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Fatal Collision

Three Marble Falls men and another from Llano were killed when the train carrying them and their livestock collided with another during the summer of 1920.

Local Men Killed In Rail Collision

Copperas Cove Wreck Also Claims Llano Man

Not all connected with the depot is pleasant. One such story was related by Mrs. Gus Lachow and W.D. Phillips. As the train left the station August 10, 1920, Louis Bible, Jess Cox, Lee Phillips, Bob Jay and Emmitt Fowler were riding in the caboose with free passes provided for them. They were accompanying a load of cattle to Fort Worth, as the Fort Worth Stock Yards preferred that the men accompany and care for the cattle. The men and

their load switched to the Santa Fe line once they got to Lampasas and the train had moved on toward Copperas Cove. It was about 8 or 9 that night when they neared the tressel bridge. Here was where the accident occurred, a collision with another train. Louis Bible, Jess Cox and Lee Phillips were killed in the crash, as well as a man named Bauman from Llano. Emmitt Fowler had managed to jump, but a bale of cotton fell on him, injuring his

leg. Bob Jay was probably the least hurt of any on board.

Neither was all praise connected with the railroad. The Business Men's Association which met at the Opera House the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month had a few complaints when they met in May of 1910. They felt a competing line would lower rates, especially in view of the high volume of tonage carried out of Marble Falls and Granite Mountain.