

Mangled Wreck Leaves Four Children Dead

Four young girls were killed in a traffic nightmare that saw bodies sprawled over the pavement at 223rd st. and Vermont ave. where two cars collided last week. Four others persons were taken to Harbor General hospital following the 10 p.m. crash.

Dead are Vicki Rackham, 8, her sister, Pamela, 10, of 22659 Nicolee ave., Torrance; Jeanette Smith, 9, of 22709 Nicolee ave.; and Corinne Smith, 17, of 1350 E. 112th st., who died later at Harbor General hospital.

The Smith girls are not related and were in separate cars. Howard Smith, 42, was driving the car in which his daughter, Jeanette, and the Rackham girls were riding.

He was headed north on Vermont, attempting a left turn across traffic to the driveway of the steam bath he operates at 22331 S. Vermont ave., according to California highway patrol reports.

Struck Broadside
Smith's car was struck broadside by a vehicle driven by Arthur Jeter, 21, of Los Angeles. Jeter's speed was estimated from 45 m.p.h. to 90 m.p.h., by witnesses, according to highway patrol officers.

The Smith car rolled over three times. The impact, which was heard for several blocks, carried both cars 90 feet down the street where both overturned.

All eight occupants of the two cars were thrown out. Corinne Smith was in the Jeter car.

Witnessing the crash were the parents of the Rackham girls, Mr. and Mrs. George Rackham, who were following the Smith car with their third daughter, Leslie Ann, 4.

Smith's son, Tom, 15, who was waiting in front of the steam bath office for his father, also saw the tragedy.

Four Injured
Taken to Harbor General hospital were Howard Smith, Arthur Jeter, his brother, Claude Jeter, and Zinna Smith, 13, sister of Corinne.

Smith, according to hospital officials, suffered dislocation of the right elbow and was transferred to a Gardena hospital.

Arthur Jeter received a broken jaw and was still described as "critical." Claude

Jeter, suffering bruises and lacerations, was discharged.

Mrs. Rackham called police and the hospital and tried to pick up the mangled bodies of her two daughters. The Smith and Rackham children became friends when the Rackhams arrived here from Utah three weeks ago.

The three girls reportedly wanted a steam bath and Smith

POST-GRADUATE COURSE

Eleanor Z. Thill has been attending the Los Angeles college of Optometry recently, taking post-graduate courses covering some of the newer developments in the better care of human vision.

She took them with him when he went to pick up his son.

Rackham works for Hughes Aircraft co.

LONGREN CONTRACT \$750,000

Longren Aircraft co. has received an order for the production of duct assemblies for the Chance Vought navy fighter airplane, the F8U-1. Hampden Wentworth, president, announced yesterday.

Dollar value of the new contract was disclosed as in excess of \$750,000 for the initial production run, according to Wentworth.

In addition to the Chance Vought order, Longren Aircraft has major production commitments for the manufacture of precision assemblies for the Boeing Tanker and the new commercial Jet Transport, as well as the high production Con-

AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING AUGUST 22

For lack of a quorum at its last meeting, the Airport Commission will meet again August 22 in the council chamber of the Torrance City hall.

vair F-102 Interceptor.

Prime contracts booked within the last months is a new type of nuclear shield for the Naval Bureau of Ordnance as well as devices for radar counter-measure. Backlog as of this date is \$5,125,000. Longren Aircraft recently incorporated in California, has expanded facilities during the past year from 46,000 to 126,000 square feet of factory area to accommodate the vast increase in sales commitments. "Our company," Wentworth stated, "more than doubled in monthly sales volume during the past 12 months."

RODEO DANCE SLATED

A gala Rodeo Dance will be held on Saturday evening, July 27 at the American Legion hall in conjunction with Rancho Days it was announced today by Walter H. Nitz of the sponsoring Torrance Police Officers association.

Nitz stated that both Western and popular music will be featured by the De Vore Brothers band. Dancing will be from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Admission tickets, which also entitle the holder to a chance on many door prizes, may be purchased at the Police Station, 3131 Torrance Blvd., or from any Torrance Police officer.

California Bank Among Top 20

California Bank advanced from 22nd to 20th position among the nation's largest banks in total amount of deposits during the first half of 1957, according to the June 30 tabulation of bank deposits made by the American Banker, daily banking newspaper. The bank's deposits on June 30 totaled \$940,603,478 as compared with \$867,043,867 on December 31, 1956.

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Fishermen's Fiesta Seeks Skipperette

The annual search for the Los Angeles Harbor area's loveliest young lady to reign over the Fishermen's Fiesta October 5-6 gets under way Monday (July 22). Mason Case, Fiesta general chairman, has announced. Case said that entry blanks will be available starting tomorrow at the San Pedro Chamber of Commerce for aspirants to the title of Fishermen's Fiesta Skipperette. Entries will be accepted up to 5 p.m. Friday, August 23.

He said that the 1957 competition is open to all young women between the ages of 16 and 25 who are residents of San Pedro, or to those in other communities provided they are employed in the Los Angeles Harbor fishing industry or are members of the immediate family of someone in the industry. Contestants must not be married or ever have been married.

Case said selection will be made on the basis of poise, personality and beauty. Second and third place winners in the competition will serve as Mates for the Skipperette. All three will officiate at Fiesta functions and will receive an array of valuable prizes.

The 1957 Skipperette competition is under the direction of a committee from the Fishermen's Cooperative Association Auxiliary, Mrs. Matt Bodul, president.

Mrs. Tillim Buys Second Job Agency

Herma Tillim, owner of the Torrance Personnel agency, announced this week the purchase of the Denslow Employment agency, 108 East 126th st., Hawthorne from Gertrude Denslow Pirt, who has owned the firm the last eight years.

Mrs. Tillim, who has had the Torrance agency for the last five years, said the Hawthorne agency will be managed by Mrs. Margaret Wilson. Mrs. Tillim will continue to operate the local firm.

Committee Studies Road Improvements

Extension of Del Amo Blvd. and improvement of Normandie ave., are among items to be considered by the Inter-City Highway committee and another subcommittee, according to Councilman Nick Deale of Torrance. Recommendations are to be made to State and County officials.

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