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Girl-Mother, 15, Killed and Two Boys Hurt in Waleria Auto Crash

Death rode with two boys and a girl for many miles thru the Harbor District and into the Palos Verdes Hills, last Saturday but not until the trio reached the intersection of Highway 101 and Newton street in Waleria did that grim specter make itself known.

And then it did with an abruptness that careened the young people's car across the highway, smashed into a curb and then lurched against a tree. The girl, Louise Jones, a 15-year-old mother of a five-months' old baby, was almost instantly killed. The two boys, Bill Walker, 16, of 1221 El Prado, Torrance, and Charles Taylor, 17, of the Erwin Hotel in Torrance, were badly hurt and are in the county hospital.

Louise Jones was found hanging out of the rumber seat of the small roadster, her head on the fender. She died of internal injuries before Stone and Myers' ambulance arrived.

Police Continue Probe
Young Walker is said by police to have been the driver of the car. He is suffering from a fracture of one wing of his pelvis and a skull fracture. Physicians attending him in the county hospital informed Police Chief John Stroh of Torrance Tuesday that he will be confined there for a month or more.

The Taylor boy was riding with Miss Jones in the rumber seat. He suffered a slight concussion, cuts and bruises. He will be out of the hospital in a week or two. It was young Taylor who, despite his injuries, stumbled away from the wreck and summoned help. The accident occurred about 10:30 o'clock Saturday night.

Police are continuing investigation of the fatal crash and Stroh indicated yesterday that Walker may be charged with negligent homicide. Asked if any liquor was involved in the case, the police chief declined to affirm or deny that members of the ill-fated trio had been drinking. He said that he was withholding some points about the accident until the coroner's inquest.

Funeral Scheduled Today
On account of the condition of Walker and Taylor, this formality has been delayed and will probably not be held until next week when the coroner will conduct his investigation at the hospital. Miss Jones was the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralford Jones of 20832 Margaret

street, Los Angeles, which is in the Nestor tract off South Main street. She was also survived by a 12-year-old brother, Ralford P. Jones, Jr., and her infant child. The funeral service was scheduled for 2 o'clock this afternoon at Stone and Myers' Mortuary with Mrs. Verda Benson officiating. Interment was to be in Pacific Crest cemetery.

A Lomita girl, whose identity police refused to divulge, narrowly escaped being a fourth occupant of the death car. She had left the group a few minutes before for reasons known only to police.

Cars Get Separated
Miss Jones, Walker and Taylor had started out with six other young people earlier in the evening to go to a theatre in Venice. The other six were in another car. The members of the party, according to police, live in Harbor City, Lomita, Moneta and in the Los Angeles Shoestring strip.

Enroute to the theatre, the cars got separated. The Lomita girl riding with Miss Jones, Walker and Taylor—she was being escorted by Taylor—left the group and went home.

Unable to locate the other car when they arrived in Lomita, the trio drove into the Palos Verdes hills, thinking, according to the story told by Taylor, they could find the other members of the party there.

Await Inquest Verdict
After driving around the hills for about half an hour, they came down the Rolling Hills road into Highway 101. Walker swerved the machine, which he had recently purchased from Elmer Hippick of 1605 220th street, to the west. The car shot out of control, jumped the curb and after skidding about 85 feet, smashed into the tree. The roadster was "telescoped," police reported.

"There are several matters in connection with the case which point very strongly to the necessity of issuing criminal complaints," Chief Stroh declared. "But I will not file any charges until our investigation is complete and the coroner's inquest is held."

EARLY REGISTRATION BY MOTORISTS IS ADVISED; BRANCH IN TORRANCE

First item of business on California motorists' 1940 calendar will be the renewal of automobile registration and obtaining new license plates. The official period opens Tuesday, Jan. 2, and will continue to midnight Feb. 4.

The State Department of Motor Vehicles has announced that postcards stating the amount of registration and license fees due are being mailed to all registered motorists during this week. This should be presented upon renewing registration along with the proper

payment and the 1939 registration certificate properly signed and bearing the correct address.

