

Zona Ruth Edwards

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Two Drown at Janesville.

Rock river again took its toll of death Friday night when Harry Logerman of Janesville and Miss Zona Ruth Edwards of Monticello, both about 18 years of age, were drowned, presumably through the overturning of their canoe. The time and place of the accident are not definitely known, and it was not suspected until Saturday when the canoe, half filled with water, was found about 20 feet from the river bank on the Haskins farm, two miles north of Janesville. Warren Haskins discovered the boat and wading out drew it to shore.

Harry Logerman, in company with Miss Edwards, who has been visiting for a month at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Thomas James, went to the Jones boat livery early Friday night and engaged a canoe, Byron Jones, son of the proprietor, giving them the boat. Mrs. James worried because Miss Edwards did not return up to late that night, and discovering early Saturday that she was still missing, sent her son, Price James, to the Jones home to make inquiries. Byron Jones then went up the river in a launch and found his canoe at the Haskins farm. It was half filled with water, but one paddle and a waterproof cushion still remained in it.

How the accident happened is, of course, a mystery. The canoe is one of the largest at Jones' livery and was spacious enough to carry six passengers.

The body of Miss Edwards was found about 40 rods from the place where the canoe was discovered, in about eight feet of water. About half past 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon the body of young Logerman was pulled out of the water, within 20 feet of the place where the young lady's body was found.

Miss Edwards was a daughter of A. E. Edwards of Monticello, former postmaster at the Green county village. She was born at Monticello and was a talented musician.

Young Logerman was 18 years old had always lived in Janesville. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Logerman, 1603 Pleasant street. He had been employed for six months or more by the Bennison & Lane Bakery Co. He leaves, besides his parents, two brothers, John, who is also employed by the bakery company, and Walter, who resides in the west, and a married sister living in Chicago.

NOTE: Interred in Highland cemetery, Monticello.