

The Giddings News

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SERIOUS ACCIDENT

An accident of serious proportions took place on the main business street of Giddings at 6 o'clock last Saturday afternoon when Viola Prathol, age 10 years, was hit by a passing automobile and knocked unconscious. Her skull was fractured and after being given medical attention in Giddings, she was removed to the hospital in Austin where her condition was reported somewhat better Thursday. She regained consciousness Wednesday. Before leaving Giddings it was announced that it would be about 96 hours before much could be ascertained as to her improvement. She was struck in the head and knocked to the ground. It was a considerable blow for the right headlight was bent around, and the rod connecting the two headlights was broken from one of the lights. The lens was broken out. The crash made a noise like that of an automobile collision.

The child was crossing the street from the Citizens State Bank toward the "M" System corner. She angled across somewhat and was headed toward Luecke's drug store and several cars were in motion. One automobile passed by quickly and she stepped from behind it and at the same time she was struck by a sedan which had come from the north turned the corner and was headed west. This sedan was driven by Chas. Hall a freshman of A. and M. College and belonged to his uncle Mr. R. S. Winslow, who with Mrs. Winslow and Mrs. F. S. Hall, mother of the driver, were in the car. They had been to College Station to bring young Hall home from school which had just closed. All parties live at Eden, Concho County.

Hall was arrested but gave bond at once in the amount of \$300 on the charge of aggravated assault. Mr. Winslow and party all regretted the occurrence very much and Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Winslow were quite distressed over it. They did all possible for the relief of the child, paid all bills here and had her carried to the hospital for treatment. They expressed their gratitude to the Giddings people for the courtesies extended them as strangers and said they could not ask for more favors anywhere.

The accident happened at a busy time of day, when the streets were crowded, and at a busy corner. It is regretted by all concerned.