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# Youth Drowns in Ranch Reservoir After Fainting Spell

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## Walter Theodore Wells Buried at Lancaster Monday

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Walter Theodore Wells, 21-year-old son of Mrs. Mary E. Pierce, was found drowned in the reservoir at the Pierce Ranch near Lovejoy Springs last Wednesday evening. The young man is believed to have fainted and fallen into the water, as he was subject to fainting spells, and had not been feeling well the day of the tragedy. He had gone out to the reservoir to turn off the pump, and when he did not return, his step-father and sister started looking for him. They found him lying face downward in the three feet of water in the reservoir. All efforts at resuscitation failed.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 2:00 at Mumaw's Funeral Chapel in Lancaster, with Rev. Eldon Vincent of the Assembly of God Tabernacle officiating. Burial was in the Lancaster Cemetery.

Young Mr. Wells had been here about five months, having come here from Oklahoma, where he had lived with his father, Earl Wells. Besides his father, his mother and stepfather, he is survived by a brother, Ralph Wells, and a half-sister, Lila Pierce. He was born June 12, 1917, in Tulsa, Okla.

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