

Whit Nevada Poor, Jr., Class of 1946.



Another Fatal Accident Whit Nevada Poor, Jr.

SEARCH FOR RIVER VICTIM GIVEN UP

Whit Poor Drowned on Vacation Job.

Recovery of the body of Whit Poor Jr. 19, today depended on the vagary of the Mississippi River, as formal search was abandoned.

The college vacation work of young Poor on the Mississippi ended in tragedy last Thursday when he fell from an Anderson-Tully lumber barge into 80 feet of water four miles south of Rosedale MS.

Mr. Poor, Sr., William Len Hotel cable supervisor for Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Co., returned from an unsuccessful search for the body, said he was told two barges bumped and his son was hurled into the water.

"He apparently struck his head on one of the barges and never did come up." Mr. Poor said. "He was an excellent swimmer. It was only his second trip out."

Unable to get in Ole Miss because of the influx of former GIs, young Poor, '46 graduate of Tech High, attended Sunflower Junior College at Moorhead MS. He was working on the river during vacation and planned to return to college in September. His sister, Barbara, who was visiting in Wilmington CA, flew home when she learned of the tragedy.

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