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FATAL AUTOMOBILE WRECK

The life of Willie Witte was snuffed out Sunday night when a "wrecker" turned over pinning him underneath it. He was riding on the front seat with Eddie Buettner driving. Buettner had been out on a call at the viaduct and was returning to town to get some parts for a car, and as he passed the Witte gin, he picked up Willie, who along with several other boys were riding the wrecker.

As they were two blocks from the railroad track the wrecker and a touring car belonging to Willie Schelstetter, farmer near Ledbetter, collided. The wrecker went some distance and then overturned. Schelstetter was making a turn to approach the residence of Wm. Toll where his family was. Schelstetter's car was not damaged much. The seat and top of the wrecker were torn loose and thrown back against the crane of the wrecker, and Willie was carried with the seat. Buettner was holding to the wheel, which saved him, with only minor scratches on the face. The other boys, Barkley Catchings, Carlisle Bage, Leroy Toppel were only shaken up.

Schelstetter was placed in jail that night, but was released Monday morning as the circumstances in the case did not warrant preferring any charges against him. The wrecker was damaged considerably.