

# Boulder City Man Killed in Wreck

## At Reno Saturday

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According to word from the Reno Associated Press today, Henry E. Flowers, 38, of Boulder City, was killed Saturday night, six miles east of Reno, when the big semi-truck-trailer he was driving plunged into the Truckee river a mile east of Vista. The truck, not visible from the highway, was spotted by a train crew at 11 a. m. Sunday. The body was pinned beneath the rear left wheel, partially submerged. It is believed that Flowers was drowned.

An investigation conducted by the officers of the Washoe county sheriff determined that the accident occurred between 10 o'clock Saturday night and midnight. However, the big truck was not sighted in the river until Sunday shortly before noon, when a Southern Pacific train crew saw the truck lying on its side on the north bank.

Passing motorists had not discovered the wreck, as the big machine was hidden from view from the highway because of the steep pitch of the embankment at the scene of the accident.

Sheriff's deputies reported yesterday that an investigation showed Flowers had loaded his truck with about 700 cases of beer late Saturday and had started east on his way to Boulder City in the evening. He was seen in Sparks at about 10 o'clock.

The truck was owned by the Manix department store of Boulder City. Flowers was employed by the company for the past two months. He had arrived in Reno with the truck on Saturday, loaded up, and was on his way to southern Nevada when the accident occurred.

Sheriff's deputies could give no cause for the crash. They said that Flowers might have gone to sleep while driving, but pointed out this was unlikely, since he would have had to shift the gears of his truck after pulling over the hill at Vista. Deputies also said it was possible that Flowers may have become sleepy, pulled his truck off the road and gone to sleep. The truck could have broken loose, going down the embankment. No skid marks were evident on the highway.

Flowers' body was found pinned beneath the left rear wheel, which was resting on the bed of the river, indicating that he was either thrown from the truck or was attempting to jump. When the truck struck the stream it settled to the bottom on its left side, and the cab sank beneath the surface of the water.

It was reported that Flowers had two companions with him, but the sheriff's office said yesterday that although a man and woman had ridden to Reno with Flowers, they were located in Reno after the accident.

The possibility that he may have had still another passenger in the truck led deputies to probe into the sunken cab of the vehicle, but they said it was doubtful that a passenger was riding with Flowers. Work of raising the truck from the river had not yet started yesterday.

Flowers had been a resident of Los Angeles until going to Boulder City to work for the Manix company. A coroner's inquest will be conducted by Francis Cunningham, Sparks justice of the peace.

Funeral services will be announced later by the O'Brien-Rogers company. Efforts to locate relatives of Flowers, including his divorced wife, said to be a multi-millionaire, had been unsuccessful Sunday. They were divorced in Reno about eight or nine months ago. She is believed to live in Los Angeles, and their daughter, about 17 years old, is also said to be living in Los Angeles. His parents are reported to be living somewhere in Tennessee, although search of effects found at the wreck and in the trailer in which he lived near the storage building in Boulder City, had failed to reveal any specific information.

Flowers had lived in Boulder City about nine months.