

Youth Falls 30 Feet Onto Quarry Rocks

From The Patriot Correspondent
CHAMBERSBURG, June 19—A 16-year-old youth plunged 30 feet down the side of an abandoned quarry this afternoon, and lay for nearly two hours on jagged rocks before his rescue.

The boy is Harold Kennedy, 480 Lincoln Way East. He suffered a compound fracture of the left leg, a fractured left wrist, cuts of the left leg and the right heel, and severe brush burns. He was taken to Chambersburg Hospital where his condition tonight was described as "fair."

Harold, who had gone swimming at the quarry, near Edenville, with some friends, began climbing up the side of the quarry, and was about one third of the way up when he slipped, the Goodwill Fire Co. ambulance crew said.

An estimated 50 persons watched helplessly while the ambulance was called.

But once there, the ambulance crew found itself without equipment to rescue the boy. By Civil Defense radio they called the fire department, which rushed to the scene with a rubber life raft.

The fire truck drove down to the water's edge along the opposite edge of the pool, where Garnet Gist, assistant chief, towed the raft across with a small boat. It took Gist, assisted by several swimmers, 15 minutes to get Kennedy from the rocks.

"We placed him on a portable stretcher and then secured him to the raft," said Gist. "He didn't make a sound."

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