

Johnstown Girl Drowns In Jenner Twp. Quarry

A 16-year-old Johnstown girl, drowned Tuesday in a stone quarry in Jenner Township Somerset County, about seven miles east of Ligonier.

The girl was identified as Mary Webb.

Somerset County Coroner Robert H. Halverson said the girl and three others, all from Johnstown went to the quarry between 10:30 and 11 a.m.

Others in the group were David Severns, 16; Donald Malfer, 21, and Mary Jane Carothers, 16.

The coroner said the two boys swam across the quarry and climbed up on a ledge overlooking the water.

The girls were wading at the shore when the Carothers girl went out into deeper water.

Went to Help

Halverson said she struggled as if she was caught on a rock. The Webb girl went to help and apparently couldn't get back.

The boys went to help, managed to free Mary Jane, but couldn't free the Webb girl in time to save her.

Halverson said the boys finally managed to get the girl to shore, and went for help.

The youngsters got help from the Ligonier Volunteer Fire Department. Dr. George Tomci attempted a tracheotomy without success, the coroner said.

The girl was pronounced dead at 1:15 p.m. EDT. The accident occurred between 10 and 12 and 12:30 p.m. he said.

Good Swimmer

The coroner said the Webb girl was considered a good swimmer and had apparently gone swimming in the quarry several times.

Halverson said young people

from Johnstown swim in the abandoned quarry a good bit.

He said the four met in Johnstown and the girls wanted the boys to take them swimming.

They went to the quarry in an auto operated by Malfer.

The coroner attributed death to suffocation by drowning.

Last rites of the Roman Catholic church were administered by a priest from Ligonier.

Miss Webb was the county's third drowning victim and the 16th accidental fatality this year.

Union Opens To B-girls Is

By W. B. RAGSDALE JR.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pretty Penny Singleton, Blondie of the movies, charged Tuesday her union has opened its doors to exotic dancers who spend most of their time working as B-girls.

Singer Pat Lynn Hackett told Senate investigators that in many Philadelphia night clubs an ability to persuade customers to buy more drinks was more important than any stage talents.

She said she once heard an agent whose main sales pitch for a dancer client was:

"This girl can drink any man under the table."

Both women told the Senate investigations subcommittee their union — the American Guild of Variety Artists (AGVA) — had done nothing to enforce its rules against performers being required to mingle with customers.