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CHILD KILLED
PARENTS HURT
IN AIR CRASH

Mr. and Mrs. W. Leedon
Both Receive Skull Fractures
and Daughter Dies
When Plane Crashes

Mr. and Mrs. W. Leedon, 4116 Lina street, Los Angeles, are in a serious condition at the Jared Sidley Torrance Memorial Hospital, following an airplane crash in the vicinity of 190th and Vermont avenue Saturday afternoon, in which their 5 year old daughter Barbara was killed.

It is asserted that Mr. and Mrs. Leedon and Barbara went for a short pleasure ride in the plane with W. E. Thompson of 1350 E. Fifty-eighth place, Los Angeles, who had borrowed the Lincoln Paige plane from an employe of the Airline flying school.

On the ground watching them were several relatives, who had been up for a short hop and were waiting for the Leedons to return from their flight.

It is asserted that little Barbara, who was killed instantly in the crash, begged and cried not to be taken in the plane because she was afraid. Her tears were calmed and she was strapped into the plane.

Thompson said that the crash that Mr. and Mrs. Leedon were his cousins, and that he had invited them for a ride in the borrowed plane. He said the couple, with the little girl, were in the front seat of the biplane, while he occupied the pilot's seat in the rear. Witnesses however, claim that Mr. Leedon and the girl were strapped in the front seat, and Mrs. Leedon rode with the pilot in the rear.

It circled over the field once, and in making the turn ran into what seemed to be a whirlwind, Thompson said. "Something seemed to catch and hold the ship and I thought the best thing to do was drive through with an open throttle," Thompson continued, and said that his engine failed to respond and that he was not able to control the ship, which landed partly on its side and nosed into the ground. The landing gear and propeller were torn off and one wing damaged.

All of the injured were rushed to the hospital here, where it was found that Mr. Leedon suffered a skull fracture and other injuries, and his wife a skull fracture across her forehead.

Mrs. Leedon had regained consciousness Monday, but Mr. Leedon was still unconscious and delirious.

Mr. Leedon's mother and brother Kenneth, who were on a motor trip to Kansas, were found on the road just out of Needles, and rushed to his bedside.

The body of the child is being held at Stone and Myers Mortuary for arrangements.

OFFICER HURT
IN CAR CRASH

Traffic Officer Bill Malin was slightly injured Sunday morning when his motorcycle was dragged for 50 feet or more after striking the car driven by Paul Welch at the intersection of Engracia and Manuel avenues.

Malin suffered a scalp wound and numerous bruises and skinned places but was not seriously injured. He was treated for his injuries at the Jared Sidley Torrance Memorial Hospital.

Riding in the car with Welch, who resides at 619 Arlington avenue, were Dallas Danford, Wilfred Tidland, Martin Gilbert, and Al Pennington. Welch's car was going west on Engracia and Malin was traveling south on Manuel.

This is the second minor accident Malin has had since he has had his new motorcycle, and he never had a one with the old "bike." Welch's car was damaged to the extent of a broken wheel, mangled fender and running board, and a broken windshield. The motorcycle was considerably bent but not wrecked.

MAYOR DENNIS
TELLS OREGON
OF TORRANCE

Folks In Old Home Town of
Mayor and Mrs. Dennis
Hear Story of Growth

That Mayor John Dennis is spreading the gospel of the modern industrial city is evidenced by the following articles in the Hillsboro, Oregon, Independent, under date of August 2:

"John Dennis, who appears to have a steady job of mayoring TORRANCE, CALIF., blew into town Sunday evening and expects to spend the time until August 7 in meeting many old friends in Washington county. The California mayor was in Hillsboro for a few hours a week previously while on his way to attend the convention of Pacific coast mayors and fire chiefs at Vancouver, B. C. Accompanying him were Mrs. Dennis and Miss Eva McCormick of Hillsboro, her niece, who was returning home from a visit at Torrance which began early in summer.

