

# Dam Worker Killed By Bishop's Auto

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Killed by the automobile of Bishop Thomas Jenkins of Reno O. J. Patterson met death Saturday night as he staggered toward Boulder City following a day of drinking at a "joint" at Railroad pass.

The death of Patterson, who was a worker on the Hoover dam project, was followed by raids led by Sheriff Joe Keate, resulting in several arrests at "Shorty's" where Patterson had been drinking with a friend the day he was killed and at other establishments between Boulder City and Las Vegas.

At 5:30 p. m. Bishop Jenkins was driving from Boulder City to Las Vegas. About half a mile past the reservation gate, as he passed another car, he suddenly saw the form of a man walking on the edge of the highway before him.

Another man slowed up behind him, and before the Bishop could swerve to miss him, the man, Patterson, weaved over on to the roadway, and was struck forcibly by the car, which it was stated by witnesses was traveling at about 25 miles an hour.

The Bishop immediately stopped and with the man's companion, C. W. Charlton, Las Vegas dam worker, pulled Patterson's body off the road. The Bishop then went to the gate and notified officers. Chief of Police G. E. Bodell and other officers rushed out to the scene. On insistence of Bishop Jenkins, the body of Paterson was rushed to the Boulder hospital, in hope he was still alive.

He was pronounced dead, however, and the body was sent to Las Vegas immediately.

Bodell conducted a hearing in Boulder City, taking statements from the Bishop, from Charlton and others. Charlton stated he and Patterson had been drinking all day at "Shorty's" place, and had spent about \$20, then starting to walk home. The accident occurred while they were on the road.

Patterson was 35, and was employed as a pipefitter by Six Companies Inc. Papers found in his room, dormitory five, room 203, indicated he had a wife at Rockford, Illinois. Wires dispatched there failed to elicit any response up to noon today, however. The body is at the Palm funeral home in Las

Notified of the case, Coroner Frank M. Ryan accepted the statements made by those involved and by witnesses to Police Chief Bodell.

Passengers riding with Bishop Vegas.

Jenkins were Ophir Schmeck of Las Vegas, a dam worker, and Charles M. Cole, a dam worker living at Cowboy Bill's in Las Vegas.

C. W. Charlton stated that he was walking ahead of Patterson at the time Bishop Jenkins' car met them, and that the car passed him and then hit Patterson. He stated the two had been at "Shorty's" place drinking all day.