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Church men in search

SIX members of the Ann Street Church of Christ helped police yesterday to search the North Pine River for the body of 18-year-old Roy Burnham.

Burnham, of Groom Street Gordon Park, was a Sunday school teacher at the Ann Street Church.

He was drowned at Young's Crossing on Saturday when trying to save one of his pupils who got into difficulties.

The pupil later reached the bank, but Burnham sank in water up to 14ft. deep.

As the search progressed yesterday miles away at the river, the congregation at the morning church service offered special prayers for Burnham.

Police hampered

The search went on until sunset and will be continued today. Ten police used three boats and several sets of dragging equipment.

However, they were hampered by the swiftly-flowing, muddy water, which was a few feet more than normal level.

At the Ann Street Church of Christ, the Rev. H. W. Graham said: "I will go down to the river myself later on Monday. I expect other church members to go, too."

Churchmen who joined the search yesterday included the church board chairman (Mr. H. J. Payne), the secretary (Mr. G. McKelvie), and the treasurer (Mr. E. Potter).

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