Registration service will be provided by the motor vehicle department at a branch office located at 1311 Cabrillo avenue in Torrance during business hours every week day. This office will serve all motorists in Torrance, Lomita, Harbor City, Waleria, Gardena, San Pedro, Wilmington and the Los Angeles Shoestring strip. No branch will be located in San Pedro or Wilmington for this service, it is understood.

CHIEF STROH PRESIDES AT RHYMES CONTEST JUDGING

Your judge called on several office workers, managers and executives to select this week's Want Ad Rhymes Winners. The friendly and fun-loving Police Chief John Stroh acted as chairman and placed the deciding vote on a tie. Said Stroh: "This contest beats crossword puzzles for increasing a person's vocabulary. Some words these poets have used, most of us have left in the attics of our memories for many years, yet these folks throw them from base to base with a freedom and exacting accuracy I have often longed for when I played baseball as a boy."

chief's ardent interest in support of baseball are reminded of the time when he was a young man and meek player, himself. The judge joins in his comment, that "Poetry writing is good for old and young because it keeps the mind of everyone who writes a poem active in a wholesome way."

The winners emerged from a group of 819 rhymes—the most we have had since the contest started. Our congratulations to these clever folks!

First Prize Winner V. O. Dearling, Plaza Hotel, Torrance. Mr. Dearling, if you will kindly call at the Herald-

Test Well May Open New Oil Field

1940 Marks Beginning of Age Grants

The New Year marks the beginning of monthly payments by the federal government under the old-age and survivors insurance program of the social security act. An amendment to the act, passed at the last regular session of Congress, advanced the payment of these benefits by two years.

Eligible persons in this community will file their applications for those benefits with the Huntington Park office of the Federal social security board, located at 6308 Pacific Boulevard, John H. Moffitt, manager, has announced.

These monthly benefits, Moffitt explains, will be based entirely on work performed since Jan. 1, 1937 at jobs covered by the social security act. All lines of commercial and industrial employment are under the law. Workers in these jobs are required to have a social security account card. They also pay a tax of one per cent of their wages or salaries from such employment and the employer pays an equal amount.

Three Eligible Groups
The following groups of persons are entitled to these benefits:

- (1) Workers of age 65 or more who choose to retire and who have worked at jobs covered by the social security act in at least six calendar quarters since Jan. 1, 1937 and earned at least \$50 in each quarter.
- (2) The surviving widow and children of a worker who dies after Dec. 31 if there is a child under age 16 or under 18 in school. The deceased worker must also have had the six quarters of employment stated above.
- (3) Surviving parents who are wholly dependent on an unmarried son or daughter may receive benefits when each parent attains 65. The deceased worker must have been fully insured under the law at time of death.

The insurance payments, according to the Social Security Administration, are (Continued on Page 2-A)

Pictures . . . and more to come

In this final issue of The Herald's 25th year you will find two full pages of local pictures. . . Photos taken by this newspaper's own staff photographer, developed and enlarged in The Herald's own darkroom during the past 12 months.

Using the latest Speed Graphic camera, equipped with a Kalart flash gun, an f. 4.5 lens and using four by five-inch film, the Herald photographer has enlivened the pages of this newspaper thruout the year with local pictures which added much to the interest of the news stories.

Advertisers, too, found The Herald's photo service an invaluable aid in telling customers of special attractions. During 1940 The Herald will publish more local pictures than ever to make your newspaper the living historian of the 52 eventful weeks to come.

Three Earth Jolts Cause No Damage in Southland

Mother Earth did a bit of caroling in her grand manner yesterday and last night—but her efforts were not appreciated. Local residents experienced, along with thousands of other Southern Californians, three stiff jolts but no injuries or damage was reported.

The first tremor was at 11:29 a. m. the second in mid-afternoon and the last quake came shortly before 10 o'clock last night.

The tremors were not accompanied by the usual "rolling" earth movement but were of the jolting variety followed by a rotary earth movement and terminated with lighter shocks.

Reports from the Carnegie Seismological Laboratory in Pasadena estimated that the epicenter of the tremors was "about 40 or 50 miles from Los Angeles" and of so slight a nature as to preclude "much damage."

They may have been "slight" to expert earthquake observers but to the ordinary citizen they were cause for no little alarm. A large number of Torrance residents hurriedly evacuated homes, stores and office buildings. Windows "shook like leaves in the wind" and dishes clattered from shelves. Some clocks were stopped and pictures danced on walls.

