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## TRAGEDY CAUSED BY BLOWOUT

Evelyn Hentschel, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herm. Hentschel, and student of G.H.S., was killed Sunday morning at three o'clock in a traffic accident involving three vehicles.

The accident occurred about 10 miles west of Giddings between Hills and Paige on Highway 290. The smashup was caused by a blowout on one of the tires of the car in which Evelyn was riding.

The car was about to meet a heavy oil truck, when the blowout occurred, the driver George Schneider, losing control of the car, smashed into the rear end of the oil truck. Evelyn was harled out of the car by the impact right into the road.

A lumber truck, following the oil truck, in an effort to avoid hitting the girl, slammed on its brakes and stopped with one wheel directly on top of her body: The wheel of the truck had to be lifted in order to remove her corpse.

In the car, besides Evelyn and the driver, were Mildred, her sister, Roland Namken, and Fannie Whitsel, all of Giddings. All of them escaped with minor injuries and bruises. Roland Namken and George Schneider were taaken to the Brenham hospital for an examination. The latter suffered a slight fracture of the skull, but both were released. George Schneider however was taken to the La Grange hospital for treatment Tuesday.

Fineral services for Evelyn Hentschel were conducted Monday moraing at 10 o'clock from the residence and at Immanuel Lutheran Church, the Rev. Max Studtmann officiating. Phillips and Luckey were in charge of arrangements and interment was in the City Cemetery. Evelyn was born at Winchester June 15, 1926, where she was baptized and later attended the Christian Day School. Later when the family moved to Giddings, she attended Immanuel Lutheran School here and was confirmed by Rev. Geo. W. Fischer. After her confirmation—she attended Giddings High School having finished 9th grade in spring and would have been a sophomore student this year.

She was a dilligent student and had many friends in High School, who with her parents, sisters and brother mourn her untimely passing.

She is survived by her parents, five sisters, Mrs. Clifford Williams, Misses Mildred and Lillie Hentschel all of Giddings; Mrs. A. S. Hargraves and Miss Amanda Heatschel of Houston; one brother Walter of the U. S. Army stationed at San Antonio, and her grandmother, Mrs. Mary Symank of Giddings

The 'Star' extends sincere sympathy to the grief-striken parents, sisters, brother and other relatives.