

Youth Drowns In Quarry Pool

Guy Simmons, 14,
Victim Of Tragedy

Guy Simmons, 14, of 572 East Third street, who promised his mother that he would not go in swimming if she permitted him to go on a fishing expedition to a rock-quarry pond at the eastern end of Delaware avenue, drowned at 4:40 o'clock yesterday afternoon in the murky pool.

County Patrolman Lee Allen Estes, dispatched to the scene by radio, and another man whose name was not obtained by the county officer pulled young Simmons from the pond approximately 20 minutes after he had slipped beneath the waters in a section of the pond that was seven feet deep.

Artificial respiration was administered to the youth for 20 minutes at the pool's edge by Patrolman Estes, a motorcycle officer. County Patrolmen H. D. Coleman and Foster Beatty, occupants of a cruiser car, also were at the scene.

Failing in their efforts to revive young Simmons, the officers turned his body over to acting Coroner Aaron Smith, who took it to Good Samaritan hospital, where a life-saving squad of the Lexington fire department and hospital internes continued respiration efforts for 25 minutes, but to no avail.

Charles Simmons, 15, of 572 East Third street, a cousin of Guy Simmons, who had accompanied the youth to the pond, said that the younger boy removed his clothes and went into the pond to recover one of his shoes, which had drop-

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ped into the water. Charles Simmons reported that Guy grabbed him around the neck after stepping into the edge of the pond, turned loose and then grabbed him around the legs before slipping under the surface of the water.

After his cousin had dropped into the pond, Charles Simmons ran to a nearby residence for help.

Scene Of Two Tragedies

The pond where yesterday's tragedy occurred was the scene on May 18, 1939 of a similar drowning. Ralph Lee Hill, 12, of 322 Owsley avenue, was the victim then. County officers said that the pool was very treacherous, since it is shallow in some places and very deep in others.

Besides his mother, Mrs. Nannie J. Simmons, with whom he made his home at the East Third street address, young Simmons is survived by his father, O. R. Simmons, Garrard county; two brothers, Oscar and Virgil Simmons, Lexington; a sister, Mrs. Harrison Wafford Jr., Paris, and his grandmother, Mrs. Cletter Vanover, McCreary county.

The body was taken to the Kerr Brothers funeral home.

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