawson, 14-year-old son of Mrs. Myrtle Dawson, 2144 Greenwood street, drowned early today in the deep water of Paxtang Quarry, where he had gone fishing. His body was recovered an hour later by Harrisburg firemen.

Irvin persuaded his brother, Ted, 10, and his cousin, Robert, 11, to go with him to the quarry. While they waited on the cliff above, Irvin scrambled down the rocks to the water's edge and tossed in his line.

There was a nibble almost immediately and he pulled in a sun fish. As he leaned over the bank edge to fill a bucket with water in which to keep his catch alive, he slipped into the cold water and disappeared immediately.

Son Tells Family

Ted ran to the Paxtang Fire Company, where he notified the driver, Robert McCleaster, and then to his home to inform his family.

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Robert stayed at the quarry and directed firemen to the spot where his cousin disappeared.

The body was recovered by Reed Russell, of the Rely Fire Company, a city fire driver; Blake Anderson, Washington Company driver, and T. W. Lentz, a member of Washington. They are assisted by neighbor boys who dove repeatedly into the cold water.

Pupil at Edison

In addition to his mother and brother, he is survived by three sisters, Mary Lee, 2; Dorothy, 4, and Violet, 16, and his grandfather, Parker Mohn. Irvin was a pupil at Edison Junior High School.

Mrs. Dawson left for Taneytown, Md., where she attended the funeral of her grandmother, Mrs. Catherine Grove, who died Monday.

Both paid and volunteer firemen from several city companies worked on the boy, applying artificial respiration for more than fifty minutes after the body was pulled from the water. Fire Chief Earl W. Swartz directed the workers.

Assisting Swartz were Drivers Walter Smith, Ira L. Wagner, John Christian, Ernest Sible, Blake Anderson, Reed Russell, Paul Himes, Irvin L. Shader, and Harry Filling, chauffeur for Swartz.

Efforts Futile

An ambulance was called from the Harrisburg Hospital. A pulmotor was placed into service by Dr. John W. Sowers, Harrisburg Hospital interne, but the efforts of the pulmotor and firemen who continued working on the body while the life saving apparatus was being used, proved futile.

Dr. Sowers pronounced the youth dead and Dr. John A. Fritchey, deputy coroner, acting for Coroner Howard E. Milliken, ordered the body removed to the Harrisburg Hospital morgue.