

Castleton Boy Drowns in Old Slate Quarry

CASTLETON — Michael Aubin Jr., 10, of Castleton, drowned while fishing in a flooded abandoned slate quarry here Sunday about 4:30 p.m.

Castleton volunteer firemen recovered his body within 20 minutes and worked in vain for two hours with a resuscitator and artificial respiration to revive the boy.

Fire Chief William Keech, first of the firemen to arrive on the scene, said the boy's body was recovered with a grapple hook.

He said young Aubin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Aubin Sr., was trying to retrieve his fishing pole from the water when he slipped into the water at a depth of between six and eight feet.

The boy was wearing hip boots, Keech said, which filled with water and apparently weighed him down.

The chief said Aubin was fishing with George Rogers, about 12. The quarry is owned by Rogers' father and is located off North road about a mile and a half from the village.

Keech estimated the quarry at between 15 and 20 feet wide with a water depth of 20 feet at the deepest point.

Dr. James Reedy of Fair Haven pronounced the boy dead.