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## N. J. YOUTH RESCUES WOMAN FROM OCEAN

Swims Quarter Mile and Keeps  
Unconscious Victim Afloat  
Until Boat Reaches Them

### YOUNG SISTER SAVES SELF

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Beach Haven, Sept. 3—Swimming nearly a quarter of a mile to reach a drowning woman this afternoon, Ellis Parker, Jr., 22, of Mount Holly, N. J., kept the unconscious bather afloat while the two drifted another quarter mile out to sea before they were rescued by the crew of a fishing boat. A sister-in-law of the woman also narrowly escaped drowning.

Parker is a son of the chief of detectives of Burlington County. The woman he rescued is Mrs. Carl Wenzinger, 30, daughter-in-law of Charles J. Wenzinger, of 7201 Oxford pike, Fox Chase, Philadelphia.

Mrs. Wenzinger was bathing with her sister-in-law, Elizabeth Wenzinger, 17, and her father-in-law near the latter's summer home. The two women are fair swimmers and ventured out some distance. A huge wave engulfed them.

### Girl Makes Shore

The girl managed to struggle back to shallow water and was assisted to shore by her father.

Mrs. Wenzinger was unable to make headway against the powerful undertow and was carried steadily farther from the beach. She remained calm and saved her strength by floating instead of struggling against the waves.

There is no beach patrol near this point. Screams of a maid in a nearby hotel, who saw the accident, brought Policeman Carlton who could not swim, but who knew that Parker, formerly a life guard at Brant Beach was nearby.

The policeman drove to where Parker was working and brought him to the beach. Mrs. Wenzinger by this time was nearly a quarter mile off shore, but still was afloat. Parker stripped off his clothing, fastened a life belt about him and plunged through the surf.

### Boat Rescues Both

Parker reached Mrs. Wenzinger just as she lost consciousness. Exhausted by his long swim, he was unable to bring her to shore.

With the aid of the crowd which had gathered, Captain Knut Wagner and a crew of six other fishermen launched a fishing boat. The heavy seas made it difficult to manage the unwieldy craft and for a time it seemed Mrs. Wenzinger and Parker would sink before the rescuers could reach them.

When they finally were pulled into the boat both were exhausted. On reaching the beach, they were revived by Dr. Herbert Willis. Mrs. Wenzinger's condition was such that the physician ordered her to her bed.

With her husband, an electrical engineer at Langley Field, Va., she had come to Beach Haven three days ago from her home at Buckroe Beach, Va., to spend a two weeks' vacation at the summer home of her father-in-law.