Man Drowns In Quarry

Peter J. Ketelaar, 47, Succumbs Here

Peter J. Ketelaar, 47, of 354 Fulton st., W, drowned Sunday while swimming in an abandoned gravel quarry between the north end of Judd av., SW, and the southwest Grand Rapids city limit in Wyoming township.

Mr. Ketelaar was swimming with John Keizer, 29, of 3256 Buchanan av., SW, when he went under, Wyoming township police reported Keizer told them.

Keizer and two men who were fishing in the quarry, Charles G. Purdy, 21, of 210 Gold st., NW, and Arthur L. Cobb of Harvey, Ill., pulled Mr. Ketelaar out of the deep water and applied artificial respiration. Purdy's brother, James, ran to the nearby Chesapeake & Onio Railway Co. yards to call police.

Police also attempted to revive Mr. Ketelaar with a resuscitator.

Dr. G. F. Barofsky, medical examiner, reported cause of death was accidental drowning.

Mr. Ketelaar was employed as a sheet metal worker at Michigan Blow Pipe Co.

Surviving are a son, Gordon; two daughters, Mrs. William Prateling and Marilyn; two brothers, Levi of Detroit and James of Grand Rapids; four sisters, Mrs. Clara Kruizenga, Mrs. Mary Barr, Mrs. Susie VanElst and Mrs. Lena Thomas, all of Grand Rapids.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 Tuesday at Kuiper funeral home. Burial will be in Wyoming Township cemetery.

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