

Hubert Evans of Littlerock Killed In Fall from Cliff

High School Student Meets Tragic Death Saturday

A most tragic accident Saturday afternoon took the life of 17-year-old Allen Hubert Evans, son of Mrs. Clarence J. Olson, of Littlerock.

Young Evans fell 75 feet from a cliff near the Wissendorf Mine, in Mine Gulch, in the Big Pines district, and was crushed so badly that his death occurred within an hour.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow, Friday morning, at 10:00 at Mumaw's Funeral Home Chapel in Lancaster, and interment will be in the Lancaster Cemetery. Student Pastor Eldon Anderson of the Palmdale Community Church, and Reverend Charles Philstrom, pastor of the Swedish Mission Church in Los Angeles, will conduct the services.

Had Worked as Trail Blazer

Hubert, and three companions, Eugene Herring, Ralph Aldrich, and James Brandenburg, had just finished their day's work with a crew of "trail blazers" working in that district for the U. S. Forestry Department. They had gone out to the edge of a cliff overlooking Mine Gulch, and were there rolling boulders over the cliff. Shortly before the accident occurred, the Aldrich and Brandenburg youths had returned to camp, leaving Eugene and Hubert alone.

Eugene reported that Hubert stepped out of sight around a ledge. Almost instantly, Eugene heard a noise and looked down into the canyon in time to see Hubert land, head first, on the rocks below. Hubert did not regain consciousness before he died a few minutes later.

Help was secured immediately, and a doctor, Dr. K. C. Melhorn, father of the man who won the Big Pines Marathon, happened to be in the vicinity and reached the victim about an hour after his death. U. S. Ranger Wm. H. Maxwell from Valermo, and Ranger Virgil Shoemaker of Big Pines, together with Deputy Sheriffs Allen, Keating, Taylor and Roe, went to the scene, Shoemaker and Keating hiking to the spot where the unfortunate boy's body was lying, and the other officers keeping in contact with them by a two-way radio communication set-up which was in that area for use in broadcasting the Marathon. Others hiking to the scene of the accident were Mr. Picknell, Tom Ferch, and Bill Riess, the latter having been in charge of the boys at the camp.

Body Packed Out

These men all helped in carrying