

Rowing-Boat Tragedy

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Man Woman, & Child Drowned

Broads Accident

Survivors Rescued After Twenty Minutes

A man a woman and a child were drowned on Filby Broad, between Yarmouth and Acle, yesterday, when a submerged stump penetrated the boat in which they were being rowed round the broad and caused it to fill with water and sink.

There was a party of eight in the boat. Those who lost their lives were –

Mr. Arthur James Bremner (30), of Heatin House, Filby, who was missionary at Runham for Yarmouth Congregational Church; his son **Michael**, aged three, and **Miss Grace Macey**, of Ludeard Road, East Ham, London, who was on a holiday visit to the **Rev. T.G.** and **Mrs. Thomas**, of King Street Congregational Church, Yarmouth.

Mr. and **Mrs. Thomas** were of the party, which also included **Mrs. Bremner**, **Miss Doris Bremner**, a pharmaceutical student of Breakspere Road, Brockley, and a sister of **Mr. Bremner**, and **Mr. Bremner's** son **John**, aged six.

The party first had a picnic and then hired a boat to row round the broad. At one end of the broad the boat became spiked by a submerged stump and the water came in under the floorboards.

Mrs. Thomas could swim, as could **Mr.** and **Miss Bremner**. The others were not swimmers. No help was in sight, and the water steadily rose until it overflowed the boat and all were flung out.

Tried to Save Son

Miss Macey sank without a struggle. **Mr. Bremner** became exhausted trying to save his son **Michael**, and both perished. **Miss Bremner** was able to support herself on an oar she found afloat, and **Mrs. Bremner**, by means of a rope attached to the submerged boat, got back to it and held on to one side. **Mr. Thomas** was also able to get hold of a rope and reached the other side of the boat. **Mrs. Thomas** swam to the shore, where thick reeds prevented her landing, but she found a projecting post to which she clung. **Mrs. Bremner** had all the time held on to her son **John**.

After some twenty minutes or more a boat arrived but got stuck fast on some submerged stumps. The man in the boat jumped overboard and saved **Mrs. Bremner** and her son, and with the aid of a pole dragged **Miss Bremner** into the boat.

Soon another boat came out and saved **Mr.** and **Mrs. Thomas** and took the others off the boat that had stuck fast. After being landed the survivors were given a change of clothing and were taken to Yarmouth.

The bodies of **Miss Macey** and **Michael Bremner** have been recovered.

Arthur James Bremner married **Doris Marian Jewson** in 1922. They had two children, **John Eustace Bremner**, born 1925 and **Michael James Bremner**, born 1927.

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