

BOYS FIND GUN, ONE DEAD

Weapon is Discharged Accidentally at Whittier; Victim an Orphan 13 Years of Age

[LOCAL CORRESPONDENCE]

WHITTIER, Jan. 13.—The accidental discharge of a shotgun in the hands of a playmate cost the life of Michael Erreca, 13 years of age, here today.

Large Deposits as Bank Opens for First Day

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SANTA FE SPRINGS, Jan. 13.—

The bank of Santa Fe Springs opened for business today. Confidence of the community in the new venture was expressed when deposits for the first day's business reached \$71,093.68.

The bank was chartered the 5th inst., and will be under the direction of E. O. Hanson, president, and Oscar Spoonhelmer, cashier. The stock, totaling \$25,000, is held by twenty-five stockholders. A surplus of \$5000 has been provided.

The new institution is doing business in temporary quarters at the intersection of Norwalk and Telegraph roads.

Dancing every night in Silver Grill Hotel del Coronado, Coronado Beach. "Tacky" party or barn dance Saturday, next. Reserve rooms of Agent, 511 Spring street, or phone M. 3817.—[Advertisement]

The boy had gone to the home of William Plotts, wealthy rancher and oil operator, of Sixth street, where he engaged in play with the two sons of Mr. Plotts, Thomas and Robert, both about the same age as the accident victim.

The boys were playing in the large yard of the beautiful ranch home and found a shotgun in the garage. Thomas Plotts was holding the weapon when it exploded. The boy says that at the time the shot was fired the weapon was not pointed at the Erreca boy, but that the rebound caused it to fly up and send the charge directly in the abdomen of the unfortunate lad.

The injured boy was taken to Memorial Hospital, where it was found that the shot had perforated the intestines at so many places that there was no chance of saving his life. He died shortly after reaching the institution.

Funeral services will be held Monday at St. Mary's Catholic Church here, with interment in Los Angeles.

The dead boy was an orphan and made his home with an uncle, F. S. Sotro, who has a citrus ranch near East Whittier.

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