

Youth Drowns In Quarry At Harrodsburg

HARRODSBURG, Ky. — John William Peavler, 11, of Harrodsburg, drowned Wednesday when he fell into the city's abandoned rock quarry on Cornishville Street.

His body was recovered at 11:20 a.m., about 50 minutes after the drowning.

Mercer County Coroner Cecil Robinson said death was due to accidental drowning.

The Peavler boy had been fishing with three companions—Linda Dunning, Sue Devine and Tommy Devine when the accident occurred.

The three said all four were fishing in the old quarry pond about 10:30 a.m. when a rock on which young Peavler was standing slipped, throwing him into the water.

The boy's three companions then ran to a nearby office to telephone for help, and the body was recovered in water 10 feet deep, some 10 or 12 feet from the shore by Mercer County Fire Chief Wayne Watts.

The fire chief was assisted by members of the Harrodsburg Fire Department and artificial respiration was administered without success.

Young Peavler, a student in the sixth grade in the Harrodsburg Elementary School, is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Peavler, North Greenville Street, Harrodsburg; five brothers, Edward, Hubert, Robert, Aubrey and David Peavler, and a sister, Geraldine Peavler, all at home; his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt Watts, Mercer County, and his paternal grandfather, John Peavler, Harrodsburg.

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