

Body Not Yet Recovered From Armor Gap Hole

Attempts to recover the body of a Bellefonte youth who drowned in the cold, deep waters of an abandoned quarry last night were still unsuccessful early this afternoon.

The young man, Clarence Mervin Fisher, 21, E. Bishop street, was drowned last night about 8:30 o'clock in one of the "quarry holes" in Armor's Gap, about a mile northeast of Bellefonte. It was the second drowning in the locality within less than a week. The body of Walter "Sunny" Smith was found floating in the race at the power plant in Milesburg Monday morning.

Members of the Undine and Logan Fire Companies and a squad from the Alpha Fire Company of State College spent all night in attempts to recover the body from the water which has been estimated to be from 30 to 60 feet deep in some places. The men continued to work through this morning.

The young man, a son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Fisher, is believed to have drowned when he was seized with cramps. According to the story told by other youths who saw him go down, he made a "sailor" dive from the side of the quarry, swam a distance of about 75 yards, gave a yell and then disappeared.

As soon as he dived into the water and before he started to swim toward the upper end of the pool he called to his companions, "the water's nice." Fisher was considered a fine swimmer.

With the youth at the time were four Bellefonte boys, Ralph Gequa, 16, Arnold Koch, 15, William

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Pettingill, 15 and Ralph Bottorf, 14. Fisher and Genua went together to the quarry and met the other two just as they were dressing to go home.

The boys said they swam to the point where Fisher disappeared and when they saw no sign of him they looked about the rocks for about an hour. They said that he had often hidden back of the large rocks that have fallen from the sheer quarry face above. When they were certain that he had gone under the water they returned to Beliefonte.

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