

TWO DEAD, TWO HURT IN WRECK NEAR HUGO
Car Crashes into Long Creek Bridge Abutment
All 4 from Spencerville

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Two Choctaw county men killed instantly and two others were injured, one perhaps seriously, when their car crashed into an abutment of Long Creek bridge, two miles east and 3 1/2 miles north of Hugo at 10 o'clock this morning. Killed were: Ivan Daniels, 25, driver of the car, a Spencerville teacher: and William James Wall, 71 retired, a former resident of Soper, now living near Spencerville. Injured were: Joe E. Bishop, 61, Spencerville farmer, who suffered a broken right arm, a possible crushed left thigh, and front bruises, lacerations and cuts. and Campbell Reginal Allen, 20 of Spencerville, who suffered a broken left ankle and lacerations of the left eye.

The accident was caused when the tie-rod on the steering gear of the car became loose and dropped out, throwing the car out of control. The four men were traveling toward Hugo and were told by neighbors to be in route here, when the accident occurred. The front of the 1935 Ford sedan was completely demolished. From examination of the car by Highway Patrolman Reese, said they believed that the driver was killed on the steering wheel of the car and that Wall was thrown into the cowl with so much force it took his life. Undertakers at Snow Funeral home who examined the bodies, reported that had suffered compound fractures on both legs, and a broken neck and Daniels had received a broken neck, a fractured skull and crushed chest. Daniel who taught at Spencerville school for two years is survived by his wife and one child, a two year old girl. He was formerly a teacher at Sawyer.

Wall is survived by his wife and several children he was a brother of Tom, James Elvin and Seph Wall, all well known Spencerville farmers.. Motorist who had met the car en route to Hugo said that Daniels was driving at a conservative rate, Bishop and Allen both said that the car was traveling more than 35 miles per hour when the tie-rod dropped to the ground and the car went out of control. Several persons working in adjacent fields, who had seen the car a few minutes prior accident, vindicated Daniels of any reckless driving or excessive speed. Conditions of roadway, along this stretch is such that it is doubtful if the accident would have proven serious had the steering gear gave away at any other point.. Bishop was rushed to the Johnson Hospital in an ambulance and was transferred to Veterans Hospital in Sulpher this after noon. Allen is recovering from injuries and shock at Hugo Hospital. Funeral arrangements for neither of the two men have been completed at press time today. The wing of the bridge abutment, of eight inch concrete, was torn loose from the bridge proper by force of the

impact. Tate and James Burton, who reached the wreck first, said that the two men riding in the front seat of the car were dead when they arrived.