It was generally agreed that the shocks were the worst since the disastrous 1933 quake.

White elephants are losing prestige in Siam, the country which made them famous.

JAMIESON TAKING NEW POSITION

Colonel N. F. Jamieson of Torrance, who has been with the Metropolitan Water District as employment officer since 1933, this week announced his resignation to take effect Dec. 31.

On Jan. 1 he is assuming an executive position with a group of large contracting firms who are doing heavy construction work for the U. S. Navy at a number of its Pacific Ocean bases. His many friends in the aqueduct system and here in Torrance are wishing him every success in his new position.

"Col. Jamieson," according to The Aqueduct News, monthly publication for field and office workers of the M.W.D. "probably knows personally more of the vast aqueduct forces than any other one man who has been on the job. For many years he was in charge of the District's Labor Office down on San Pedro street in Los Angeles, and he personally interviewed most of the men who went out to the field, both on contract and force account work."

Saw War Service
"He later moved his headquarters to the Third and Broadway building where he's been for the past year. Col. Jamieson was born in Stannard, Vermont, in 1880, and for many years he was an officer in the United States Army. During World War I he commanded a regiment of Field Artillery in the A.E.F. and later was a member of the Inter-Allied Rhineland High Commission."

"Following the war he was employed as a geologist and mining engineer in various parts of the west prior to coming with the District at the start of the heavy construction period. Col. Jamieson will be replaced in the Employment Office by Capt. Twyman, who is also well known on the aqueduct, having been previously employed for a number of years as an assistant to Col. Jamieson."

Dominguez Estates Co. Erecting New Derrick North of Steel Plant

High hopes that the new year will bring another oil field to Torrance were expressed today as owners of property bordering Western avenue watched with keen interest the erection of a new oil well derrick by the influential Dominguez Estates Company on its acreage north of the Columbia Steel Company plant in Torrance.

A Gold Nugget Right In Our Own Back Yard

The following paragraph appeared in this week's "Torrance Rotary Rig," the service club's bulletin:

"It has often been said that we fail to see the forest for the trees, and thus miss the beauty close at hand. All must agree that our city fathers and business men did a wonderful and artistic job of decorating and lighting up our business section, but it must be cheerfully admitted that we possess a jewel of beauty within our city's confines that surpasses most anything for sheer loveliness, and that is the main residential drive in the C. C. M. O. Camp.

"This display is exceptionally impressive this year, and no one should fail to see it and hear the caroling electrically actuated chimes which, as most of you know, were made from perfectly toned pump barrels. "Sherwood McIntyre, the moving spirit of the impressive undertaking deserves great commendation and appreciation. Don't miss this sight!"

Firemen Hosts to 1,200 Kids at Yule Party

Continuing a custom which they have observed for more than 14 years, Torrance firemen last Thursday night played host to the city's children at a gala Christmas party in the civic auditorium. Bags of candy, nuts and oranges were distributed by Santa Claus Howard Pritchard to more than 1,200 youngsters.

With Ray Brooks as master of ceremonies, entertainment consisted of dance acts by students of Torrance dancing schools, and an operetta, "Christmas Spirit to the Rescue" by Torrance elementary school pupils. Mrs. T. B. Williams directed the operetta. Mrs. Marjorie Cooke led the children in the group singing of Yule songs.

The Fern Avenue glee club contributed to the program by singing "The Shepherd's Carol," "Ring Out Ye Bells" and "Waits," an old English Yule song. Mrs. John Armstrong also gave a reading.

A 12-foot Christmas tree was decorated for the party by the city's recreation department headed by Dale Riley. Mrs. Hillman R. Lee, Torrance Elementary school P.T.A. president, was program chairman, and Chief J. E. McMaster headed the firemen's committee. The Torrance municipal band also participated in the event.

HUB CAPS STOLEN
Mrs. Ben Ferrell of Moneta reported to police here Wednesday night that four chrome hub caps had been stolen off her car while it was parked in front of a local cafe.

