

Dawson Child Drowns; Rites Are Conducted

Solemn funeral rites were conducted from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willie J. Dawson on the Martinsville Road yesterday afternoon for their four-year-old son, Garland Willie Dawson, who drowned Saturday afternoon in an abandoned rock quarry some 500 yards from the home.

Interment was in the Mount Zion Baptist Church cemetery with the following serving as pallbearers: Douglas Dawson, Lester Dawson, Ben Greenwood and Julian Greenwood.

The youngster succumbed despite frantic efforts of his mother to rescue him and prolonged efforts by the Danville Life Saving Crew to revive him.

The Dawson child wandered from his home in mid-afternoon and went to the rock quarry located be-

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hind Lambeth's Poultry Farm. The quarry is about 20 by 40 feet and, in places, water in it is said to be about 70 feet deep.

The mother went in search of the child, called to him and he started running—toppling into the quarry.

Although she could not swim, the mother jumped into the pond but could not reach the child. The water only a few feet away was 20 feet deep.

The horrified screams of the mother brought neighbors to the scene and one of them succeeded in retrieving the limp body with a pole.

Life savers sped to the scene and spent more than an hour in administering artificial respiration. At one time, it was thought that the child showed signs of life, but hopes soon faded.

The mother, weak from a recent illness, also required medical attention.

A native of Paces, the child was born September 2, 1944. His parents had lived in the Martinsville Road community for about 15 months.

In addition to his parents, the deceased is survived by one brother, Ernest Raymond Dawson, road. He is under treatment in Memorial Hospital.

As a result of the same accident, Charles Clem Jeffries, color-

ed, of Lansdowne, Pa., and his wife are under treatment at Winslow Hospital. The latter has two broken legs in addition to probable internal injuries.

State Trooper Tommy Tucker who aided State Trooper T. C. Coates in the investigation, said today that charges have not been filed, pending the outcome of the condition of Bassett and the colored woman.

The investigating officer said that Bassett had been headed toward Danville while Jeffries was

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A native of Pittsylvania county, Mr. Pigg was a son of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Pigg. He moved to the Mayo community as a boy and spent the remainder of his life in that area. He was an active member of the Mayo Baptist church and had served as clerk since June 21, 1924.

He married Miss Maude Ellen Taylor on November 6, 1919. She survives with three sons, Millard G. Pigg and Bernard A. Pigg, both of Spencer, and W. Taylor Pigg of Martinsville route two.

Two brothers, Oscar Pigg and Yancey Pigg, both of Washington, and a sister, Mrs. Charles Hudson of Danville are left along with a half-brother, Clem Pigg, of Washington and five grandchildren.

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