

# YOUNG HUNTER SHOT TO DEATH

## Humboldt Casad Jr. Dies As Gun Is Discharged In Black Range

Funeral arrangements were pending in Las Cruces, N. M., today for Humboldt Casad Jr. of La Union, who was killed accidentally yesterday while on a hunting trip.

Young Casad was a member of a pioneer family of the Mesilla Val-

The youth was on a hunting trip near Diamond Creek in the Black Range when the accident happened. Accompanying him were D. C. Mandell, 37, and Oliver Burt, 29, both of La Union.

The three separated early yesterday and hunted until noon. Burt returned to camp about 12:30 p. m. and found Casad's body lying near the running board of his automobile. He had been shot through the head with his hunting rifle.

Sheriff Ben Kemp of Catron, N. M., conducted an inquest. He ruled that the shooting was accidental. Evidently the youth's gun was discharged when he set the butt of the gun on the running board of the car too hard, Sheriff Kemp said.

Mandell and Burt removed the body to Las Cruces in a truck last night.

Casad was graduated in June from Texas A. & M. College. He was born and reared in La Union and attended the Valley Union High School.

He is survived by his father, Humboldt Casad Sr., and three sisters, Gertrude, Florence and Margaret, all of La Union.