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BOY DROWNED IN POND ON SUNDAY

ARNOLD ZUMM, SON OF CHARLES
ZUMM MEETS UNTIMELY
DEATH IN POND

Arnold Zumm, 15 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Zumm, was drowned in an artesian pond Sunday on the Quincer farm north of Groton. He was visiting at the home of his cousin, George Zumm, at the time of his death.

The little fellow along with several others, were wading in a slough adjacent to the pond and he unconsciously waded into water beyond his depth and was unable to extract himself, resulting in his death.

The water at the point where Arnold met his death was possibly 12 feet deep. In times past a deep hole had been dug there in order to let the water seep through to the quick sands and drain the pond. It is thought that Arnold slipped on the sloping sides of this hole, lost his footing and went under.

His playmates made heroic efforts to rescue the lad and being unable to do so ran to the house and informed George Zumm, who also attempted to rescue the body, but was unsuccessful. Otto Rock, who rushed to the assistance of Mr. Zumm, finally recovered the body with a garden rake. First aid methods were used to restore the boy's life but he had been drowned so long that all efforts proved futile.

The sudden death of Arnold has cast a gloom over the entire community as he was greatly beloved by both playmates and elders for his many manly qualities.

The grief-stricken parents have the sympathy of all in their sorrow.

A short funeral service was held at the home of the boy's parents Wednesday at 10:30, after which the body was brought to Groton and services held in the Lutheran church of this place. The services were in charge of Rev.

H. Wilke, burial being made in the Groton cemetery. Funeral arrangements were in charge of H. Paetznick.