

The Giddings News

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Three Injured in One Day

Friday of last week was a sad day for Giddings. Two accidents happened in which three small children were injured. Early that morning M. G. Heck, Jr., age 4yrs., was injured by coming in contact with a high voltage electric wire. The wind had blown down a pole and the wire was hanging near the ground. The little fellow in company with another little boy of S. S. Moore was hauling off trash near the dwelling of his grandmother Mrs. Heck and it is thought that M. G. Jr. intended lifting up the wire to permit his playmate to pass under with the express wagon. In some way the circuit was completed and he was found lying on the ground with one foot on a wire. His playmate gave the alarm which attracted attention and the injured boy's mother, grandmother and others rushed to the scene. Tod Green (colored) was passing and he rushed up and pulled the little boy from the wire. Tod said that when he reached the place where the accident happened that blue blazes were passing from the wire to the body.

M. G.'s foot was burned through his shoe, a severe burn being near his ankle. Two fingers on one hand (the little finger and the one next to it) were badly burned to the bone. They are considerably injured. It has not been determined to what extent the foot is injured.

The accident happened on the line of wires leading from the residential section of town to a colored church toward the cemetery.

That afternoon an accident happened at the Neitsch store building corner when a large touring car driven by Mrs. M. E. Suehs ran over little Catherine Morkisch, age 4 years, and struck Adele Morkisch, age 6 years. A front and a rear wheel passed over the body of Catherine while Adele received a gash cut in her forehead and her body was bruised. The injuries have not been determined and the little girls are resting well. The girls had left the sidewalk in an attempt to cross the street, and there were two autos which passed each other and in some way the sad occurrence.

The afflicted ones and their parents have the sympathy of the citizenry of Giddings and it is hoped that their injuries may be light.