

# Racine Youth Drowns at Quarry Lake Park

An 18-year-old youth became Racine County's fifth drowning victim of the year Wednesday and was the third person to die in a county quarry in 1969.

Divers recovered the body of Lee House, who deputies said lived at 1921 Racine St., in about 55 feet of water at the Quarry Lake Park on Highway 38.

He was swimming with three companions who called authorities shortly after 5 p.m. His body was found about 6:30 p.m.

### Joined Companions

House left work at the J. I. Case Co. Clausen Works and was swimming with Harvey Hilliard, 26, of 1401 11th St., James T. Elam, 22, of 1312 Frederick St., and Ronald R. Gibson, 24, of 1205 Lafayette Ave.

The men told deputies they were floating on a large tractor inner tube when House started to swim the 30 yards to shore.

### Yelled for Help

He "dog paddled" a short distance and yelled that he was tiring and unable to make it the rest of the way.

Hilliard and Elam swam toward House but he sank before they reached him.

Sheriff's Deputy Jerome Walsh and another diver, Bruce Rowland, 4624 13th St., located House's body about 20 yards from shore. Three divers from the Racine Fire Department participated in the search.

House was pronounced dead at the scene by Deputy Coroner Milton Stoffel. He was taken to

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LEE HOUSE

... 5th Drowning Victim ...

## Racine Area WEATHER

Clear, cooler and less humid tonight, low in the lower 60s.

Friday, sunny and pleasant, high in the upper 70s. Winds will be west-northwest 12-20 tonight, west-northwest 10-20

Friday. Precipitation probabilities: 5 per cent tonight, 10 per cent Friday. Saturday, fair and pleasant, low in the upper 50s, high near 80.

### ELSEWHERE IN STATE

Fair to partly cloudy and cooler; lows 53-60 north, lower 60s south. Mostly sunny Friday, with a high between 76 and 80 degrees.

The sun rose at 5:49 a.m. and will set at 8:05 p.m. Precipitation in the 24 hour period ending at 6 a.m. was .16 inch. Temperatures on Page 6A.