

Adams County Historical Museum - 1938 Scrapbook

(Handwritten date: Monday, July 25, 1938)

SON OF FOSTER RIDDICK DROWNS

Paul Riddick, 17, Victim in Michigan; Lad's Father Well-Known Here

Jackson, Michigan, July 25 - Paul Riddick, 17, son of Foster Riddick, editor of the Columbia City, (Ind.) Commercial Mail and president of the Indiana Republican Editorial association drowned Sunday afternoon in Swains Lake 12 miles west of here.

Mr. Riddick is well known in Berne.

State police officers and members of the Jackson county sheriff's department who were out for hours in a glass-bottomed boat seeking to recover the body, gave up late Sunday night. They planned to bring divers from Jackson to resume the search at 4 a.m. today.

Riddick's companion, Jack Fatoon, 16, of Orinda, Cal., was rescued by William Mulvaney of Albion, Mich., who was in a boat and responded to the cries of the two youths.

Reports from the lake were conflicting. Apparently the two boys swam across the lake and were attempting to swim back. Neither was able to make it, and their cries for help were heard by Mulvaney. The Albion man succeeded in dragging Fatoon into his boat but could not reach Riddick before he went down. Fatoon was taken to shore and revived.

Riddick with his parents and his friend had gone to the lake for a day's outing. The two youths were close friends and had planned to enter college together (cut off)

Transcribed by Karin King

Note: buried Riverside Cemetery, Albion, Calhoun County, Michigan