

KITTIE PAXTON KILLED BY AUTO

Las Cruces Woman Has Her Neck Broken While Driv- ing Near Washington.

Las Cruces, N. M., Aug. 5.—Mrs. J. H. Paxton was killed in an automobile accident in Virginia last Saturday, her husband suffered a broken wrist and his brother, Maj. Paxton, was severely bruised when the automobile in which they were riding turned over on a sharp curve near Washington, according to a clipping from the Washington Post, which Dr. Nathan Boyd has received from Washington.

The clipping states that Mrs. Paxton's neck was broken when the car turned over and that she was instantly killed. Her relatives here have received no message regarding the reported death of Mrs. Paxton, who was formerly Miss Katherine Fountain, daughter of Albert J. Fountain, who disappeared in New Mexico near Alamogordo many years ago. Efforts have been made to learn the details of the reported accident by friends and relatives of Mrs. Paxton, but nothing more than the clipping from the Washington paper has been received about the accident.

Return From Nicaragua.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Paxton returned recently from Nicaragua where Mr. Paxton held an important position among the United States government's representatives in that country. They went to Washington to visit Mr. Paxton's brother and were starting on a motor trip to Mr. Paxton's old home in Virginia when the accident occurred, according to the Washington paper.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Paxton have been expecting them home for more than a week and when they failed to hear from either of them they became worried and started inquiries which resulted in the receipt of the clipping by Dr. Boyd. Recently a parrot was received here which had been shipped by Mrs. Paxton from South America.

Was Very Popular.

As Miss "Kittie" Fountain, Mrs. Paxton was one of the most popular young women in Las Cruces. She lived at her father's old home in Old Mesilla with her mother until her marriage and the Fountain home—a quaint old adobe house typical of the early days of Dona Ana county—was the gathering place for the young people of Las Cruces, Mesilla Park and the college. Dances were held in the big living room with a fine oil painting of Mrs. Paxton's famous father, in military uniform, smiling down from its place on the wall and her charming mother assisting in receiving her daughter's guests in the big living room or serving refreshments in the flower-grown patio of the big house.

Secretary to Maj. Llewellyn.

For a number of years before her marriage, Mrs. Paxton served as confidential secretary to Maj. W. H. H. Llewellyn, of Las Cruces and she was known throughout New Mexico, especially among the lawyers and statesmen. Her marriage to "Jim" Paxton, the Virginia lawyer and former college professor, was one of the romances of Las Cruces and their bungalow home in the valley town, like the old Fountain home at Old Mesilla, was the meeting place of the town's society.

Mrs. Paxton's mother died several years ago. Albert Fountain, jr., is a merchant of Old Mesilla and Mrs. Margaret Guyon, a sister, lives in Mrs. Paxton's home here.

Father and Brother Killed.

Albert Fountain, father of the deceased, was one of the best known men in New Mexico some 20 years ago. With his young son, he left his Mesilla home one day to travel to Alamogordo in a wagon and has never been heard of since that time. He had been prosecuting attorney in his district and had made a number of enemies. Both father and son were supposed to have been murdered by some of these. Oliver Lee, of Alamogordo, was tried on the charge of causing the death of father and son, but was acquitted. The trial was one of the most sensational in the annals of New Mexico and took place at Hillsboro, N. M.