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2 New Deaths Added to Toll Of State Roads

Altavista Woman Killed Instantly When Train Hits Car

Two more fatalities from automobile accidents on Virginia highways were chalked up against the State record yesterday, sending the death toll for December to 33 and for 1936 to 864.

The dead:

Mrs. J. A. Pleasants of Altavista.
John H. Rodman, 76, of King
George County.

Mrs. Pleasants was killed instantly and her husband seriously injured Sunday when the automobile in which they were riding was struck by a train at Altavista. The man was rushed to a Lynchburg hospital suffering from a head injury, a fractured leg and cuts and bruises. Hospital authorities said his condition was "satisfactory" last night.

Train Hits Auto

According to witnesses, the train crashed into the rear of the car, dragged it a short distance down the track and left it a pile of junk against the Hotel Commonwealth. Mrs. Pleasants was hurled from the machine and landed about 15 feet from the wreckage. Her husband was thrown down an embankment a short distance away.

Rodman died Sunday in the Mary Washington Hospital in Fredericksburg from injuries received when he was struck by an oil truck Friday night near Nide's Store in King George County. The man's wife, who was walking along the road with him, was killed instantly when the truck plowed into them.

The driver of the truck told county officers he did not see the pair until his machine had struck them. He was freed under \$1,000 bond pending an inquest. The couple was buried yesterday after a double funeral.