

Alvin Johan Swenson

A very sad accident occurred at Valley City on Saturday, June 8th, when Alvin Swenson, the twelve-year old son of Mrs. Nicolai Swenson, drowned in the Sheyenne river near the old Normal foot bridge.

Just how the little fellow fell into the river is still a question, but he was first discovered in the water by Prof. Seymour, who lives near the river at that point. As Mr. Seymour was unable to swim he summoned Mr. Davis, who also lives near the river, and who being a good swimmer, immediately swam across the river to where an up-turned boat was drifting, but upon reaching the boat could see no signs of the missing boy, who had probably gone down for the last time. The police department was soon on the ground and began a systematic search, but it was nearly eleven o'clock before the body was finally recovered.

It seems that the little lad had been out boating with some other boy of the neighborhood for some time before supper. The other boy had gone in to supper and the Swenson boy presumably was paddling around alone, when the boat was accidentally overturned. Being unable to swim he was helpless and sank without even a chance of reaching the shore or the over-turned boat.

Alvin Johan Swenson was born July 22nd, 1906, and had lived in Griggs county all his life with the exception of the last few winters which has been spent in Valley City by the Swenson family for the purpose of giving the children the advantage of school facilities.

The funeral occurred Thursday, June 13th, interment being made in St. Olaf cemetery in Walum, Rev. P. A. Thoreson officiating. This was an unusually sad accident to fall upon this bereaved family, who have the most sincere sympathy of all in their great sorrow.