

REAVES ONLY 17

CHECK-UP SHOWS

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R. B. Reaves, Boulder dam worker, who plunged to his death thru the Nevada spillway raise into diversion tunnel number one yesterday, was but 17 years of age, investigation revealed last evening.

Young Reaves, a husky, well-built youth, gave his age as 21 when he went to work, according to Six Companies officials.

The youth was the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Reaves of 215 North Eleventh street, Las Vegas. The father is employed on the dam project, and was notified of the death of his son last evening.

The boy, who was a form stripper for Six Companies, lost his balance while working in the Nevada spillway raise early yesterday morning and somersaulted nearly 300 feet to land in the swirling waters of the Colorado as they roared out of the control valves in tunnel number one.

Despite a continuous search for the remains, no trace had been found up to noon today, and the only hope for a recovery seemed to lay in placing guards at the Parker dam site, where the body would reach sometime Saturday night or Sunday.