RADIO REMOVED
Earl Cook of 1808 286th street, Lomita, told local police Friday night that the radio in his car had been stolen while he was attending a dance here.

The new well site upon which a thorough test is to be given, according to those close to the project, is located 330 feet north of the south boundary of the Dominguez Estates' 400 acres. The derrick is being erected 1,815 feet west of Western avenue and \$25 feet east of the extension of Arlington avenue, or 455 feet north of 203rd street, which is the dividing line between Columbia Steel and Dominguez Estates holdings.

The well is to be known as Dominguez Estates Fee No. 1, according to O. B. McDowell, pioneer oil operator upon whose recommendation officers of the Dominguez Estates Company decided to make the test hole, it is reported. The well is being wholly financed by the land owners on contract by Baker & Boatright, drillers.

Should Prove Entire Tract
Actual location of the well was determined by H. G. Wentz, Jr., petroleum engineer and consulting geologist for the Dominguez Estates Company, but it is significant that both Wentz and McDowell picked almost the identical spot to make the test, McDowell states.

For years, McDowell, who lives at 2040 West 182nd street in North Torrance, has contended that the "major Torrance oil field" lies under the property bordering Western avenue and including the holdings of Columbia Steel Dominguez Estates, General Petroleum, as well as the land east of Western avenue in the Los Angeles city shoestring strip.

This latter area includes the 37-acre tract owned by the Shoestring Land Company which is controlled by a group of Torrance residents. In fact, McDowell says the Dominguez test should prove up the entire 4983 tract.

Predicts Four Oil Sands
In 1936 McDowell attempted to locate this same pool when he drilled his McDowell Community No. 1, located 1,200 feet south of 182nd street and 1,500 feet east of Crenshaw boulevard. However, from the corings made of this hole (which did not prove to be a commercial pool) (Continued on Page 2-A)

Traffic Experts Perfect Plans for Pasadena New Year's Event

An elaborate plan for the handling of traffic to Pasadena New Year's day for the Tournament of Roses parade and Rose Bowl football game has been worked out by Southern California's most eminent traffic experts.

The plan which includes free automobile parking is designed to accommodate 1,500,000 persons expected to converge on Pasadena that day.

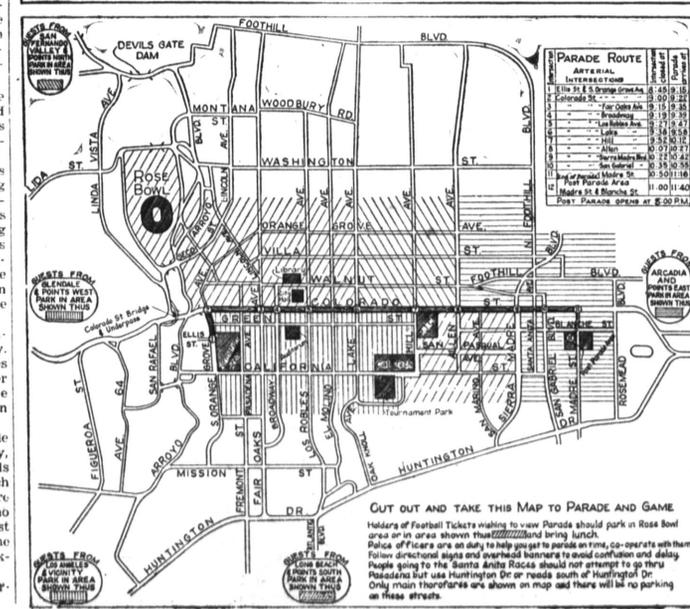
For the parade which starts at 9:15 a.m. automobile parking has been arranged "by communities." In other words guests coming from Torrance, Long Beach and other cities in this area will park in a certain location, while guests from Glendale and points west will park in another area as indicated by the accompanying map.

Police traffic experts recommend that guests come early. The parade will be three miles in length and will travel over a five-mile route. It requires one hour and a half to pass a given point.

For two days after the parade all floats will be on display, night and day, on the grounds of the Willard school, Blanch street and Madre avenue, where the parade disbands. There is no admission charge to the post parade exhibit, no charge for the parade and no charge for parking cars at Rose Bowl.

This is the 51st annual Tournament of Roses.

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