

Double Tragedy Is Outcome Of Rescue Try

Two 14-year-old Negro boys drowned in an abandoned quarry hole near Dunn's Mountain Sunday afternoon after reportedly ignoring an adult's warning not to try to swim across the lake.

Freddie May of Jersey City in Salisbury and Johnny Glasco were the two boys who drowned. One of the witnesses to the tragedy said that Glasco began having trouble as they swam across, and that May attempted to hold him up.

The Rowan Rescue Squad recovered the bodies within seven or eight minutes after arriving on the scene shortly after the accident.

The volunteers started giving the two boys oxygen in a effort to revive them, but gave up after some 45 minutes of artificial respiration.

The two boys were in a group of nine teen-agers and one adult who were swimming in the quarry. Sheriff Arthur Shuping, who investigated the accident, said that he was told that Bill Caldwell, a 46-year-old man who was acting as chaperone for the youths, told the two boys not to try to swim across the pond.

The sheriff said the lake is about one acre in size. It is the Carolina Pink Granite Company quarry and is located about a mile north east of Dunn's Mountain. The quarry is at the end of the first dirt road on the left past Dunn's Mountain travelling from Salisbury.

In addition to May and Glasco, others in the swimming party were Ernest Taylor, 15; Leander Steele, 15; Robert Lee Morris, 14; Sylvester McMahon, 14; Freddie McMahon, 12; Emanuel McMahon, 10; Jerry Roebuck, 13; and Caldwell.

One of the witnesses said that May was swimming ahead of Glasco when Glasco began to tire. He added that May turned around to help Glasco and both went under.

The accident occurred shortly before 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The Rescue Squad had recovered the bodies and had begun giving artificial respiration by 5:30.

Funeral services for the two boys are incomplete. The bodies are at the Noble and Kelsey Funeral Home.

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