

Freak Wreck Damages Store And Five Cars



Giddings had one of the worst truck and car wrecks Friday morning but fortunately no person sustained any injury. However 5 cars parked in front of Namken's Furniture Store were damaged and three of the large glass windows of the store were smashed to pieces and the fourth was cracked. Even some of the furniture inside the store was damaged. All five cars were not occupied at the time of the mishap.

The accident occurred shortly after 8 o'clock Friday morning when a big truck driven by Glen Hammer of Houston loaded to the top with plant food (fertilizer) was driving west on Austin Street and making a turn to the left at Corner Food Store.

When the big truck was turning the corner, no doubt, his heavy load slipped to the side, and turning over, the four cars parked in front of Namken's Store were rammed on the sidewalk and through the plate glass of the store by the impact of the heavy load which was spilled on the street and against the cars.

Corner Food Store's small delivery truck parked in front of their store was the first one to be turned over. Rudy Namken, one of the owners of the store was about 15 feet from the windows when the accident happened. He thought the entire building was coming down. Willie Kasper and Alfred Kilian were cleaning the big plate glass windows just before

the wreck, but neither one was there at the time of the accident. Kilian had left in Namken's Pickup. Had it been standing in front of the store, it also would have been damaged.

Cars damaged in the accident include Eddie Namken's, Aug. Namken's, Willie Kasper's, Alfred Kilian's and Hill's Pickup. The driver of the truck was not injured and his big truck was lying on the side empty.

Gasoline from the cars and trucks was flowing down the gutter, but the alert Giddings Fire Department was on the spot and soaked the entire surroundings with water including the busted sacks of fertilizer. Sheriff Goodson had the entire scene roped off