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TRUCK FLATTENED ON HIGHWAY 72—A one-vehicle accident last Thursday on Highway 72 just east of Mt. Pleasant sent the driver, 22-year-old Barry L. Owens, Rt. 1 Moscow, to the St. Francis Hospital and later transferred to the Baptist Hospital in Memphis where he is listed in satisfactory condition.

The accident occurred Thursday afternoon around 2:30 p.m. when the driver traveling east apparently lost control of his tractor-trailer rig.

Highway Patrol officer Steven Thompson said witnesses told him the truck appeared to have "tapped his brakes as is common upon approaching a vehicle," when the brakes apparently locked up causing the truck to go into a skid.

Other witnesses said the truck turned sideways in the road and began flipping end-over-end and sideways before

it left the road. The truck came to rest some 30 feet from the road.

Holly Springs Rescue Squad was called to the scene in the attempt to free the victim.

Fire Chief Joe Fant found it necessary to remove the seat as well as pulling the steering wheel out to get to the victim.

Fant said it took approximately 12 to 15 minutes to get the victim out. Both sets of the "Jaws of Life" were used in the rescue effort.

The Slayden/Marshall County Fire Department as well as the Highway Patrol, the Marshall County Sheriff's Department and the Marshall County Ambulance Service were at the scene.

The truck, valued at more than \$15,000 was owned by Howard Carpenter of Slayden. Photo by David Pryor