

# WALUM DEPOT

## AGENT KILLED

**Accidental Discharge of Gun  
While Hunting Ducks  
Prove Fatal.**

Hannaford Enterprise: Albert Frazie, the young depot agent at Walum, was accidentally shot in the back at noon last Sunday, while out hunting, and died from the effects of the wound at four o'clock the same day.

Mr. Frazie, in company with N. A. Sevareid and Alfred Nelson drove down to the creek south of Walum for the purpose of shooting ducks. It seems that a flock of ducks were coming in their direction and the boys were crouching and retreating in order to avoid scaring the birds until they got within range. Mr. Frazie was standing just in front of Mr. Sevareid when the latter's gun was discharged apparently by the trigger catching in some bushes. The full charge struck Mr. Frazie in the back about an inch to the left of the spine, making a round hole about an inch and a half in diameter, smashing and penetrating the left shoulder blade and lodging in the left lung.

He was at once taken to the nearest farm residence, that of S. Juell, and Dr. Wicklund of Hannaford and Dr. Nolte of Dazey were summoned. Nothing, however, could be done for him, except to ease his suffering, as he was so severely shattered internally that he spat blood and pieces of lung. The accident happened about 11:45 and he died at 4 o'clock. He retained consciousness almost till the last.

Mr. Frazie was only about seventeen years old, and had been agent at Walum since this spring. His home was at Davenport, this state, where the remains were sent for interment.

His mother is at present at St. Luke's hospital recovering from an operation. It will be a hard blow to her when the sad news of her son's death is broken to her.

The shooting was purely accidental and no blame attaches to his companions. May the accident serve as a warning to all that one cannot be too careful in the handling of firearms. It is a sad experience to all concerned, but it is hoped that others also will take the lesson taught by this accident to heart.