

Lavell David

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DAVID WARREN MEETS DEATH IN HIS PLAY

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Thirteen Year Old Lad Is Drowned
Last Evening In Lake on Coun-
try Club Grounds.

WAS PLAYING ON RAFT
WITH THREE COMRADES

Three Were Thrown Into the Water,
But Other Two Scrambled
Back To Safety.

Happy, brave hearted David Warren, the thirteen year old son of Mrs. Addie K. Warren, is dead. While his mother waited at home for him to return from his afternoon of play, he was drowned last evening in the lake on the Country club grounds. The body was rescued by Dr. P. E. Somers, but in spite of artificial respiration and all the doctors could do, the vanished spark of life could not be recalled. It is a sad tragedy and it has saddened all Grinnell.

The drowning occurred sometime between 6 and 6:30 o'clock. David, Mark Blair, Kenneth Brock, and Bruce Hammond were playing together on two rafts which they had been building as their time and boy finances permitted. There was one large raft and one smaller. The two rafts were tied together with rope and the boys had one pole to propel them. David and Bruce Hammond were on the smaller raft, and Mark Blair and Kenneth Brock on the larger one. They pushed out into the middle of the main lake, playing as boys will, and there was some jumping from one raft to another. In making one of these jumps, David came too close to the edge of the smaller raft, tilted it, and he and Bruce Hammond were thrown into the water. They struggled at once to the larger raft, but it could not hold the weight of all four boys, and tilted, throwing David, Bruce Hammond and Kenneth Brock into the water. Mark Blair, who was on the far side of the raft, saved himself by clinging to the edge which was raised in the air.

Bruce Hammond and Kenneth Brock struggled back to the raft, but David seemed confused and swam at first directly away from his only hope of

keep his hold and, we the heavy rubber boat bank, in about six feet. L. C. Bennett was at the scene. He is unable to help, but he and Kenneth Brock after a rope and to tor, and then hurried. Dr. Somers and Dr. Somers, who were over by the M. & hurried to the sible, but probabilities had elapsed. Dr. Somers once, but the gone down completely, and he ten or twelve minutes was able to bring it to the surface. A half an

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Lavell David Warren.

Lavell David Warren, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Warren, was born at What Cheer, Ia., Nov. 26, 1902. At the age of seven years he lost his father by death and became, in the highest sense of the word, his mother's boy. When he was eight years of age his mother moved to Grinnell, where they have resided ever since. He began his school life in the Parker school, attending there two terms. He then went to the Center school for one year, and the Cooper school one year. Had he lived till September he would have been a freshman in the high school. He had a studious nature and his ambition was to graduate from the Grinnell high school and Grinnell college. Little David was a boy of much promise, sweet natured, kind hearted, and a great comfort and help to his widowed mother.

His open, friendly countenance won for him the friendship and love of everyone who knew him. He was a basketball devotee and was always one of the little fellows who tossed the ball about during intermission at the college games. As a boy scout he became an expert swimmer and diver, and had he not been weighted down with heavy boots could have made the landing with ease. He will be missed by the entire city, but no place more than at the Methodist Sunday school, where he has been an attendant during his life in Grinnell. He was a member of the church and took an interest in everything that goes to make up the life of a Christian boy. We are comforted in the thought that our loss is His gain.

Those attending the funeral services from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Zeigler and son Howard, of Muscatine; Mrs. James Warren and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bedford and daughter, of What Cheer; Mr. John Stame, of Harlan; James Maine, of Oskaloosa; Albert Mehlin, of Des Moines; and Mr. Willum, of Marshalltown.