

Two Drown At Picnic In Middletown

Girls, 8 and 9, Go Under
Water at Quarry Hole;
Youth is Drowning Vic-
tim in Branford

Middletown, July 18.—(Special.)—
Two girls, aged 8 and 9, drowned
Sunday in an abandoned feldspar
quarry in the Maromas section of
Middletown while on a picnic.

On Saturday, two boys were
drowned in Bridgeport.

The girls who drowned were Shir-
ley Day, 9, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.
Robert M. Day of Brooks Road, and
Marie Katherine Keating, 8, only
child of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Keating
of New York City, who were spend-
ing the summer at the home of
Paul Anderson of Brooks Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Day were away for
the day and the Keatings took their
daughter and six of the Day chil-
dren picnicking near the quarry
hole.

After lunch, Marie and Shirley
played in a shallow pool at one end
of the quarry hole, which Mr. Keat-
ing had built Saturday so the chil-
dren would have a safe place to
bathe.

About 15 or 20 other children and
several adults were swimming on
the opposite shore. Mrs. Keating
told Sergeant Anthony Sarra she
had been watching her daughter
and the Day girl as they played in
the water, and suddenly missed
them. She sent Ronald Day, 16, to
look for them. The child saw the
two girls, lying in about 12 feet of
water and spread the alarm.

Recovers Body.

Keating dove for the children
numerous times and finally man-
aged to bring the Day child to the
surface. He later recovered the
body of his daughter. The father
and an unidentified youth began
to apply artificial respiration, while
another child ran to the home of
Salvatore Esposito of Brooks Road,
a half-mile distant. Esposito called
police who arrived on the scene with
members of the Fire Department
and an inhalator.

Medical Examiner Carl C. Harvey
was called and also worked over the
children, but to no avail.

Examination of the Day girl dis-
closed her chest was badly bruised
and scratched, as though she had
fallen on a rock and slipped into
the deep water. Police thought she
might have slipped on a rock and
that the Keating girl attempted to
rescue her.

The Keatings and other persons
around the quarry hole said they
had not noticed any unusual splash-
ing which police believe must have
occurred when the two victims went
into the deep water. The girls' bod-
ies were found on the other side of
the stone dam Mr. Keating had built
to create the shallow pool and in
which he had warned them to stay.

Mr. and Mrs. Day, who were to
have spent the night in Boston, re-
turned home unexpectedly about an
hour after the children had been
pronounced dead. They have seven
other children, George, Donald, Rob-
ert, James, Mildred, Nellie and
Janet.

The funeral of Shirley Day will be
held Tuesday at the Roberts Fu-
neral Home, 16 Broad Street, and
will be private. Burial will be in
Pine Grove Cemetery. The body of
Marie Keating will be sent to New
York City Monday and funeral ser-
vices will be held at the William
Dargean Funeral Home there.

Acting Chief Hjalmer Johnson
and Fire Captain Dunn were in

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charge of the police and fire detail at the scene.

New Havener Dies.

Branford, July 18. — (AP.) — Charles Barouth, 16, of New Haven, drowned at double beach today while swimming to a raft a short distance from shore.

Joseph Ketchale, 16, a companion, told police that as they swam to the raft he passed Barouth half way there, but when he reached the raft the other boy had disappeared. Although he was pulled from the water shortly after, resuscitation efforts were in vain.