

Don Hoffman Accidentally Shot

Donald (incorrect), son of Mr. and Mrs. A.L. Hoffman of the North Laramie, was accidentally shot by his companion, Clarence Coates, while the two were out hunting Wednesday afternoon. The boys were hunting rabbits on the side of a mountain on the ranch of Noah Hudson of Fish Creek. "Don", as he was popularly known, knelt and shot at a rabbit. He missed it and said "well, if that ain't the worst ever." He rose to his feet just as his companion, took a shot at the rabbit, and the bullet, a .22 special, passed through his head. He fell to the ground, unconscious.

Young Coates hurried to the Hudson home for assistance, but Don died before he could be taken to the house. His father, who was at the Ayers' ranch, and his mother, were summoned, but arrived to find that their boy was dead.

Donald was one of the best-liked lads of this section, and the news of his death brought sadness to many hearts. He was the youngest of four sons, being about fifteen years old. His brothers, Homer, Earl and Allie, survive him.

The funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at two o'clock at the Methodist church.