

## GEO. JACOBS MEETS DEATH BY DROWNING

Sixteen-Year-Old Boy Sinks Be-  
neath the Waters of Arbor  
Lake on Sunday.

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BELIEVED THAT HE WAS  
SEIZED BY A CRAMP

Fay Matteson Was Pushing a Boat  
to Rescue When the Boy  
Went Down.

Seized, it is supposed, by the deadly cramp, George Jacobs, 16 years of age, sank beneath the waters of Arbor Lake last Sunday afternoon, the first death by drowning in Grinnell for several years. The tragedy occurred at 12:30 o'clock in the afternoon and it was 3 o'clock before the body was recovered, after constant searching by a large company of volunteers. It is supposed that the lad was a victim of the cramp, as he was a good swimmer. However, he had been in the water before during the morning and it is supposed overtaxed his strength.

In company with Fay Matteson the unfortunate boy was swimming across the east arm of the lake when the tragedy came to pass. They had been fishing on the south side and were swimming across to the north, in order to join a group of boys gathered at the bath house north of the boat house. Matteson was in advance and was almost over, when he heard his companion call for help. Matteson was pretty well tired out and seeing an empty boat near by, he swam to that, calling to George to keep himself up. Matteson returned with the boat and had brought it within fifteen feet of the struggling boy when the latter gave up the struggle and sank. Matteson immediately called for help, but by the time assistance could be secured, there was nothing to be done except to hunt for the body.

George Jacobs was the son of Mrs. Minnie Eberly, who makes her home on the brow of the hill overlooking the lake where her son met his death. He had been working for Charles Brown on the latter's farm north of Snow's Corner, and had come into town to spend the Sunday with his people.

The funeral was held yesterday afternoon from the residence of his stricken mother. Rev. Elias Handy conducted the services.