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Cases of Tony Irigaray, Also Corrine McClean Are Heard by Jury

Coroner's juries heard testimony regarding the deaths of two people as result of local traffic accidents, but did not fix responsibility for either crash at inquests held Friday afternoon at the Blackman and Skidmore chapel. In one case, the jury specifically exonerated one driver.

The inquests, both conducted by Deputy Coroner J. Pearce Kane, were held to investigate the deaths of Tony Irigaray, 36, of 1565 East End avenue, and Miss Corrine McClean, 18, of 5307 Oakland avenue, Los Angeles.

Irigaray was hurled against a fire plug with such force that it was broken off when two cars collided last Saturday afternoon at Reservoir street and 5th avenue. He died of his injuries at 3 p. m. Wednesday at Pomona Valley Community hospital.

Miss McClean was injured April 12 when an automobile and motorcycle collided at Holt-Garvey highway and San Dimas avenue, west of Pomona. She died at 11 p. m. Wednesday, also at Pomona Valley Community hospital, after an operation to amputate the left foot.

In the case of Irigaray, the jury found that death was accidental and fixed no responsibility. Testimony showed that Irigaray's car, eastbound on 5th avenue, had collided with another machine driven south on Reservoir street by Ozzie Willis, 40, Los Angeles.

Miss Anna Lassa, 23, of 205 Remington avenue, Chino, Irigaray's fiancée, and William Pittman, 28, Los Angeles, passenger with Willis, both escaped with minor injuries.

Funeral services for Mr. Irigaray were held today at Chino Catholic church, with the Rev. Fr. Hurd officiating, and a rosary was read Friday evening at the Blackman and Skidmore chapel.

Mr. Irigaray, a native of Anhaus, France, came to Pomona from El Monte eight months ago, and since then had operated a dairy here. He and Miss Lassa were to have been married next Saturday.

He is survived by his parents, four brothers and three sisters, all in France.

The death of Miss McClean also was found to be accidental, and the jury's verdict exonerated of blame Earl Wilcox, 20, Baldwin Park, driver of the automobile involved in the collision.

Miss McClean was passenger on the motorcycle of Ray Bailey, 24, Los Angeles, which sideswiped the automobile as it began a right turn from the boulevard onto San Dimas avenue. Testimony at the inquest showed that Bailey was leaving a barbecue stand east of San Dimas avenue, and was riding on the shoulder of the highway when the automobile passed him.

Another, faster-moving motorcycle overtook and passed the automobile an instant later, and Wilcox assumed that it was the motorcycle he had just seen on the shoulder of the highway, he testified. From his position, Bailey was unable to see Wilcox's arm signal for a right turn, it was shown.

The two vehicles did not collide violently, witnesses said, but Miss McClean's leg was crushed between them.

Miss McClean, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. McClean, was born March 25, 1922, in Pasadena. Funeral services for her will be held at the Wenz mortuary, Los Angeles.