

# Leona Valley Boy Is Killed in Plunge Down Mountainside

**Auto Accident at Little Lake Takes  
Life of C. V. Steele**

The family of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Steele, living twelve miles from Palmdale in Leona Valley, was shocked early Monday morning to learn of the tragic death of Mrs. Steele's son, Connel Vernon Steele, aged 22, which occurred near Little Lake in the High Sierras district.

Young Steele had been driving alone, after midnight Sunday night, on a horseshoe curve mountain road near there, when his car left the road and fell 700 feet to the bottom of the canyon, according to reports. Another motorist, traveling on a higher level of the road, saw the car fall down the mountainside and was able to locate the body and wrecked machine in a very short time. Help was secured from a L. A. Water Department camp near by, and the body lifted up to the road by means of a wire basket. It was then brought down to Lancaster to Mumaw's Undertaking Parlors.

Mr. Steele had been working at the Soda Hill Camp near Little Lake as a cook. Two of his brothers, Virgil and Vincent, were working with him there. He has many friends in the Valley who will remember that a year or so ago he operated a roller skating rink in Lancaster.

He was born January 3, 1915, in Traver City, Mich., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Steele. His father passed away a few years ago, after the family had moved to the Valley, and his mother later married H. E. Steele. There are four brothers and three sisters surviving.

The funeral services are to be held Friday afternoon at 2:30, at Mumaw's Funeral Chapel, conducted by Rev. R. K. Thompson, of the Lancaster Gospel Tabernacle. Burial is to be at the Lancaster Cemetery.