

Websterville Youth Drowns In Old Quarry

Rosario J. Grenon, 11, Fell
Into Consolidated Com-
pany Hole

BODY IN WATER
FOR 15 MINUTES

Firemen Work Hours Over
Boy Without Being Able
To Save Him

Tragedy struck in the village of upper Websterville late yesterday afternoon when Rosario Joseph Grenon, Jr., 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Rosario Grenon of that village, was drowned after falling into the old Consolidated Quarry company hole, more commonly referred to as number six and in recent years a popular swimming hole for Barre Town young people. The Grenon boy was unable to swim, his only companions at the time of the accident were boys as young or younger than himself. It is believed that he was in the water for some 15 minutes or more.

Had Been To Ball Game.

The accident happened sometime after 5:30 o'clock. Grenon, his brother, Louis, aged 9, and several other young boys had gone to the abandoned, water-filled quarry hole late in the afternoon after a ball game nearby. Older boys participated in the game and went to the quarry hole for a swim, the youngsters tagging along. The younger boys remained in the vicinity of the swimming hole after the swimmers had departed and it was then that Rosario Grenon, fully clothed, accidentally fell into the hole into about seven feet of water. His young companions were unable to help him and it is believed that he sank at once. Hearing the commotion and being informed by boys that one of their number was drowning, Frank Scott of upper Websterville, a quarryman, rushed to the scene and dove for the boy. He brought up the body on the second attempt.

In the meantime the younger Grenon boy and others had notified the parents and Mr. Grenon hurried to the scene of the accident. A call had also been put in for a doctor and for the Barre fire department.

The telephone call to the fire department was made at 5:30 o'clock and the number two truck responded with assistant fire chief Gordon Thow and Fireman Joseph Chouinard in charge. The truck carried an inhalator and two tanks. Half an hour later a call was made for a reserve tank. Fire Chief Roy MacDonald and Fireman Lionel Lawliss took the tank to Websterville. The firemen worked for more than three hours over the lad but they were unable to revive him. Dr. N. A. Aja of Barre was on hand while resuscitation efforts were being made.

Was In Fifth Grade.

The likable young Grenon boy was a member of the fifth grade at St. Sylvester's school. He was looking forward to his promotion, exercises to be held shortly. He was a member of the boys' choir at St. Sylvester's church. He attended St. Monica's school in this city for two years. He is survived by his brother, Louis; a sister, Marie, six, his parents, his grandfather, James C. Cram of Mendon, Mass.; his grandmother, Mrs. Eva Grenon of 134 Seminary street, this city; numerous uncles, aunts and cousins. His father, Rosario Grenon, is a foreman at the Wetmore-Morse company quarry.

The youth was born in Barre, January 17, 1933. His mother is the former Emma Cram.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock from St. Sylvester's church. Burial will be in St. Sylvester's cemetery. Friends may call at the home in upper Websterville after this afternoon.

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