

Two Dunbar Students Drown In Abandoned Quarry Pond

Two Lexington teen-agers who had skipped school to go swimming drowned Tuesday afternoon in an abandoned quarry pond off Old Frankfort Pike.

A third youth who had gone into the water in a futile attempt to save the other two was rescued by bystanders.

Dead are Kenneth Robinson, 14, of 352 Georgetown Street, and Horace Jones, 15, of 459 Campbell Street.

The third boy, Gregory Robinson, 13, of 223 West Fourth Street, was pulled from the water by James Griffin, 609 West Main Street, a fisherman who had been fishing at the other end of the pond, and Robert Coomer, L&N foreman who had seen the struggle as he worked on some nearby tracks and radioed for help before joining the effort to save the boys.

County firemen recovered Robinson's body from about 10 feet of water about an hour after the drowning. Bill Fitzpatrick, a member of the Blue Grass Rescue and Recovery Squad, recovered Jones body from deeper water later that afternoon.

Coroner Chester Hager said both deaths appeared to be accidental drowning but he declined to make an immediate official ruling. He quoted Gregory Robinson, no relation to the dead boy, as giving this account:

The three had cut classes at Dunbar High School at noon and were walking along the railroad track about 1 p.m. when Kenneth Robinson suggested they go swimming in the pond.

Kenneth had entered the water and was "duck paddling" back toward the bank when the Jones

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Dr. Gerhard Probst, associate professor of modern languages at Transylvania College, was named "Faculty Member of the Year" today during Transylvania's student Awards Day ceremonies in McAlister Auditorium.

Dr. Probst's selection was based upon the students' appraisal of him as an outstand-

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youth, who couldn't swim, jumped into the pond. Both boys went under almost immediately, Robinson said.

The boy said he reached Jones, who grabbed him and continued to struggle, and was about to go under himself when the two men saved him.

Kenneth Robinson was the son of Mrs. Virginia Robinson and Jones was the son of Mrs. Lucille Jones.

The Robinson body was taken to the Cunningham Funeral Home and the Jones body to the Claughton-Brown Funeral Home.

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