"As old residents of Hillsboro know, Mr. Dennis is no amateur in the job of mayoring, for he served Hillsboro in a similar capacity many years ago. His present job is somewhat more important, for Torrance is a thriving manufacturing city in the Los Angeles area and municipal business is on an extensive scale. That he is measuring up to the job is indicated by the fact that he is serving his second term. Other public service in which Mr. Dennis showed marked ability was while in charge of the Oregon exhibit at the San Francisco exhibition, after which he was connected with the permanent exhibit maintained in Portland by the state. Going further back, old timers remember him as a leading Hillsboro merchant whose place of business was the corner of Main and Second now occupied by the Malibu resort.

"All ex-Hillsboro men who have entered public life in California do not appear to have been as popular as Mr. Dennis, for Nick Alexander, former Hillsboro real estate man who was the king pin in street cars and other public enterprises and who engineered the apple exhibit which won Washington county first prize in competition with the state, has just been recalled by a heavy vote as a councilman of Long Beach.

A Hillsboro boy who is making good in the south, according to Mr. Dennis, is Vincent Engeldinger, former organist at the Venetian, who has a position in a Torrance theatre equal in importance and salary to any in Los Angeles."

EIGHT YEARS AGO
IN LOMITA

As Told by the Files of
This Paper

Real estate transfers noted over a period of two weeks: Lynden Lowe's triangle property at Walnut and Redondo boulevard to Mr. Aiken of Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman to D. M. Marks, Pine street; Mr. Kabolath, Pomelo street, to J. C. Autrey; Victor Wagner, Pennsylvania street to Mr. Roberts of San Pedro; the Rombarger storage on Olive street to Thomas Burke and house, corner of Walnut and Redondo boulevard to Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Cox of Cherry street; Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Williams, acre at the corner of Pennsylvania and Cherry streets. (Them was the happy days.)

The following men were unanimously re-elected at the Chamber of Commerce meeting: A. J. Stinson, president; H. L. Wilson, vice president; E. W. Brumpton, treasurer; and C. P. Roberts, secretary.

C. VanDerbeken of Arizona street mashed his left hand with a drill press while at work at the Union Tool shops.

A crowd of Lomita folks motored to the P. U. Ranch Monday and saw a real wild west broncho busting exhibition. The riders were Ray and Roy McCarroll, Jack Weber, and Llewellyn and Leslie Phillips.

Mildred Edwards, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Edwards of Weston street celebrated her 5th birthday with a party. There were 14 guests.

John Archer has Ankle Broken In Lumber Yard Mishap

John Archer of Pennsylvania avenue, and Arizona street is confined to his home with a broken ankle, badly lacerated foot and serious bruises, suffered when a lumber carrier struck him at the Bilan Lumber yards. The accident occurred about 5:30 Saturday afternoon. Mr. Archer was treated by the company doctor, and with his foot in a cast, was brought to his home.

FIVE YEARS AGO
IN LOMITA

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At the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce a communication from the local fire committee was read recommending Frank Laski and Maurice Ellenberger for the position of engineers. The men will assume their duties September 1 or as soon as the equipment arrives.

The board of supervisors in a communication to H. F. Schmidt advised him that his lot on Weston street will be accepted at a rental of \$400 per year, with the privilege of buying later. A fire house will be erected on the lot in the immediate future.

Right in the middle of the business of the evening the Chamber of Commerce was surprised by the entrance of Mrs. J. P. Christian, Miss Edith Smith and Miss Doris Beatty bearing trays of sandwiches, cake and coffee. President J. P. Christian immediately declared a recess, while all present enjoyed the treat. Cards attached to the cups informed the gentlemen that the refreshments were a compliment from five business houses, including the News.

Mrs. H. L. Wilson was taken seriously ill during a visit in Effie, N. Y., and at one time recovery seemed doubtful. She is home now, greatly improved in health.

Len Sanders has gone to Salt Lake City for a visit with his mother. (He's back there now—he and Fred Montgomery.)

Family Reunion
At Hollywood
Joyous Event

A family reunion Sunday at the north Hollywood playgrounds on Magnolia boulevard proved a delightful affair for Mrs. Regina Hudson and various members of her family.

