

Six Companies Worker Falls To His Death

Bert Loper, 23-year-old employe of Six Companies Inc., fell to instant death yesterday morning exactly ten minutes after reporting to the powerhouse structure of the Boulder canyon project for work.

Loper, a painter for the contracting firm, has been employed by them only since September of this year. Although an inquest had not been held this morning, accident reports showed that Loper was starting to paint roof girders on the powerhouse roof when he apparently slipped, plunging fifty feet to the generator floor, landing on his head and back. Death came instantly.

Insurance and safety men stated this morning that the power in that area might have been turned on when the accident happened giving Loper a shock from some of the wires strung along the roof section. Several men working there were of the opinion that the power was on while others vehemently denied it. An investigation was to be held today.

Loper, who was born at Burbank, Utah, was a nephew of Mrs. Perry Young of Las Vegas, and was living with the Youngs on Westside. He is survived by his parents, of Burbank, and seven brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday at two o'clock and burial will be in Woodlawn cemetery.