

Slips Through Innertube

Marion Youth, 11, Drowns in Quarry

Marion County last night recorded its first drowning fatality of 1950.

Richard A. Franklin, age 11, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin G. Frankiin of 824 Davids street drowned in Ireys Quarry, nine miles southeast of Marion in Richland Township at about 5:30 p. m. yesterday. He was one of nine children in the family.

Nobody saw him drown although he was in the quarry with two of his brothers, Air Force Cpl. Eugene A. Franklin of Dayton and Floren L. Franklin of Marion. Several other persons were around the quarry at the time.

Sheriff LeRoy Retterer was summoned to the quarry shortly after the boy was missed by his companions. The two brothers ran to the home of Mrs. Edward Klingel, a half-mile from the quarry, told her of his suspected drowning, and she phoned the sheriff.

The sheriff rushed to the scene with Deputies Elmer Ullom and Wilfred McElhaney.

Orders Rescue Equipment

Arriving at the quarry the sheriff found the boy's body had not yet been recovered.

He ordered the county boat and grappling equipment rushed to the quarry. Miss Mary Lou Retterer manned the boat while her father, the sheriff, and Deputy Ullom grappled for the body of the missing boy.

After 20 minutes grappling and sounding Sheriff Retterer and Deputy Ullom found the boy's body. It was 20 to 25 feet from the bank of the quarry in water 18 feet deep.

Sheriff Retterer said no attempt was made to revive the boy by resuscitation equipment, such as use of a lung-motor, because his body had been under water

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Building Trade Unions Win Pay Increases

4 Get Hikes Of 12½ Cents, Another Boost First of Year

Workers in five local trade unions got wage raises starting today.

This was reported in an announcement from the Marion Contracting Association, local builders' group, that a new building trades contract for one year has been signed between association members and five local building trades unions.

Members of the following local unions get a 12½ cent-an-hour wage increase starting today and a second one automatically Jan. 1, 1951: Bricklayers' Local 47, Cement Finishers' Local 84, Carpenters Local 976, and Plasterers' Local 682.

Members of Common Laborers' Local 574 get a seven-and-a-half-

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over an hour before it was recovered.

After recovery of the body the sheriff began an investigation of circumstances surrounding the tragedy.

Couldn't Swim

The boy's brothers said Richard could not swim. He was last seen floating on an inflated inner-tube not far from the bank of the quarry. They said it was several minutes later they noticed the empty tube floating on the water and Richard nowhere in sight. They said they believed he must have slipped through the center of the tube and drowned instantly.

His body was removed from the scene by the Schaffner-Denzer ambulance.

Richard A. Franklin was born in Marion Oct. 3, 1938, the son of Alvin G. and Clara L. Rizer Franklin. His father is a native of Gallia County and his mother a native of Nelsonville, O.

He was a fifth grade student at Oakland Heights School and a member of the Oakland Evangelical Church.

He is survived by his parents, one niece, and eight brothers and sisters: Mrs. Dayle Hodges of Marion, Cecil L., Martha E., Floren L., Linda L., and Wallace F. at home, and Cpl. Eugene A. Franklin of the U. S. Air Force at Dayton, O., and Private William M. Franklin of the U. S. Army, Fort Knox, Ky.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 2:30 p. m. at the Oakland Evangelical Church with the pastor, Rev. H. V. Falor, officiating.

Friends may call at the Franklin home after 7:30 p. m. today.

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