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Frank D. Kreiser, aged 17, who  
drowned in abandoned quarry near  
Myerstown Sunday evening.

# Frank Kreiser, 17, Drowns In Stone Quarry

## Kutztown Youth Dies In Twenty Feet Of Water

Frank D. Kreiser, aged 17, of Kutztown, north of Myerstown, drowned in 20 feet of water Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock in an abandoned stone quarry east of Myerstown and in the rear of Lakeside Inn. The youth, who was unable to swim, accompanied a group of boys from his neighborhood and one of them, Martin Shepler, made an unsuccessful attempt to save his life. Shepler dove in and had the victim around the waist, but had to give up because Kreiser was too heavy to handle.

This marked the first drowning fatality in Lebanon County this season and the first recorded in the Myerstown quarry for many years. The Safety Patrol unit of the Goodwill Fire Company, Myerstown, responded to the call and worked for almost two hours on the lad before giving up hope. A respirator was used and Dr. Carl S. Miller was on hand to lend assistance. Dr. Miller pronounced the boy dead at 9:30 p.m. Dr. John L. Groh, Lebanon County coroner, issued a verdict of accidental drowning.

The youth was the foster son of Mrs. Alice Brown, of Kutztown, where he made his home since he was five years old, when the family took him in from the Lebanon Family and Children's Service.

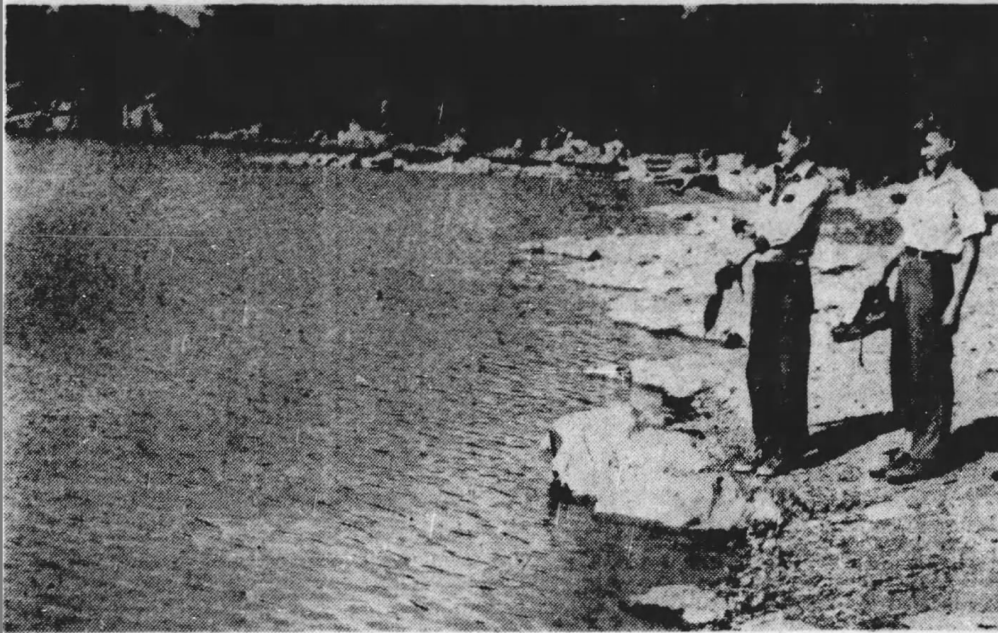
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For the past ten years, and up until the time of his death, Kreis-

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## German GI Buried

## Lebanon County's First 1951 Drowning Occurred Here



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Two boys look at the spot in the abandoned quarry east of Myerstown (to the rear of Lakeside Inn) where Frank K. Kreiser, aged 17 of Kutztown (north of Myerstown), drowned at 7:30 last evening while bathing with friends.

Kreiser was unable to swim and drowned in 20 feet of water about 15 feet from shore. The one lad is holding the oxygen mask which was used by the Goodwill First Aid and Safety Patrol of Myerstown, in a vain effort to save the youth's life. The other is holding the shoes which belonged to Kreiser and which were left at the scene of Lebanon County's first drowning accident of 1951.

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er was a carrier boy for the Lebanon Daily News in the Kutztown vicinity. He was a member of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church and the Kutztown Union Sunday School and attended services at both places regularly.

According to Mrs. Brown, the youth was on a picnic which the family attended in the afternoon at Long's Grove, near Stouchsburg. He was in high spirits all afternoon and when the family arrived home in the evening he helped to unpack the picnic baskets and then disappeared from the house. No undue concern was registered at his disappearance because the lad often went to a neighboring home where he would watch television.

However, Kreiser accompanied a group of friends to the quarry near Myerstown to go bathing. He waded into the water, according to his friends, and about 15 feet from shore dropped suddenly from sight. Shepler made an unsuccessful attempt in rescuing the youth and about 20 minutes later the Myerstown Safety Patrol recovered the body with grappling irons.

The boys who were in the group which went swimming aside from Kreiser, were Jay Keeney, Richard Blatt and Charles and Marlin Shepler all of Kutztown. Charles Kribs, of Myerstown, also attempted to recover the body and tried unsuccessfully for 15 minutes.

Kreiser attended the Myerstown schools until this past year when he took a huckstering job with Miss Jennie Brown.

Aside from his foster mother he is survived by the following brothers and sisters: Martin, who is stationed at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, with the Army; Charles and Mary Kreiser, both of Florida; Mrs. Miriam Felty, Myerstown; Justine Imboden, Myerstown, and Ida Kreiser, Lebanon.

## Goodwill Fire Co. Ladies Take First Prize



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