

Funeral Services for Alva Edison Kitchen Held Sunday Afternoon

Funeral services for Alva Edison Kitchen, former Alliance man who was killed last week in a railway accident in Texas, were held from the First Christian church in this city at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon, Rev. Stephen J. Epler officiating. Members of the American Legion of Alliance acted as pallbearers. Interment was in Greenwood cemetery.

Alva Edison Kitchen was born at Leesburg, Mo., October 12, 1893, and died at Ranger, Texas, April 12, 1921, aged twenty-seven years, and six months. He was married to Miss Emily Doyle, August 3, 1920. J. E. Davis of the Central Christian church in Denver officiated. After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Kitchen made their home at Ranger, Texas.

Mr. Kitchen was in the military service during the late war. He enlisted in Beatrice, Neb., Company C., Fifth regiment. Being unable to pass the overseas examination he was compelled to remain at home. At the time of his death he was in the employ of the Wichita Falls, Ranger & Fort Worth railroad.

He was instantly killed, when a motor on which he was riding collided with a train on a crossing of the Texas and Pacific railroad.

He is mourned by his wife, Mrs. Emily Kitchen, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Doyle of our city; by his father, J. T. Kitchen of Leesburg, Mo.; and other relatives.

His mother died when he was but a babe. The sudden death at so early a period in life brings much grief to wife and loved ones.

The following, from the Ranger Daily Times, of Ranger, Tex., gives the circumstances surrounding Mr. Kitchen's death:

Death ambushed A. E. Kitchen Tuesday. His eye beheld it, but did not recognize that it was meant for him. His ear heard it, but could not know that the wild clatter of iron wheel on iron rail silenced the warning that would have saved him. His mind had no place for apprehension; no inner prompting whispered that the motor car he rode would fall to stop in time, as it had perhaps a hundred times before. It did not stop this hundredth time, and without notice, possibly without his knowledge of impending doom, death embraced him.

Instantly Killed.

Kitchen, a motor car mechanic on the Hamon railway, was instantly killed about 1:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon when the small railway motor car he was riding collided with the westbound T. & P. passenger train at the crossing of the two roads, one mile north of the depot. His body was hurled twenty feet along the track in the direction the train was moving and when picked up he was dead. Two other men, J. R. Smith and Hugh Murphy, escaped injury by jumping.

The passenger train was running ten or twelve miles an hour and the motor car barely moving, it was said. It was a motorized "hand car," about six feet in length. The car was turned sideways across the track and splinters thrown five or six feet in the direction the train was moving.

Brakes Fail.
Failure of the brakes to work and Kitchen's failure to hear a warning,

were ascribed as reasons for the accident in testimony given before Justice of the Peace McFatter by Smith and Murphy. Justice McFatter's verdict was that Kitchen met his death in a collision between a Hamon road motor car and a Texas & Pacific passenger train, and that the accident was unavoidable. Smith was evidently much affected by the occurrence and at times had difficulty in restraining his emotion. The judge's questions clearly established that intoxicants played no part in the occurrence.

Coast Toward Train.

Smith is foreman of the motor car department at the Hamon shops and Murphy is an employe of the department. The three were going west on the Hamon tracks, they said, and when about 600 feet from the crossing heard the passenger engine's whistle, and Kitchen, care-free, answered in kind. Smith was driving the car and Murphy and Kitchen sat in front, on the square box over the motor, with Kitchen on the left. When the whistle sounded and the passenger train started, Smith shut off power and coasted toward the crossing, gradually slowing up. When about 200 feet from the crossing, he applied the brake slowly, with the intention of stopping near the cross-over.

Smith Realizes Danger.

By this time the passenger train had blocked the track, and when thirty or forty feet away, Smith realized that the brakes were not holding sufficiently and that the car might run into the train. He yelled to Murphy and Kitchen to jump, and just before the crash came, stepped off the rear himself. At that time the car was not moving more than a mile an hour, Smith testified. Murphy heard the warning and sprang from the car but the time was so short that neither noticed what action Kitchen took. Neither was injured and when they got up, looked for Kitchen, he was lying partly on a small wooden bridge about twenty feet south of the crossing and when the two men reached him he was dead.

Murphy rushed to the roundhouse and phoned for the Milford ambulance, which brought the body to the station. The train proceeded on to the station and Justice McFatter was notified. He went out and returned with the ambulance.

Skull Penetrated.

At the morgue it was found that something had penetrated the man's skull, causing instant death. The wound was little more than an inch in length and less than a quarter of an inch wide. There was also a T-shaped gash just below the nose and another perpendicular to it, extending across the mouth. Both jaws were broken. There was no injury except to the head.

Kitchen had been in Ranger several months. Before going with the railroad he worked for the Midway and Rogers' garages. He is survived by a wife, whom he married last August in Denver, Colo. Burial will be in Nebraska.

The Married Folks' Dancing club held their regular dance at the Armory Saturday evening.

The ladies' society of the Baptist church will meet with Mrs. C. L. Powell, 806 Toluca, Wednesday.

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