

Survived Highway Accident

Four Tops Consider Themselves Lucky?

Special To The Post

They're not in tip-top shape following a highway accident near Athens, Ga., last week, but according to lead singer Levi Stubbs, members of the Four Tops are "lucky to be alive."

The Tops-Stubbs, Obie Benson, Abdul Fakir and Lawrence Payton-were enroute to a college date in Columbia, S.C., when their chartered bus collided with a truck. All 13 persons on board the bus were injured.

"If you could see the damage done to that double-decker bus, it makes us look like we came out of the wreckage unscathed," said Stubbs.

According to the singer, the collision took place on a curve on U.S.-78.

"It was a two-lane highway," said Stubbs. "The truck was coming out of a turn

and hit us head on."

The Four Tops suffered multiple injuries-Stubbs, lacerations in his right leg, as did Payton. Benson's jaw, thought to be fractured, was bruised. Fakir twisted his neck.

The group's bass player, Greg Coles, fractured his ankle. Pianist George Roundtree suffered cuts in the corner of his right eye.

On the more critical list are the Tops' drivers Doug Hockenberry and Larry Landry. Hockenberry, still in Athens General hospital, was thrown

through the windshield, suffering a broken collarbone and fingers.

Landry, who drove down an embankment to avoid running over Hockenberry, was pinned beneath the wheel.

"He was in pretty bad shape," said Stubbs. "Duke and I tried to help him, but they had to cut him out of the bus. His teeth were knocked out. His legs crushed. And they told us he had internal injuries."

Landry was taken to St. Mary's hospital.

"I consider it a miracle that we (The Tops) were able to walk away from the accident," said Stubbs. "Only an hour before, two trailer trucks collided on that same highway and one of the drivers was killed. A state trooper, on his way to the scene of our accident, swerved and slid into a tree, splitting his vehicle in half. They took him in the same ambulance with us to the hospital."

Read the Charlotte Post each week.

This Is Your Paper Use It

Wilmont Florist

WEDDINGS
FUNERALS
CORSAGES
HOSPITALS
HANGING BASKETS
LOCAL DELIVERY SERVICE
SERVING THE AIRPORT AREA

523-5240
3601 Wilmont Rd.

SUPER SOUNDS

TOO MUCH, TOO LITTLE, TOO LATE

Johnny Mathis & Deniece Williams

USE TA BE MY GIRL

O'Jays

ON BROADWAY

George Benson

TAKE ME TO THE NEXT PHASE

Isley Brothers

THE GROOVELINE

Heatwave

FLASHLIGHT

Parliament

BOOTZILLA

Bootsy's Rubberband

GET ON UP

Tyrone Davis

DANCE WITH ME

Peter Brown

THE CLOSER I GET TO YOU

Roberta Flack with Donny Hathaway

SLICK SUPERCHICK

Kool & The Gang

OH WHAT A NIGHT FOR DANCING

Barry White

DAYLIGHT AND DARKNESS

Smokey Robinson

STAY

Rufus Featuring Chaka Khan

IT'S SERIOUS

Cameo

NIGHT FEVER

Bee Gees

IT'S YOU THAT I NEED

Enchantment

RIDING HIGH

Faze-O

DANCE ACROSS THE FLOOR

Jimmy "Bo" Horn

ALMIGHTY FIRE

Aretha Franklin

MAY SUPER SALE AT STALLINGS SALVAGE CO.



ALUMINUM WINDOWS
\$9.95 TO \$19.95

6'x6' FLOOR TILE
BATHROOM SIZE \$5.99

SUPER SAVINGS

PANELING SALE
100 DIFFERENT PANELS TO CHOOSE FROM

PREFINISHED PANELING
\$2.99 TO \$7.99 4'x8' SHEET

FAMOUS NAME CARPET & REMNANTS
OVER 30,000 YARDS IN STOCK
200 COLORS-STYLES-PATTERNS

\$1.69 TO \$6.99
SQ. YD.



FIRST QUALITY BEDDING
DOUBLE OR SINGLE MATTRESS
OUR BEST MATTRESS OR FOUNDATION 29.95
QUEEN SIZE SET 89.95
KING SIZE SET 126.00

MINI-BARN \$99.95
8'x8'
8x12 149.95 10x12 187.95 12x12 224.95

- 2"x4" STUDS 58¢ EA.
- CONGOLEUM & ARMSTRONG FLOOR TILE \$1.99 TO \$2.99 SQ. YD.
- 5/8" PLYWOOD SHEATHING \$6.99 TO \$7.99
- PREFINISHED CABINET DOORS ALL SIZES \$1.99 EA.
- ROOFING SHINGLES \$14.99 SQUARE
- COATED NAILS 50-LB. BOX \$12.99
- DIG HOUSES \$6.99 AND UP
- COMMON NAILS 50-LB. BOX \$11.99
- STYROFOAM INSULATION 4'x8' SHEET \$2.99
- PATIO DOORS \$99.95 COMPLETE

- ARTIFICIAL GRASS CARPET \$2.99 SQ. YD.
- 5'x8' PARTICLE BOARD \$3.99 SHEET
- PRE-PASTED TYVEK DUPONT WALL PAPER SOLD IN TRIPLE ROLLS ONLY \$1.99 PER SINGLE ROLL



FEDERAL PRIDE INTERIOR & EXTERIOR PAINT
AT ONLY \$2.99 GAL.
GOLD SEAL INT. LATEX GAL. 3.99
GOLD SEAL EXT. LATEX GAL. 5.99

TAPE CITY
3138 South Tryon
523-0266
TOP 20
45's IN STOCK
Only 86¢ Each

Stallings SALVAGE CO.
• MONROE N.C. • UNION S.C.
• MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. • JEFFERSON, S.C.
OPEN MONDAY-SATURDAY 8 AM-6 PM
Phone (Charlotte) 332-4941
Phone (Monroe) 289-3947