

BOY DROWNS IN QUARRY AT CEMENT PLANT

Edward Moore, 18, of Chabot Terrace, Vallejo, was drowned this afternoon when he fell from a raft on which he was playing with two other youngsters in an abandoned quarry pit at Napa Junction.

Moore, according to his companions, was with them on a raft, near the center of the pool, when he complained of a pain in his back.

He toppled from the raft and dropped out of sight into the waters. The water is 40 feet deep at the spot where he disappeared.

His two companions dived in an effort to save him. When they were unable to do so ran to the Basalt Rock Company plant nearby and notified workmen.

The workmen in turn called the office of Sheriff John Claussen, who rushed to the scene with his deputies. Also summoned was the rescue truck of the Napa Fire Department.

This afternoon volunteers were diving in the pool and dragging operations were being continued.

Moore's companions on the raft were David Radney, 15, and Bill Pate, both of Chabot Terrace.

There were five or six other swimmers at the site at the time of the accident, 1:15 o'clock this afternoon, and they made fruitless attempts to recover his body.

The pit is part of the old Portland Standard Cement Company cement plant, which was established at Napa Junction 50 years ago. After a number of years of operation the site was abandoned, and was only recently purchased by the Basalt Company.

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