

# 18-Year-Old Boy Drowns In Quarry At Williamson

Harold Leslie Parsons, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Parsons, of Greencastle R. 2, drowned on Sunday afternoon while swimming with several companions in an abandoned quarry hole at Williamson, scene of several previous tragedies.

The Parsons youth was apparently seized with cramps as he swam toward shore. He was reportedly only two feet from the bank when he went under water and sank a second time after attempting to make an outcry. Water in the quarry ranges from 15 feet to an unknown depth.

At the time of the accident, approximately 4 o'clock, the Parsons boy had been on a raft with Kenneth R. Burkett, 11, also of Greencastle R. 2; Lloyd T. Todd, 16, and George C. Clevenger, 22, both of Mercersburg. He had left the raft and was heading for the bank.

Clevenger, a brother-in-law of the youth, went to his aid but was unable to locate him, then went to a nearby farm house to summon help. Firemen of the Rescue Hose Com-

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pany, Greencastle; a Greencastle ambulance, and firemen of the Good Will and Friendship companies of Chambersburg responded.

The Good Wills furnished ropes and graping hooks for locating the body and the Friendships furnished the resuscitator which was used in an attempt to revive the youth.

Richard E. Cline, 227 South Washington street, Greencastle, an amateur diver, plunged into the water with "skin diving" equipment including oxygen tanks and a face mask. He located the body on a ledge 15 feet under the surface and tied a rope around the drowned youth's leg so that firemen could pull him to the surface.

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