

# Young Angler's Fall in Quarry Costs His Life

**Robert Eberhardt, 6, Drowns  
Despite Heroic Effort at  
Rescue**

A carefree fishing expedition, dear to the hearts of all real boys, was turned into a tragedy yesterday, when one of the participants tumbled from a shelving or rock and was drowned in the waters of an abandoned quarry.

Robert, six-year-old son of Frank Eberhardt, kiln burner employed by the Ormrod branch of the Lehigh Portland Cement company, was the victim of the cold waters of the quarry, located on the property of the cement company.

Accompanied by several of his playmates, Robert set out early in the afternoon to try his luck at catching the fish which abound so plentifully in the minehole, and it was here that they met an older playmate, Harry Karpen. Disturbed by, but not resentful of their intrusion on him, Karpen warned the younger boys not to interrupt his fishing by throwing stones into the water.

It was some time later, at approximately 3.30 o'clock, that 15-year-old Karpen looked back in time to see Robert Eberhardt trip over a vine and go plunging down the slope into the water. Without hesitation and with disregard for his own safety, Harry dove from the 20-foot embankment at the spot, where he had seen his companion vanish. His efforts were to no avail, and though he was able to secure a hold on the hair of the victim, the paralyzing effect of the cold

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quarry PA

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