

YORK NATIVE FEARED LOST; BOAT CAPSIZED

RAYMOND SCHROLL JR., 30,
MISSING AFTER MISHAP
AT WILLIAMSPORT

CAMPANION IS RESCUED

More than 100 volunteers resumed a search today for a state fish warden, native of York county, who has been missing since yesterday when his boat capsized in a sluice of the Hepburn street dam on the Susquehanna river at Williamsport.

The missing warden is Raymond L. Schroll Jr., 30, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond L. Schroll, Codorus, and father of two children.

Civil Defense, firemen and local fish and game protectors were called to help drag the rain swollen river which was nearly 10 feet high at the time of the accident.

A companion of Schroll's, Game Warden Paul A. Ranck, 37, of Williamsport, was rescued when he managed to grab a rope thrown by firemen. He held on until a small boat dispatched by police rescued him. Ranck was taken to Divine Providence Hospital where today his condition was reported as fair as the result of exposure.

On Inspection Task

Schroll and Ranck were reportedly on an inspection of duck hatcheries along the river when they tried to buck the water rushing through the sluice of the dam. The light outboard motor boat capsized in the swift running water. Firemen were alerted to the scene by witnesses and ran to a pier of a Pennsylvania Railroad bridge a mile and a half downstream and grabbed the boat and Ranck as they came floating past, the Associated Press reported.

The two men had begun their trip at Muncy and were near its end. Firemen in eight boats dragged the river until nightfall, but found no signs of Schroll.

Schroll, who resided with his wife, the former Jean M. Markle, and their two children, Linda Jean and Jeffery Allen, at Montoursville, left York county in 1952 when he was appointed a state fish warden for Lycoming county. He was a 1945 graduate of Codorus Township High School in Glenville and was a naval veteran of World War II, having served on the aircraft carrier U. S. S. Midway.

Aid in Search

Schroll served two years as a deputy game protector under former Game Warden Earl Geesaman and was also employed by the P. H. Glatfelter Company of Spring Grove.

Schroll's father, an employee of the Glatfelter firm, presently serves as a deputy game protector under Game Warden Gerald Kirkpatrick. The elder Schrolls also have two daughters, Margaret Krebs and Mary Adams Jefferson.

Among those assisting in the search today were John S. Ogden, York, who is southeastern Pennsylvania district supervisor of the fish commission, and Paul Martin Jr., York county fish warden.

Authorities at Williamsport reported that a small boy drowned several months ago in the same area where Schroll is missing.