

BOY SHOOTS HIS BROTHER

Accidental Discharge of Shot Gun
Ends in Death of Son of
Mose Farmer.

A most distressing accident occurred last Saturday afternoon, between 4:30 and 5:00 o'clock, at the J. D. Johnson farm home, a mile and a half northwest of Mose, when Alvin, a two-year-old son, was shot and killed by his four-year-old brother, Elmer.

The two children were playing near a small building in which was stored some grain, a short distance north of the house. It is presumed that they had climbed up into the bin to continue their frolic and discovered the shotgun, whereupon they took the gun and had resumed their play outside again when the fatal shot was fired. The boys' sister and Miss Jennie Larson, were the only ones at home at the time, and hearing the shot rushed to the fallen boy and carried him into the house. Miss Larson, starting for Mose to phone to Binford for the doctor and Mr. and Mrs. Johnson and their son, Willie, who were here at the time, met two of the other boys and John Gaden returning home and informed them of the accident. Mr. Gaden returned to Mose and telephoned the information to Binford. Dr. Truscott and Mr. Johnson, with his wife and son, started for home immediately, but the boy had died before they arrived.

In speaking of the accident, Mr. Johnson stated to The Times that the gun is a 12-gauge pump gun and that there were no shells in the barrel but that the magazine contained some. He is of the opinion that Alvin was in a stooping position and was shot from the rear from very short range. This he ascribes from the fact that the hole in the back is only about an inch and a half in diameter and much larger and badly lacerated in the front of the body. His theory that the boy was in a stooping position when shot is based on the fact that his upper and lower garments must have become separated by stooping, as there were no bullet holes in the back of the clothes and many were found in front. The hole in the back is a trifle to the right of the spine at the waist line, and the one in front is about in the center of the body just below the ribs.

The accident has caused profound sorrow in the family and The Times joins with the whole community in extending heartfelt sympathy.

The funeral was held Monday at two o'clock at the home, Rev. Haugen officiating. Interment was made in the cemetery north of Mose.