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Balkler said that Ward and he decided to take a dip, did so and had been swimming only a short while when he (Balkler) suggested the two swim out to the raft, approximately 50 yards into the center of the lake from the "top". "dive once or twice, then go home."

Missed Immediately

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