

# VICTIM OF HIT-AND-RUN DRIVER DEAD; SECOND MAN DYING; TO HOLD INQUEST

**Joe Gallegos Passed Away Sunday Morning Leaving  
Widow and Eight Children; County Coroner  
Calls Inquest; Tip from Witnesses May Lead  
To Apprehension of Driver**

Joe Gallegos, Mexican beet hauler who was struck by a hit and run driver near Loma on Saturday night, died of his injuries in the Fruita hospital shortly after midnight Sunday morning, and Tony Cordova, his companion, who was also injured, is not expected to live. At noon today his condition was pronounced very serious and he was not expected to live throughout the day. A third man has a serious cut on his leg.

The county officers are on the trail of the parties who struck the two men on the highway and did not stop to see what damage they had done. They are expecting them to make a report of the accident to the sheriff and if they do not appear, the officers will advise the guilty parties of their knowledge.

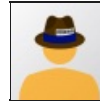
In the car with Gallegos and Cordova, was another worker, who was able to give a partial description of the car which had run over his father and Cordova. Pat Sanders and his brother, on their way to Fruita from their home at Loma, met the sedan and a touring car about 100 yards past the

accident. The touring car had drawn up alongside the sedan and the drivers of the two cars were in conference. They then drove on and disappeared on the road which leads to the Golden Hills ranch. When Sanders and his brother drove on and discovered the accident, they turned around to go back to the two cars but were too late. Descriptions that the Sanders brothers were able to give the officers will probably lead to apprehension of the driver. The son of the dead man states that the two cars were racing at a good rate of speed. The touring car was making an effort to pass the sedan at the place in the highway where Gallegos and Cordova were working repairing the tire on their car and although there was ample room for one car to pass, there was not sufficient room on the highway for the three cars and in order to avoid colliding with the touring car, the sedan struck the two men, one of whom is dead and the other dying.

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