

Murder Without Malice Charge in Auto Death Referred to Spring Grand Jury

The charge of murder without malice against Martin Jatzlau, driver of one of the cars involved in the fatal accident in Giddings on Sunday, Oct. 30, has been referred to the spring term of the Lee County Grand Jury.

Jatzlau was detained in jail following the accident, waived

examining trial, and posted bond.

A 15-year-old Fedor boy, Raymond O. Jatzlau, riding with Martin Jatzlau at the time of the accident, was fatally injured when Jatzlau's car crashed into the rear of another car on North Main Street in Giddings at about 1:30 a. m. on Oct. 30.

Three of the four occupants of the other car were hospitalized at Lee Memorial Hospital in Giddings. The fourth occupant of the car, Joe Matejcek Jr. of String Prairie near Lexington, stunned only briefly, saved the other three from possible death when he pulled them to safety before the gas tank of their burning car exploded. Those hospitalized, Leroy Schulz of Lexington, driver of the car which burned, and Myrtle Lou Laake were released from the hospital on Nov. 1, and Ruth Redkey on Nov. 2.

The death of young Jatzlau was Lee County's first 1955 traffic fatality.