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Larry R. Evans Drowns In Abandoned Pit in Fort McCord Area

BABY BOTTLE AND SHOE CAUSE SEARCH

A 17-year-old Fayetteville area boy drowned yesterday afternoon in a water-filled abandoned stone quarry in the Fort McCord section, northwest of town, where he had been on an afternoon outing with five other young people.

Despite the fact that the quarry waters and shore line were filled with swimmers and picnickers Larry Ray Evans, of R. R. 2, Fayetteville, sank beneath the water and drowned unnoticed.

It was not until he had been missing for several hours that his friends became alarmed and organized a searching party. A Navy enlisted man, visiting in this area, found Evans' body in 12 feet of water and brought it to surface shortly before 7 o'clock.

Artificial respiration was applied until Evans was rushed by ambulance to the Chambersburg Hospital. An attending physician

there pronounced the youth dead. Another party organized by State police searched the waters of an abandoned quarry near Pond Bank last evening and combed the shore line of the quarry after a baby's bottle was found floating on the waters and a baby shoe and stocking were found on the bank. The search, however, failed to produce any result.

The Evans youth, police learned, had gone to the quarry with three young ladies and two young men early yesterday afternoon. Although he was not a swimmer, he was attired in swimming trunks and was last seen wading along the shore line of the quarry in about a foot of water. Police said that at the point he was wading there was an earthen hamp which had been used by trucks as they entered and left the quarry while it was in operation. There was a sheer drop of 12 feet off either

side of the ramp.
It was in this section that William W. Humphrey, 19, a Missis-sippi resident, found Evans' body and brought it to the surface.

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Navy enlisted man assigned to the USS Forrestal, Humphrey was visiting with friends in Franklin County, he told police.

Other members of Evans' party told police they had not seen him since 3:30 yesterday afternoon. Believing that he may have gone for a walk or was with other friends, they said they did not become alarmed about his absence for several hours. As they began a search of the waters and shore, line, they enlisted the aid of others.

Police subsequently were summoned and, after the body was recovered, they called Coroner J. D. Goshen. Attributing the death to accidental drowning, the coroner released the body to the Barbour funeral home.

The Evans youth was one of ten children of John F. and Dora Rotz Evans, R. R. 2. Fayetteville. He was born on Aug. 13, 1941, and attended Sunday school at the New Guilford Brethren in Christ Church.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by these brothers and sisters: A '3c Robert E. Evans, who is en route to a station in Alaska; A 2c Lester L., Shaw Air Force Base, S. C.: Joan, Jane, Linda, Shirley, Susie, John and Richard, all at home.

The Rev. Charles W. Rife will officiate at services to be held Thursday at 2 p.m. at the Barbour funeral home. Burial will be made at St. Thomas Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 7 until 9 p.m. Wednesday.

Search Proves Futile

State police last evening organized a searching party after a Pond Bank resident reported a baby's nursing bottle was found floating on the waters of a nearby abandoned quarry and a shoe and stocking found on the quarry bank. The shoe was a size that would fit a child of nine months to a year in age, police said. The bottle taken from the water contained sweet milk.

Fearing that a child may have been lost in the area or toppled into the quarry waters, police Organized area residents into a searching party to comb the woodland surrounding the quarry site.

Friendship firemen here were called and responded with their rescue truck. Launching a boat on the quarry water, firemen dragged grappling hooks along the quarry rim.

No clues were uncovered by the searchers and police finally called off the search.

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