

Rev. A. B. Kern Killed In Highway Accident; Funeral Here Sunday

Funeral services will be held at the Collins Church of Christ at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon for the late Rev. A. B. Kern, who died Monday at Colfax, Wash., from injuries sustained in a highway accident near that place last Thursday evening.

Interment will be in Peoria cemetery.

Mr. Kern, who was born and reared on a farm south of Collins, was a graduate of Drake university, and had held pastorates at Collins, Mitchellville, Elkhart, Bondurant, Sully, Lake City and Reasnor before going to the state of Washington.

Besides his wife, he leaves one son, Dale Kern; a daughter, Mrs Pearl Fever of Des Moines, and a brother and sister at Colfax, Ia. He was an uncle of Mrs. V. E. Crabb and Dewey Kern of Collins.

The body is expected to arrive in Nevada Saturday and will be taken to the Cooper funeral home at Maxwell.

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The following account of the fatal accident is taken from a Washington paper.

Fred Engle, 55, Clarkston, Wash., was burned to death and the Rev. A. B. Kern, 63, pastor of the Colfax Christian church, was seriously injured, with a possible broken neck, bad head cuts and burned hands and face, as a result of a spectacular crash of their car with a Union Pacific Spokane - Lewiston passenger stage five miles north of Colfax shortly after dark this evening (Oct. 16).

Engle and the minister were traveling toward Colfax and the stage was heading north toward Spokane. The pavement was wet. As the two vehicles approached, Engle, for some reason unknown, slammed on his brakes. The car spun once around, going at high speed toward the bus, then half around again, and crashed into the front end of the bus with its rear end.

The big bus, carrying 28 passengers, was jolted from the highway and tilted over against the embankment on one side, while the Engle car was thrown into the ditch, upside down, on the opposite side, where it instantly burst into flames. Evidently the gas tank exploded, for flames shot upward, with the bodies of the two unconscious passengers discerned inside the car.

Passengers on the bus sprang to the rescue and were able to drag the minister from the wreckage. They were unable to reach Engle, however, and had no knowledge whether he was dead of injuries or was burned to death.

Mrs. Engle was in Colfax visiting at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. Kern while the two men were on a day's fishing and hunting trip.