

Lawrence A. Copeland

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Tiny bullet in his brain ends his life

Panhandle Caller Dies of Injuries from Rifle Ball

Trying to loosen a cartridge in a 22-caliber rifle yesterday morning Lawrence Copeland, callboy for the Panhandle, accidentally shot himself through the right temple and died last evening at 5:30 o'clock.

Copeland had been hunting squirrels south of the city yesterday morning and, as he was crossing the southyards of the Panhandle, some Italians at work there, asked him to shoot a bird for them which he did. The rifle, an automatic one, failed to discharge the old shell and Copeland trying to loosen it, jarred the butt of the gun on a steel rail. The gun was discharged and the bullet entered his right temple. He was taken at once to St Joseph hospital where physician after an examination stated that he could not live as the bullet had entered his brain and it

would be impossible to remove it.

After being in convulsions all afternoon, he died last evening. The boy was 17 years of age and is the son of Burtin Copeland and his wife, 610 E Broadway. The father was formerly a Panhandle engineer but is now employed as yard switchman.

Copeland did not regain consciousness after the accident.