

Richmond Swimmer Drowns Tuesday In Stone Quarry Near Monon

MONON — White County recorded its second drowning of 1962, when a 21-year-old Richmond resident died while swimming in an abandoned stone quarry a mile south of here on Tuesday afternoon.

The body of Charles J. Ryan, of 416 Northwest First Street in Richmond was recovered at approximately 2:20 p. m., by two Monon Stone Company workers, Clevie Blissett and Elmer D. Lashbrook, Jr.

The Ryan drowning came a little more than four months after the County registered its initial drowning, when 52-year-old Sadie Ann Mitchell drowned on February 17, in the icy waters of the Tippecanoe River near Norway when her car accidentally rolled down a hill into the water.

The drowning was the third in the Monticello area this year, however, including the water fatality that claimed the life of 24-year-old Larry McClellan, a Delphi junior high school teacher, who died on June 5, on Lake Freeman near Freeman Park.

Ryan, a resident of the Kentland Hotel, had gone to the quar-

ry located across the highway from the stone company with 15-year-old Thomas Kidwell, of East Park, when the two swimmers found a raft and Ryan attempted to pull Kidwell across the quarry by towing the raft.

According to the Indiana State Police, Ryan gave up towing the raft and Kidwell after a short distance and climbed aboard the raft, which floated back to the east side of the quarry.

After resting awhile, Ryan slipped off the raft and started his fatal attempt to swim across the quarry, going beneath the surface an estimated 35 yards from the other side at approximately 1:15 p. m.

Kidwell dashed across the highway to summon help from Blissett and Lashbrook.

The White County Sheriff's Department, the deputy county corner and conservation officer Howard Webb assisted in the investigation.

Ryan's body was taken to the Stewart Funeral Home in Monon, where funeral arrangements are pending.