

Boy 16 Drowns In Ottawa-co Quarry

Verrie Ireland's Body Found In Abandoned Spot; Youth Broke Through Ice.

PORT CLINTON, Feb. 14—(Special)—Ottawa-co recorded its first drowning of 1941 late today with discovery of the body of Verrie Ireland, 16, in an abandoned quarry near Limestone, west of here.

According to young Ireland's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Orvie Ireland of near Limestone, the youth left home shortly after 2:30 p. m. and failed to return for supper.

LEGION PLANS REGISTRATION

Veterans Will Be Listed For Defense Service.

Appointment of a special committee to handle the voluntary registration of Erie-co Legionnaires and World War veterans for possible future national defense service as part of the nationwide American Legion preparedness program was announced last night by Commander Alvin F. Welchel of Commodore Denig Post No. 83, American Legion.

Commander Welchel has named Lieut. Commander August C. Wilhelm chairman of the special na-

Search was started after 5 p. m. by the victim's father who came upon his son's hat at the ice-covered quarry. A hole was also noticed nearby. Sheriff Ralph Riedmaier and Deputy Sheriff Julius Rozlar were called in the search. After dragging the quarry, recovered the body shortly after 8 p. m. in 12 feet of water. Young Ireland was still clutching his ice-skates when he was found.

The body was removed to the Neldecker Funeral Home. Funeral services will be announced later. Dr. C. C. Sheldon, Ottawa-co coroner, will conduct an inquest Saturday morning.

Surviving the drowning victim are the father, his step-mother, two brothers, David, 13, and Louis, 14; a sister, Ellen, 18, a step-brother, Orvie, Jr., one year, and a step-sister, Faye.