There was a picnic dinner followed by games on the green for the younger folks and several hours of pleasant inactivity for their elders.

Present at the affair were Mrs. Hudson and son Robert, Mrs. Ceilia Jutzl, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Goodrich and four children, Mr. and Mrs. Nels Peterson, Charles and Willis Stamps and Harold Heaton of Lomita; Edna Brewer of Pomona; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Smith, daughters Pearl and Lorraine, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Stamps, daughters Marguerite and Mary, Mrs. Rosa Close, Mrs. Elizabeth Buckingham of Los Angeles; John Hudson, daughters Lois, Peggy and Carroll of Lynwood; Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Hudson, son Theodore, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Hudson and four children of El Monte; Mr. and Mrs. Omar Hudson, daughter Corinne; of Van Nuys; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hudson and daughter of Hermosa; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bruyn of Santa Monica; and Wash Wortman of Kansas City, Mo., brother of Mrs. Hudson and Mrs. Jutzl.



Here is a remarkable airplane view of the recent forest fire that swept up the slopes of Mt. Tamalpais, California, and destroyed the tavern on the top of the mountain.

In testing a new polish, use it on one of the side or splash pans first, rather than on a body or hood panel, and note particularly its abrasive qualities by using a clean white rag.

In summer vacation season, it is a good plan to check your tires and purchase new ones if necessary.

A n old tire may run several months when the weather is cool, but the first hot day that comes may cause a blow-out.

Don't dash up to an intersection at breakneck speed and rely on your four-wheel brakes to stop you instantly. Numerous things could prevent your stopping.

ping, such as grease on the pavement, wet street car tracks, gravel, and there is always the possibility of the brakes failing to function.

Anything that causes the road next foot to say, "Well, for goodness sake," is NEWS—send it to

The White Spot!
WHAT DOES IT MEAN?
A SCANDAL?
A SERMON?
AN ENDURANCE TEST?
A PUBLIC EVENT?
A MOVIE?
A MURDER STORY?
A NEW BREAKFAST FOOD?
EVERYBODY'S ASKING!
EVERYBODY'S WONDERING!
—EVEN MAN'S CURIOSITY IS AROUSED!

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Refinery Blast
Fatal for Five

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still in flames. For a few moments the entire plant was threatened with destruction, but the company's fire fighting crew controlled the blaze with foamite and within thirty minutes it had been extinguished. The loss to the plant is estimated at \$100,000.

A second explosion, caused by the bursting of a steam pipe in the tremble plant, part of the cracking plant located about 300 yards from the first explosion, occurred at 9:30 a. m. This caused but little damage.

The plant is located adjacent to numerous other plants and huge storage tanks and had the fire some beyond control it would have threatened one of the largest centers of oil distribution and refining in this section.

H. C. Brewster of the county sheriff's homicide department is investigating the explosion.

John Young Biddle

John Young Biddle was born in Maryland in 1896, came to California from Philadelphia, Pa., and has been a resident of Lomita for 5 years. Served overseas from April, 1918 to August, 1919, with the 33rd Field Artillery, Fourth Division. Was a member of Lomita Post No. 1622, Veterans of Foreign Wars, which organization had charge of funeral arrangements.

Survivors are his widow, Mrs. Frances Biddle, four children, Warren, 7, Gordon, 5, Albert, 2, and Charlotte Louise, 5 months; one brother, Cecil C. Biddle of Thousand Oaks, Calif.; and two sisters, Mrs. Oscar Joyce, Rummymede, N.J., and Mrs. Laura Mulliken, also of New Jersey.

Services were held in the Community Presbyterian church, at 3 o'clock today. Rev. Harold E. Ingersoll officiating. Interment in Roosevelt Memorial Park.

Guests last week of Mr. and Mrs. James McDougall of Narbonne avenue were Mrs. May Hudson and son Glen of San Diego, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wilman accompanied Mrs. Hudson on her return to her home.

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