

Richmond Man, 21, Drowns In White County Quarry

Charles J. Ryan, 21 years old, 416 North West First street, drowned Tuesday afternoon in an abandoned stone quarry near U.S.-421, one-quarter mile south of Monon (White county).

A companion, Tom Kidwell, 15 years old, of Earl Park, told authorities he and Ryan were attempting to pull a raft across the 150-foot pit when Ryan sank below the surface.

Ryan had left Richmond about a month ago for employment at a gasoline station in Kentland, but he hadn't changed his place of residence.

Kidwell told authorities that when he reached the other side of the pit, he looked around to see Ryan floundering in the middle of the pond.

The teen-ager said his friend cried out, "Tom," then sank into the quarry. Kidwell said he could not find Ryan when he swam back out to the middle. He ran to a nearby stone crushing office and called police. The body was recovered by divers a little later in the afternoon.

Ryan was a native of Richmond and had attended schools here. He had served in the Marine corps and was a member of the First Baptist church.

Survivors include the widow, Anna; the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ryan of Richmond; two



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sisters, Mrs. Howard Karn of Richmond and Miss Kathy Ryan, at home; a grandmother, Mrs. Nellie Decker of Richmond.

Services for Charles Ryan will be held Friday at 2 p. m. at the First Baptist church. Rev. W. F. Badgett will officiate. Burial will be in Earlham cemetery. Friends may call at the Jones & Placke funeral home after 3 p. m. Thursday and at the church an hour before services.