

S. C. Mercer Dies Of Injury Received In Auto Accident

S. C. Mercer of route 2, Maryville, age 60, died at 12:40 o'clock this morning at the St. Francis hospital of injuries received in an automobile accident one and one-half miles east of Wilcox yesterday morning.

A head injury was attributed as the cause of his death. He suffered high blood pressure and heart trouble and had been a patient at the St. Francis hospital previously.

According to his daughter, Mrs. Dovie Ferguson, Mercer was going to Wilcox from Maryville on highway No. 71. The car went out of control on a straight section of the road and overturned several times.

Raymond Shell, who was in Mrs. Ferguson's store at Wilcox at the time of the accident, brought the injured man to the hospital. The head injury prevented Mercer telling what caused him to lose control of the car. He was alone in the car, a 1941 Ford, which was completely demolished.

Patrol Sgt. J. W. Whan said today that County Coroner L. E. Dean's decision as to what caused his death will determine whether or not the accident will constitute a highway traffic death. So far this year the county has had only one traffic death—the one in January when Walter Furman was dragged to death behind a tractor south of

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Mr. Mercer was born January 13, 1890, near Maryville, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Mercer. His wife was the former Miss Sylvia Clayton. He was a member of the Methodist church.

Survivors are his wife, a son, John Mercer, Topoka, Kas., four daughters: Mrs. Dovie Ferguson, Wilcox; Mrs. Florine Mercer, Kansas City; Mrs. Eugene Wells, Glysses, Kas.; and Mrs. A. W. Schaeffer, Memphis, Tenn.; two brothers, Charles and Claude Mercer, Tulsa, Okla.; a sister, Mrs. Minnie Hill, Kansas City, and five grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the Price funeral home by the Rev. W. H. Allen, pastor of the Wilcox Methodist church of which Mr. Mercer was a member.

Mercer's Death Termed Accidental

A verdict of accidental death with no criminal intent involved was given by a coroner's jury Friday afternoon at the inquest into the death of S. C. Mercer, Route 2.

Mercer died in St. Francis hospital Thursday morning of injuries received in an auto accident Wednesday morning. His car went out of control and rolled over several times on highway 71 near Wilcox.

W. J. Rabel, Yves Lager, Henry Maize, O. T. Adams, Paul Shell and Dale M. Hughes served on the jury. The inquest was held at the Price funeral home.

Mercer's death was the county's second traffic fatality this year. Walter Furman was fatally injured in January after being dragged behind a moving tractor.

S. C. MERCER RITES

Funeral Held Here Saturday and Burial Is at Wilcox.

Final rites for Samuel C. Mercer of route 2, Maryville, were conducted at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the Price funeral home by the Rev. W. H. Allen of Wilcox. Burial was in the Wilcox cemetery. Mr. Mercer died Thursday morning in the St. Francis hospital from injuries received in a car accident Wednesday morning one and a half miles east of Wilcox.

Turner Tyson, accompanied by Mr. Harry Price, sang "Safe in the Arms of Jesus" and "Eastern Gate."

pallbearers were James Shell, Oris Thompson, William Richardson, Ben Farrell, Herbert Card and Tom Adams.

Flowers were in charge of Mrs. Farrell, Mrs. Snell, Mrs. Lloyd Logan and Mrs. Truman West.

