

Paris Youth Drowns In Rock Quarry

PARIS, Ky. — A 16-year-old Paris youth drowned in 45 feet of water at an abandoned rock quarry behind the Bourbon County Fire Department on U. S. 68 about 6:45 p.m. Sunday.

Anthony Lee Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Isaac Jones, 443 Massie Avenue, was swimming in the quarry with four companions when the accident occurred, police said.

Charles Craycraft, 19, one of the companions told officers he was standing on the shore at the time. Another youth, John Miles, 19, was standing in waist deep water near the shore. Jones and two other boys, Daryl Poynter, 17, and Jackie McCracken, 14, were further out in the water swimming, he said.

Craycraft said he heard Jones say he was tired and he and
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the two other swimmers headed for the shore. He said he saw Jones begin to bob up and down in the water. Poynter swam back and attempted to rescue Jones, but was unable to do so, Craycraft said.

Jones' companions said they had parked their car in the driveway at Legion Park nearby, walked a short distance and climbed down an embankment to get into the quarry.

The quarry is fenced off and its entrance gates are kept locked at all times, officers said. But people often slip into the area to swim, they said.

Signs warning that the area is unsafe for swimmers are frequently torn down by trespassers, police said.

Jones father, who was at the scene when rescuers found the body with a grappleing hook, said if his son had ever been to the quarry swimming before, he was not aware of it.

The youth knew of the danger of the area, he said. Officers said the quarry pool is dangerous not only because of its depth, but also due to underwater rocks which are delicately balanced and will fall at the slightest brush.

The youths told police they decided to go to the quarry after returning from Blue Licks State Park where they had spent the day swimming. They decided they wanted one more dip before returning home, they said.

Besides his parents, Jones is survived by three brothers, Timothy Ray, Ronald Dee and Thomas Edward Jones, all at home; his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McDaniel, Paris, and his paternal grandfather, Dudley Jones, Paris.

The body is at Davis Funeral Home here.

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Paris Drowning Scenes

Rescuers carry the lifeless body (top photo) of a Paris youth, Anthony Lee Jones, 16, to an ambulance after recovering it from 45 feet of water in an abandoned rock quarry where young Jones and four companions had gone swimming at Paris late Sunday afternoon.

In the lower photo, the boy's father, Walter Isaac Jones (wearing helmet), of 443 Massie Avenue, stands on the edge of the quarry during dragging and recovery operations. (Photos by Herald Correspondent).

Bank Board Chairman Quits Post

GEORGETOWN, Ky. —F. C. Nichols retired Monday as chairman of the Farmers Bank & Capital Trust company after 56 years service in the bank.

He started as bookkeeper in 1912, was named cashier that year, executive vice president in 1935, president in 1962 and chairman of the board in 1965.

During his tenure with the bank its assets have grown from approximately one million dollars in 1912 to nine and one-half million dollars at the present. Most, if not all, of this growth occurred during the period when Nichols was chief executive officer of the bank. Assets were one and one-half million dollars when he became executive vice president in 1935. These had increased to five million dollars when he became executive vice president in 1935. These had increased to five million dollars by 1962 when he became president, and have almost doubled since then.



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