

**GUN ACCIDENT FATAL**

*(By Bee Bureau)*

LOS BANOS (Merced Co.), Aug. 3.—George B. Menjoulet, prominent Los Banos rancher, was killed about noon Saturday by the discharge of his own .410 gauge shotgun as he was pulling the gun out of the automobile in which he had been riding on his property known as Menjoulet Canyon, nine miles southwest of Los Banos.

Menjoulet left Los Banos alone about 10 o'clock Saturday morning, intending to go to the ranch to poison some squirrels before noon. He is thought to have put out the poison and returned to his car to get the gun to shoot the squirrel or perhaps a jackrabbit. He pulled the gun, muzzle first, out of the car. The weapon somehow was discharged, the shot striking him in the temple just back of the eye. Death is thought to have been instantaneous.

Mrs. Menjoulet became worried when her husband did not return to their home for lunch, and drove out to look for him but, failing to find him, turned around and returned. When he did not return later in the day, she drove to the home of her brother-in-law, Henry Menjoulet, at Volta. Henry Menjoulet, his wife and two children drove out to Menjoulet Canyon, finding the body about 6 o'clock in the evening.

Constable Lewis Hulen and Deputy Coroner B. A. Wilson of Los Banos were summoned and, after making an investigation, declared that death could not have been other than accidental. The body was taken to the Davis Funeral Parlor at Newman to be prepared for burial.

Funeral services will be conducted tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock in St. Joseph's Catholic Church here, with Rev. Theo Lanctot officiating.

Menjoulet was a member of the Merced Elks' Lodge and of the Knights of Columbus Council in that city.

There are no children. Menjoulet leaves two brothers, Henry L. of Volta and John P. of Oakland, and four sisters, Mrs. Mathilda Bam-bauer and Mrs. Julia Tully of Los Banos, Mrs. Grace McCullagh of Turlock and Mrs. Emily Pfitzer of Gustine.



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