

Man Says Brother Drowned As Shouts for Aid Ignored

New Albany Swimmer Loses Life In Black Diamond Quarry Pool North of Jeffersonville

Persons who heard him shout for help when his brother sank apparently thought he was joking for they gave no immediate assistance, Edwin Tyler, 32, of 1410 Dewey, New Albany, said Sunday afternoon after the brother, Ernest Tyler, 29, drowned in Black Diamond Quarry, five miles north of Jeffersonville.

A large crowd was at the quarry, many of the persons swimming, when the drowning occurred shortly before 4 p.m.

Edwin said he and Ernest were swimming across the 175-foot pool when Ernest, apparently having a cramp, shouted "I can't make it."

Edwin grabbed Ernest by the shoulder, but lost the hold before he could grasp him tightly. As Ernest sank, Edwin yelled for help and waited on the surface, expecting Ernest to reappear momentarily.

No one came to help, and, becoming alarmed when Ernest failed to reappear, Edwin dived until he became exhausted and came ashore.

The mishap occurred after the brothers had gone to within fifteen feet of the far shore. The body was recovered more than twenty minutes later by Paul Perrin, 25, of 205 Illinois, Jeffersonville, who dived to a depth of more than fifteen feet to reach it.

Artificial respiration and an inhalator were used more than an hour.

The body was taken to the home of Edwin, with whom the victim lived. Coroner E. M. Coots of Clark County withheld a verdict, pending an inquest.

Ernest's survivors are his father, Elbert, and another brother, Curtis, both of New Albany. Funeral arrangements had not been announced.

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