

BOY, NINE, DROWNS IN DODSON QUARRY

Billy Davis Wading Victim at Abandoned Facility

Billy Davis, 9, colored, of 109 North Lyerly Street, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Davis, drowned yesterday in the water-filled depths of an abandoned rock quarry near the corner of Dodson Avenue and Wilson Street.

The body was recovered shortly after 2 p.m., more than two hours after the youth had disappeared while wading in the edge of the pool. His body was recovered from a pocket in the rock in about 15 feet of water by Capt. Barney Payne of No. 3 Fire Hall.

Two boys, Willie Lee Jones, 8, colored, whose address was not

learned, and Kenneth Ellis, 13, 3206 Campbell Street, reported they saw the little boy drown. The youngsters said Davis was wading several feet from the bank when apparently he stepped from a ledge into deeper water and disappeared beneath the surface.

Battalion Chief R. V. Vester of the fire department, went to the scene with an oxygen inhalator and employes of the Bill Penney Service Station took a boat to the scene to aid in rescue operations. Ed Rhodes, American Red Cross safety director, who also aided in the rescue, said no attempts were made at artificial respiration because the boy had been in the water too long when his body was recovered.

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