

Russ Schwery, 19, killed in Prairie Rose accident

A Shelby County youth was killed Friday and two other teenagers were slightly injured when the car in which they were riding left the road and flipped over on its top at Prairie Rose Lake State Park, 11 miles south of Harlan.

According to Shelby County Sheriff Orrell Gearhart, Russell

Schwery, 19, son of Mr and Mrs Melvin Schwery of Panama was pronounced dead at the scene as a result of a cerebral injury apparently sustained in the accident.

Two other youths in the car, Dan Schechinger (Elmer), 17, of Westphalia and Joan Rau (Leonard), 16, of Portsmouth,

were treated for minor injuries and released from Myrtue Memorial Hospital, Harlan.

According to Gearhart, the accident occurred about 3:55 p.m. near the picnic area of the park. He said the car in which the three youths were riding apparently failed to hold the

road on a curve, plunged into a field, flipped over and landed on its top.

Gearhart said the driver of the car was young Schechinger. At press time, the accident was still under investigation and charges were pending, he said.

Schwery's body was taken to Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan (see page 2 for information on services).