

# Boy Washing Bicycle Drowns in Quarry Hole

A 12-year-old Danielsville boy was accidentally drowned yesterday afternoon while trying to wash his bicycle in an abandoned quarry hole near his home.

Northampton County's first drowning victim of the summer season was Russell F. Bennyhoff, son of Willard and Florence (Christman) Bennyhoff.

## Reviving Efforts Fail

All efforts to revive the youth were unavailing. A certificate of death due to accidental drowning was issued by Dr. David F. Bachman County coroner, after an investigation.

Bachman said the boy was accompanied by his nine-year-old brother, Willard Jr., when he went to the quarry.

Russell, who was unable to swim, began to wash his two-wheeler in the shallow water near the edge of the quarry. He was wearing overshoes at the time.

According to his younger brother, the lad suddenly slipped and fell into deeper water.

## Brother Summons Aid

His brother ran for help. A short time later, State Troopers Michael J. Wargo and Harold E. Schafer arrived with a grappling hook and recovered the boy's body.

A pulmotor was brought into use by members of Slatington American Legion Post. State troopers and Legionnaires applied artificial respiration, with the aid of the mechanical device, for more than an hour.

The body was released by the coroner to the Seltzer Funeral Home in Danielsville where funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday.

Survivors include his parents, one brother and two sisters, Willard Jr., Nancy Joan and Betty Ann, all at home; and a great-grandfather, Wesley Serfass of Bowmanstown.

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