

Have You Ever Seen A Small Boy Drown?

Have you ever seen a child drown? Have you ever seen a passerby, without any regard for his personal safety, jump into a filthy stagnant hole to attempt to save a child? Have you ever seen the efforts of men trying to give artificial respiration to a drowned child—how tirelessly they labor and, although efficient and with first aid experience, still are inadequate to bring life back? Have you ever seen a young

mother clinging to her child's limp body while this attempt is being made and praying at every bubble that emits from her child's mouth or nostril that there might be a spark of life left? **EMERGENCY TREATMENT** Have you ever seen the emergency ambulance arrive and, after all attempts of oxygen and pulmotor have been administered, a qualified person pronounces the child dead? Have you ever seen the panic

and tragedy written on the face of the crowd of workers and watchers as they file away from this scene? I have just witnessed this in the drowning of Tony Davenport, age 5 years, in the L. & L. Quarry. In my humble thought, this was a drowning that can be charged to every citizen of Broward County. We are told that nothing can be done about these water holes abandoned by the powerful rock pit oper-

ators and left to entice our children to their deaths. I, for one, think they owe the community in which they do business to voluntarily remedy this situation, but, as we know from the past, they will not do so. The only precaution at present is a "No Swimming" sign, but this does not suffice in the case of a 3-year-old. Can't we, as citizens, bring enough pressure on our elected officials, our church and civic groups, to do something about this hazard? As one of our great statesmen once said, "If a law is needed and we cannot bring about the enactment,

The Horror Of Rockpits

EDITOR'S NOTE: Ever see the horrible sight of a child drowning? Or the tragedy etched in the faces of those attempting to revive the child? The writer of the following letter to the Daily News has, and tells of the horrible experience in her own dramatic words. The News publishes her letter, hoping it will prod residents and other officials into doing something about the hazard.

there is something wrong with our system of government."

PART OF QUARRY The hole of water in which this child drowned is a part of the quarry owned by the L. & L. Quarry. A road has been built through this lake damming up this small hole with a large pile of sand at one end. This is just a natural for a children's playground. The size of this water hole is very deceiving, as the water

probably is 20 feet deep. Some people might argue that a child should be kept away from these dangers, but have you ever tried to reason out danger with a 5-year-old? I'm writing this hoping that in my small way I can bring this to the attention of our public officials and the rank and file, and avoid another tragedy of this kind in the future. **MRS. WAYNE L. WELKER**

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