

Carl Bennett

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CARL BENNETT KILLED, THREE HURT IN SMASH

Jeep Crashes Into Utility Pole On Beckley Highway

Carl Bennett, 37, of this city, a former mail carrier, was dead today and three other persons were in a Beckley hospital with injuries as a result of an automobile accident near Beckley Friday night.

Bennett died about 11:45 Fri. night, some four hours after the accident.

The Raleigh General hospital said he had suffered injuries of the chest head and spine, and fractures of the right arm and right leg.

Bennett was one of four Hinton persons injured when a jeep driven by James Williams of this city, struck a roadside pole.

One of the other three, Lee Davis, about 29, was reported as only semi-conscious and still in a critical condition at the Raleigh General hospital today, with his recovery in doubt.

Bennett's wife, Beulah, 30, and Hayes H. Woodrum, 45, the other two, were said to be recovering.

James Williams, of Hinton, driver of the jeep involved in the accident, was treated at the hospital for leg bruises and released.

State Police Corporal C. A. Thompson said that the jeep smashed into a roadside utility pole. It was thought that Williams lost control when the vehicle ran off the edge of the road. According to police, the jeep was owned by F. L. Lane of this city.

Thompson said Williams will be given a hearing before Justice G. O. Mills in Beckley Monday evening on a charge of reckless driving.

Bennett was born June 13, 1911, at Prince, a son of Lavinna and the late A. J. Bennett, but had lived in Hinton since he was a child. A former mail carrier here, he had been employed by the Appalachian Electric Power company at Beckley for the past two months. His family said he and the rest of the party were enroute to Hinton after their work had ended when the accident occurred. The other men were employed on house construction in Beckley. Bennett was a member of the First Christian church of this city, and the local Moose lodge.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the First Christian church.

The pastor, the Rev. B. H. Bruner, conducted the services. Inment followed in the Bennett family cemetery on Madams Creek. Members of the Loyal Order of Moose served as pallbearers.

Surviving, besides Bennett's wife and mother, are a daughter, Carlotta; two brothers, George of Mar- france, and Basil of Summerlee; and four sisters, Mrs. Paul Makre and Mrs. Dora Davis of Hinton; Mrs. J. G. Pedro and Mrs. Blaine Lilly of Beckley.