

BOY, DROWNING, IS RESCUED BY 2 YOUTHS

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Reaching For Dog

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Unconscious

Two boys narrowly escaped drown-
ing in a stone quarry yesterday when
they tried to rescue a pet dog that
had drifted away on a raft.

Two older youths, one of them a copy
boy for *The Sun*, were able to avert a
tragedy. They hauled one of the
youngsters out of the water when
he was floating unconscious on the
surface, and applied artificial respira-
tion that is believed to have saved
his life.

The scene was a seventeen-foot-
deep quarry off the Belair road in the
vicinity of White avenue.

On Hiking Picnic

Louis Humphreys, 13, of 3401 White
avenue, and his next-door neighbor,
Daniel Roff, 9, were on a hiking picnic
beside the quarry with Louis' white
dog "Pickie."

There was a raft at the water's edge.
Pickie, in an exploring mood, jumped
onto it, and the raft drifted away from
the shore. Pickie didn't relish the idea
of the cold water and refused to swim
for safety.

Not much of a swimmer, Louis
nevertheless leaned far out from the
rocks in an attempt to reach the raft.
He slipped, went overboard and was
unable to climb out, although he man-
aged to keep himself afloat by hanging
to a rock.

Dives Into Water

"I can swim fairly well," Daniel
said, "so I dived in after him.

"I reached him all right, and we
struggled around for a while trying
to get him boosted up. But I saw I
wasn't going to be able to make it
with Louis, so I climbed out myself
and ran for help."

Meanwhile, William Ferraro, 18, of
2327 Harford road, and Joseph Alberti,
17, of the 4200 block of Parkmount
avenue, were out for a bicycle ride
along Belair road.

Alberti is *The Sun* copy boy. He
works in the evenings.

Hear Noise In Quarry

The two youths heard a commotion
in the near-by quarry, Pickie bark-
ing and Daniel shouting. They left
their bicycles at the roadside and went
in to investigate.

"We looked down and saw a boy
thrashing around in the water," said
Ferraro. "The white dog was floating
around on the raft.

"The little boy was running toward
us, shouting for help. We ran down.
We didn't have time to take off our
shoes or our clothes. I dived in.

"By the time I reached the boy in
the water he was floating face down
and I was having a terrible time get-
ting him up on the rocks.

Up To Neck In Water

"Joe came on in the water then,
about up to his neck where he was
standing on a rock, and we made a

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kind of chain and pulled the boy out."

Ferraro immediately started to apply artificial respiration. Alberti and Daniel ran for a policeman.

They found Patrolman Edward V. Rosellius, of the Northeastern district.

By the time the officer reached the quarry Ferraro had brought Louis to consciousness.

Takes Them To Hospital

Nevertheless, the policeman took both Louis and Daniel to St. Joseph's Hospital. They were treated for exposure. Their families brought them dry clothes and they went to their homes.

As a final good deed, Ferraro and Alberti managed to get Pickie's raft to shore. Pickie made straight for home.

Louis' mother, Mrs. Edward J. Humphreys, said she was going to try

to have the rescue of her boy officially recognized.

Will Urge Recognition

"I haven't much money and I can't do anything for these two fine young men myself. But I'm going to find out the names of the groups that give medals for things like this, and I'm going to do everything I can to see that they get them."

Alberti, incidentally, was to have reported for work last night.

He telephoned *The Sun* office to ask for the evening off. He said he had gotten his clothes all wet. He didn't say anything about a rescue.



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