

# Swimmer, 15, Drowns; Brother Saved from Abandoned Quarry

## 13-Year-Old Lad Found Senseless Beneath Water

A pre-season swim in an abandoned quarry near his home ended in death last night for 15-year-old Donald J. Horst, 872 Buffalo-Depew Blvd., Depew, and a narrow escape from drowning for his brother, Thomas E., 13.

Had it not been for a Buffalo man, Joseph J. Mueller, 30, of 132 Montana St., it might have been a double tragedy. Mueller was atop a nearby house installing a television aerial.

**Mueller spotted the younger Horst boy struggling in the water, leaped 15 feet to the ground and dashed to the quarry in time to pull Thomas ashore and revive him.**

It was not until Thomas had regained consciousness that Mueller learned the boy's brother was near the bottom of the quarry. Mueller took off his outer clothing and made nearly a dozen dives into the eight-foot-deep water. He finally recovered Donald's body, but it was too late.

The quarry, about 100 feet square, is about 300 yards from Meadowlawn Rd. between that thoroughfare and George Urban Blvd. Thomas told Mueller Donald had gone in swimming and that he had stayed on the bank because he cannot swim.

Police Lieut. Frank E. Enser, Jr., of Cheektowaga said he talked with Thomas and learned from him that Donald, either seized with cramps or becoming ill, began splashing around in the water and then disappeared.

**"Tommy extended his right foot to his brother in the hope Donald could grab it and he could pull him out," said Enser. "How Tommy got into the water we could not exactly learn. He either fell in while trying to save his brother or Donald pulled him in."**

It was Thomas hitting the water and struggling to keep his head above the surface who had caught Mueller's eye while the latter was on the roof at 222 Meadowlawn Rd.

Living at 222 Meadowlawn is the family of George Siller. The house is opposite the quarry. Siller's daughter, Dorothy, is Mueller's fiance. Mueller is not an aerial installer by profession. He operates a delicatessen in Broadway, Cheektowaga. Yesterday's job, he said, was done "as a favor."

"When I saw splashing in the quarry," said Mueller, "I knew something was wrong."

Mueller yelled to Miss Siller that there was trouble at the quarry. He told her to call the police.

Meanwhile, Mueller had run to the quarry.

"When I got there, I saw bubbles

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## Victim of Springtime Tragedy



DONALD J. HORST



THOMAS E. HORST

# General Labels Report Timely as Bunker Hill

## MacArthur Sarcastically Dismisses Wake Account; Aide Calls Notes "Surreptitious"

New York, May 2 (UP)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur said tonight the Administration's version of the Wake Island talks made public today have about the same bearing on the current problem in Korea "as would a report on the military operations of Bunker Hill."

MacArthur "didn't know that notes were being made" on his conversations with President Truman when they conferred at Wake last Fall, according to Maj. Gen. Courtney Whitney, MacArthur's secretary.

Whitney quoted MacArthur on the "Bunker Hill" reference and added: "No mention was made by anybody of any surreptitious note-taking behind doors. As I recall, Charlie Ross (Truman's late press secretary) told Gen. MacArthur that no record would be made of the proceedings."

Whitney said he had "no reason to doubt" that five copies of the report were sent to MacArthur in Tokyo a few days after the Wake conference, as was reported today in Washington. But he said "no attention was paid to it in Tokyo. It was put in the file because a communique had been issued after the conference deemed to cover the activities of the conference."

Whitney said he "didn't know" whether the Administration report released today was the same as the "one we received in Tokyo." But, he added, "apparently it was."

Asked whether he considered the note-taking to be "surreptitious" Whitney said:

"Surreptitious might be the wrong word. The general didn't know that

# Israeli Forces Repel Syrians In Bitter Fight

## "Invading" Troops Pushed Back to Border

Tel Aviv, Israel, Thursday, May 3 (UP) — Israeli military spokesman Capt. Lionel Tytan reported at midnight the Israeli Army had counter-attacked Syrian troops and driven them back to the Syrian border after fighting that raged all day Wednesday.

An Israeli communique reported yesterday that Syrian troops entered the demilitarized area on the border north of Lake Tiberias and penetrated into Israel.

### Supported by Artillery

Tytan said the strength of the Syrian forces ranged up to one company supported by armed irregulars. He said they were supported by artillery fire from the border.

Tytan said the Syrian forces had retreated about two miles altogether into their own territory. The demilitarized area is slightly less than two

# Boy Drowns, Brother Saved From Quarry

## Dual Tragedy Averted By Leap From Roof

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rising to the surface," he said.

Mueller jumped in and pulled Thomas to the bank. The boy was unconscious.

"I could just barely see an outline of him in the water," he said. "He hadn't been under too long."

About this time, Siller reached the scene. Together, they worked over Thomas. Mueller had learned first aid when he was a student at Hutchinson Central High School.

When Thomas was able to talk, he told Mueller and Siller his brother was still in the water. It was then that Mueller made his several dives, "about the 12th" being successful. Donald was pulled from water about six feet deep.

### Resuscitation Tried 2 Hours

Meanwhile, members of the U-Crest Hose Co. arrived with an inhalator. Police had notified them after receiving the call from Miss Siller. Fireman worked over Donald two hours before a physician pronounced him dead. Medical Examiner John P. Hylant issued a certificate of death to drowning.

Lieut. Enser said the brothers apparently had planned to fish in the quarry. Two fishing poles, a can of worms and a tackle box were found on the bank. In some bushes were Donald's clothes. He had been wearing swimming trunks when he went into the water.

Donald was a ninth-grade student at North Junior High School, Depew. Thomas is a student at the Transit Rd. School. Besides Thomas and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Horst, Donald is survived by three other brothers, Michael, nine; Gerald, seven, and Robin, five, and a sister, Janet, 11.

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