

John Walter Rawles, 18, Is Dead After Plunging 35 feet on Job

John Walter Rawles, 18 year old water boy for Six Companies at the Boulder dam project, died late last night from injuries sustained when he fell about 35 feet, from one pour to another on the job.

The accident occurred when he slipped while walking from one form to another, according to Coroner Frank M. Ryan, who is investigating the circumstances.

He had been employed on the dam only one month and ten days when the accident happened.

According to hospital officials, Rawles died of internal injuries. He was badly bruised in the fall and both arms were broken, attendants said.

After the accident, which occurred on the Arizona side of the river, the injured youth was rushed to the first aid station, on the Nevada side of the stream, and first aid was given. But he was so seriously hurt that he died before he could be taken to the hospital in Boulder City.

The deceased youth's mother, Mrs. Charles Wilson, and his sister had been vacationing in Ocean Park, California, and were notified of the lad's death. They were expected to arrive in Boulder City today, when plans for the funeral will be made.

The accident occurred shortly before the swing shift was over.

The youth, who was a senior in high school and who attended the Las Vegas school last semester, took the post with Six Companies in order to earn enough money to complete his education, according to local school authorities with whom he conferred last August.

He was an excellent student and well thot of among his fellow high school students.