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WINSTON HILL SEVERELY INJURED

The quietness of a beautiful day was perturbed Sunday afternoon when Winston Hill, age 11 years, was almost fatally injured in an automobile wreck. Prompt rescue and quick medical attention until he could be rushed to a hospital for an operation, possibly saved his life. His face was mashed inwardly about the thickness of a finger, extending from the eye brows down to the middle part of the nose. His right arm was broken just below the shoulder and it was thought that one arch above the eye was broken. His spirit was undaunted by the ordeal and he stood up well as he was being given first aid. He stood the operation well and his chances for recovery are good, unless inward complications or infections set up. He did not lose his eyesight.

Winston was in a high-powered roadster belonging to his sister Mrs. Siebel, and driven by his brother Douglas. They are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Carrol Hill, five miles east of Giddings. The boys had been to town and were returning home about 4 p. m. when it was misting rain and the road surface was slick from water. The car was being driven at very high speed, so much so that people noticed it in passing, just before it was wrecked. When it was just outside the city limits, going east, the driver reached for the windshield wiper, and in doing so, lost control of the car. Winston called his attention to the car control, whereupon the car dashed off the highway to the right and overturned twice, coming to a stop with the car pointed more than a right angle to the direction from which it was coming. The four wheels were in the air, the car resting on the top, which was secure, thus preventing the boys from being crushed. The dirt in the ditch had been recently worked and was loose, and but little sign could be seen where the car struck the earth before coming to a stop.

Douglas attempted to rescue his brother by kicking out the windshield, cutting his foot severely at the ankle. He tried to lift the car off his brother and sprained his back. Help was soon there, and a highway bridge builder camping in the tourist park heard the crash and rushed there with his car and brought those injured to town for medical attention. The car was pushed back to its wheels, was started by itself, and was driven to town.