

# Treacherous Rock Quarry Pool Drowns Bristol Youth

A 16-year-old South Bristol youth drowned in abandoned Griffith rock quarry yesterday afternoon while two young friends attempted to save and frantically called for help.

Isaac Seymore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roby A. Seymore, 1709 Sixth Street extension, perished in the water-filled excavation while playing water tag with two friends, both younger than he.

Young Seymore's playmates — Clarence Barr, 14 of 220 Dulaney Street, and Robert Creasong, 13 of 1739 Sixth Street extension—said the drowned youth could not swim.

The youth's body was recovered by members of the Bristol Life Saving Crew at 6 p. m., one hour after the drowning.

Crew members administered artificial respiration by hand and with a resuscitator for about half an hour, but their efforts proved futile.

The tragedy occurred in the abandoned rock quarry formerly owned by T. K. Griffith of Bluff City. The quarry is located at the rear of Shelby Hills Cemetery.

Young Barr and Creasong said they had been fishing and playing water games with Seymore for about three and a half hours before he apparently stepped in one of the deep channels on the floor of the water-filled excavation.

Life saving crew members arrived at the scene with water-rescue equipment within ten minutes after receiving the call. Probing operations were difficult because of the rocky and uneven bottom of the pool.

In addition to his parents, the drowned youth is survived by a brother, Marvin Allen Seymore; two sisters, Anna May and Helen Louise Seymore; and his paternal grandfather, Isaac Baker, all of Bristol.

The body is at Blevins Funeral Home. Funeral arrangements are incomplete.



**THEIR EFFORTS WERE FUTILE** — Bristol Life Saving Crew Captain LaVerne Gross, aided by crewman Bill Bolling (left), administers artificial respiration to the lifeless body of 16-year-old Isaac Seymore who drowned yesterday afternoon in abandoned Griffith quarry adjacent to Shelby Hills Cemetery. Life saving crew members recovered the youth's body an hour after the South Bristol resident drowned while playing in the water-filled excavation with friends. (Additional drowning scene photos on Page 2).

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