# Negro Youth Drowns Here In Old Quarry

An 18-year-old Negro youth became the city's first summer drowning victim this morning while a 12-year-old companion struggled desperately in an unsuccessful rescue attempt.

The victim, Rubin Daniel Good of 1016 Dick Street, drowned while swimming in an abandoned rock quarry off Phillips Avenue. He was the son of Mrs. Catherine Good of the same address.

Timothy Hall, 12, of 2900 Ingleside Avenue said he had gone to the quarry with the Good boy at about 9 a.m.

"I told him 'if you can't swim, don't go in.' He went in.

"I went after him and tried to get him out when he got in trouble and he grabbed me around the neck and almost drowned me too."

When his effort to save his friend failed, the Hall boy ran to summon help. One of the first officers to arrive on the scene was Patrolman M. E. Shepherd who stripped off his clothes and dived into the waters of the quarry several times in an attempt to locate the victim.

Shepherd was unable to find the body in murky waters which are estimated at depths of from 25 to 90 feet.

A team of six scuba divers from the Greensboro Police and Fire Departments searched the quarry until 11:02 a.m. when the body was recovered.

**Ironically, the quarry had been checked by Patrolman Shepherd and Sgt. J. W. Whitesell a few hours earlier in an effort to warn any would-be swimmers away from the spot.**

The quarry has been a familiar swimming hole with boys in the neighborhood for many years, Whitesell said. Members of the drowned youth's family were quoted by police officers as saying the boy was a good swimmer.

The victim's sister Patricia, who identified the body, was among a crowd of several hundred persons who lined the banks of the swimming spot in a silent vigil as divers sought the victim.

Following the recovery, the body was taken to Wesley Long Community Hospital where Coroner Allan B. Coggeshall set the time of death at approximately 9:15 a.m.

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