

## Mother of 8 Dives in Vain; Son Drowns in Quarry Pit

A 5 year old boy drowned yesterday, in an abandoned quarry pit near Joliet while his mother and sister made repeated dives in attempts to rescue him. The body finally was recovered by a brakeman on a passing train which stopped so that the crew could join the rescue work.

The victim was Woodrow Sanders Jr. of 201 Birkey av., Lockport township.

His mother, Dorothy, 33, cut her left foot on a jagged rock while trying to reach him. She lost a considerable amount of blood and was taken in an ambulance to St. Joseph's hospital in Joliet. There, physicians found she scarcely had any pulse left. She was given blood transfusions and oxygen and was reported recovering.

### Friend Calls for Aid

Mrs. Sanders and her daughter, Joan, 15, had gone to the quarry pit on a fishing trip with Woodrow and a neighbor, Robert Leroy Jr., 8, of 214 Hawthorne av., Lockport township.

The two boys were fishing from a ledge 20 feet above the water. Robert said he descended nearer the water and that



Mrs. Sanders and son, Woodrow

when he got back on the ledge, Woodrow had disappeared.

Summoned by calls by young Leroy, Mrs. Sanders and Joan dived into the pit from the 20 foot ledge, but were unable to locate Woodrow.

### Train Crew Offers Aid

The crew of an Elgin, Joliet, and Eastern railroad train, which runs alongside the quarry, noticed them diving and stopped the train. Carmen Del Sasso, 20, of Fairmount, Lockport township, kicked off his shoes and dived into the pit. He found the body in eight feet of water.

The abandoned pit is known as Sprague's quarry and is a mile north of the Joliet city limits. Sheriff's deputies said it is not posted against fishing or swimming.

Mrs. Sanders' husband is a carpenter. Beside Joan, there are six other children.