Boy, 12, Drowns, 2 Escape Pond In Leominster

LEOMINSTER, Feb. 22—A 12-year-old boy drowned and two other children barely escaped death, here today when they fell through the ice of duPont Pond near Lancaster st.

The victim was Michael Membrino, son of Mr. and Mrs. Algidio Membrino of 45 Elm Hill av.

He was playing with his brother Norman, 9, and cousin, Laura Guilmette, 13, of 182 Fourth st., when the ice collapsed.

Laura told police she managed to reach shore, 10 feet away, by grabbing a tree limb and pulling herself to safety.

Norman followed in her path and she helped him the rest of the way.

The children ran to the Membrino home about a mile away and told Mrs. Membrino who notified police and firemen.

The boy's body was recovered after a 15 minute search.

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