Knox Youth Dies in Quarry Fall

Victim, Pal Playing at Unused Diggings

A 16-year-old Western Heights youth was killed yesterday afternoon when he fell about 100 feet from the top of an abandoned county quarry near Heiskell where he and a friend had been playing.

Billy Toliver, former Rule High School student of 1238 Virginia Ave., was pronounced dead at St. Mary's Hospital about 2:30 p.m. Coroner Sidney Wolfenbarger said death was accidental.

The boy was the oldest of the three sons of Mrs. Dorothy Toliver of Virginia Ave. and James Toliver, De Land, Fla. Relatives said the parents have been divorced about 10 years.

Spending Week at Farm

From authorities and relatives came this account:

Billy, who quit Rule last spring, had been spending the past week at the farm of his uncle, Haywood Toliver, on Heiskell Rd. His brothers, Mack, 14, and Danny, 12, remained at their mother's home.

Early yesterday afternoon Billy and an unidentified friend went to the quarry, off Heiskell Rd. between Heiskell community and Emory Rd., and were playing at the top when Billy lost his footing and fell.

Believed Crushed by Boulder

There were reports that a large rock was dislodged and fell on him. His chest was crushed, he suffered head injuries and his body bore a large number of cuts and bruises.

The friend ran to the Heiskell Rd. home of Mrs. Franklin E. Cox. When efforts to get an ambulance via telephone failed, Mrs. Cox placed Billy in her station wagon and took him to St. Mary's.

The body is at Rose's.

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