

SHARKS IN RARITAN BAY

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Nothing has stirred this city in a long time so much as the report on Wednesday that man eating sharks had entered Matawan creek and devoured a boy of twelve years while in bathing, horribly mangled a young man who went to the lad's rescue so that he died a short time afterward in the Long Branch Hospital, and afterward caught another boy at the edge of the creek's bank and tore the flesh from his leg.

Following so closely upon the recent news of shark attacking bathers at Beach Haven and Spring Lake it created no little excitement about town. The police went immediately to the shore front and piers and warned all bathers that they were in peril.

Those killed or injured by the shark or sharks Wednesday were:

Lester Stillwell, twelve years old, of Matawan, who was attacked as he dove off an old steamboat pier.

Weston Stanley Fisher, twenty-four years old, of Matawan, who was attacked by the shark when he was endeavoring to recover Stillwell's body, which the creature was devouring on the creek's bottom.

Joseph D. Dunn, twelve years old, who lives in Brooklyn, was swimming in the creek near an old brick yard, shortly after Stillwell and Fisher had been attacked. Hardly had he dived in, not having heard of the shark warning given an hour before, when he came up with a cry of terror. Jerry Hallorhan, a companion, grabbed Dunn's hand and succeeded in pulling Dunn from the hold of the shark, which had hold of his right leg. The leg from below the knee was stripped of flesh and the boy was hurried to St. Peter's Hospital, New Brunswick, where it was said he was doing fairly well. It is believed at the hospital that the boy's leg may be saved.

Body Found.

The body of young Stillwell was recovered about 5 o'clock this Friday morning. It was observed as it rose to the surface about at the spot where the shark grabbed it. The shark had eaten the leg and part of the stomach. The face was not scarred to any extent.