

Body Recovered

Youth, 16, Drowns South Of Plain City

(Special to the Daily News)
LONDON, O., Sept. 4.—A 16-year-old Columbus boy drowned while swimming in an abandoned quarry south of Plain City about

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Products furnishes transmissions and gear boxes for Bell Helicopter Co. (a division of Bell Aerospace Corp., a Textron, Inc., company), Vertrol Division of The Boeing Co., and Lockheed-California Co., a division of Lockheed Aircraft Corp.

At the new building, there will be production of gear housings, assembly of the units and test facilities. At the same time, the present plant on Columbia st. will become exclusively a gear manufacturing plant. The gears are an essential part of the helicopter transmissions.

"After this change," Mr. Wilkerson said, "our main Columbia st. plant probably will be the largest precision gear plant in the free world."

In addition to the helicopter transmissions, the local plants of Steel Products produce wing-flap actuating systems, radar mounts and jet engine components.

"We are extremely pleased to be making this announcement," Mr. Wilkerson added. "During the past few years, our Springfield operation has assumed a crucial role in the rapidly-growing helicopter field. The quality of the products from our Springfield employes has been recognized, and the anticipated increase in production has become necessary to keep up with current demands."

Mr. Wilkerson pointed out that

10 a.m. Saturday.

He was James Bolin, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Bolin of 4112 Sexton dr., Columbus.

Site of the drowning was in Madison County near the Madison-Franklin County line.

Five Columbus youths had gone to the area on a Labor Day weekend fishing trip and picnic. They had been fishing near the Beach bridge over Big Darby Creek, then decided to go swimming in the nearby quarry.

Lee Daniels, 17, was taken to Doctors Hospital in Columbus for treatment of exhaustion and water in his lungs suffered when he and others in the party attempted to rescue Bolin.

"He called for help, then suddenly went under," Daniels said.

Richard Cook, 16, was one of the first to go to Bolin's aid after his call for help. Like Daniels, he was unable to keep the drowning youth from slipping out of his grasp under the water.

When he and his companions were unable to rescue Bolin, Cook ran to a nearby farmhouse and summoned help.

Madison County Deputy Sheriffs Robert Carter and James Hockenberry went to the scene, together with units from the Franklin County sheriff's department and emergency units from Prairie, Franklin and Norwich Townships.

Grappling hooks and two small rowboats were used to recover the Columbus youth's body.

In addition to Bolin, Daniels and Cook, Larry Carr, 17, and John Wiseberger, 17, were in the group.

Dr. William Hurtt, West Jefferson, acting Madison County coroner, ruled the death accidental.

The youth's body was taken to the Shroyer Funeral Home, Columbus, for services and burial.