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O. W. ROST SERIOUSLY HURT IN AUTO CRASH

Two Others Injured In Collision At La Grange

Returning from a fishing trip from Port Aransas late Friday night, three local men were injured, one seriously, when the car in which they were riding was in collision with another car at the post office intersection of U. S. Highway 77 at La Grange.

O. W. Rost's injuries were pronounced serious. He received several broken ribs and a spine injury, on account of which he had to be put into cast and is still confined at the La Grange hospital.

The ohers injured are Melvin Etzel, who had several ribs fractured and also received bruises on the right side and Ted Simmang, who had a gash on his right cheek which required several stitches. Both were taken to the hospital for reatment, but were later released and were able to return home H. E. Evans, the driver of the Ciddings car was not injured.

Raymond Blaha of Houston, the driver of the other car, was also unhurt.

According to investigating officers, Blaha was driving to town from the direction of the ice plant. The Giddings car traveling north on Highway 77 saw Blaba's car coming at a high speed and tried to get across the street before being hit. The car however caught him, damaging the body of the car considerably. Blaha's car only received minor damages on the front end. Both cars were Ford V-S's The Giddings car was not thrown over, but the injuries to the men were caused by the terrible impact it recolved in the collision. The injured were picked up by a La Grange ambulance and rushed to

the nearby hospital.