

WRECK KILLS GARLAND COLE

Car Overturns Near Black Gap; Matthew Cole Seriously Injured

Garland Cole, 28, of Rainbow Springs, was killed and Matthew Cole, 22, of the same place, was seriously injured in an automobile accident which occurred Wednesday afternoon about 6 o'clock near Black Gap, just beyond Rainbow Springs on highway 64.

It is said that the young men, cousins, were driving down the Black Gap road with Garland Cole at the wheel, and in passing another car he threw on the brakes causing his car, a 1928 Chrysler, to turn over three times. Matthew Cole leaped from the car as it left the highway, and suffered serious injuries. Garland remained in the car and in the overturn his neck was broken at the base of the skull.

Both young men were rushed to Angel hospital immediately after the accident. Garland Cole was alive when he reached the hospital but died about 9 o'clock Wednesday night.

Mr. Cole was a member of the Nantahala Baptist church and was a young man highly esteemed in the community where he lived. He is survived by his widow, the former Miss Laura Seagle; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Cole, of Rainbow Springs; five sisters, Mrs. Ed Stillwell, of Almond, Swain county; Mrs. Faye Hopkins, of Rainbow Springs; Mrs. Wade Passmore, of Nantahala; Mrs. Bill Shields, and Miss Frances Cole, of Rainbow Springs, and one brother, Jack Cole, of the same place.

Matthew Cole is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Cole, of Rainbow Springs. He suffered a fracture of the skull and is in a serious condition.

Defective brakes are said to have been the cause of the accident.