

Jackson Teen-Ager Is Killed, Eight Hurt In Fair Accident



RIDE COLLAPSE KILLS—One person, a visitor to the Greater Gulf States Fair in Mobile Saturday, was killed when a carnival ride section support column broke. Eight other persons were injured, one critically, according to

hospital authorities. Seven were treated and released. In this photograph, taken by John Britt, Mobile Jaycees, sponsors of the Fair, and carnival personnel are seen attending others of the victims from the ride.

Girl Is Critical; Amusement Ride Connection Arm Break Is Blamed

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A 16-year-old Clarke County youth was killed and another youth critically injured Sunday afternoon when an extraneous arm of her bobs during a ride on the "Flying Bobs" at the Greater Gulf States Fair, in Mobile.

Eight other persons were injured on the same ride when the mishap occurred.

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Dead on arrival at Mobile General Hospital at 2:26 p.m. was David Bruce James, 14, of Jackson, Miss., of Jackson, Miss., hospital officials reported.

Admitted at Mobile General Hospital in critical condition was Nina Singleton, 17, also of Jackson.

Treated for minor injuries at Mobile General Hospital and released later were Curtis Sasser, 14, of 1007 S. Davis Ave.; Jane Taylor, 15, of Chickasaw; Rashida McEwen, 12, of Mobile; Edward Singleton, 17, of Jackson; Johnnie N. Prichard; Clarence Wainwright, 23, of Frischarge; and Bobbie Walters, of the Cotton Co., hospital officials said.

Investigating officers said the accident apparently occurred when a connection arm on the car snapped with the car turning over and swinging free. The "Flying Bobs" ride, according to officers had approximately 10 persons on it when the mishap occurred.

The ride starts slow and gradually builds up speed as it turns revolving with the individual cars going up and down in wave motion.



CRITICALLY INJURED REMOVED—A critically injured teen-aged girl is shown being removed from a Greater Gulf States Fair carnival ride which left one teen-ager dead, another critically injured and seven others slightly injured. This particu-

lar ride had only been in operation for approximately 10 days and had been termed the "safest ride on the midway." The photo was taken by Fair visitor John Britt of Mobile.



EXAMINES DEATH SCENE—Unidentified fair officials at the Greater Gulf States Fair in Mobile and other onlookers examine the car in which a 16-year-old Jackson youth, James David Bruce, was killed Saturday

afternoon. Officials investigating the accident said the Flying Bobs ride was going full speed when the mishap occurred. This photo was taken by Fair visitor Bob Sossaman of Mobile.



WATCHING DEATH APPROACH—An unidentified person, mouth open, and watches death take its toll at Greater Gulf States Fair carnival ride in Mobile Sunday afternoon. Fatally injuring one teen-ager and injuring the others—some critically. This photo was taken by Fair visitor Bob Sossaman.

Girl Awarded Big Sum In Fair Mishap

A Jackson, Ala., teen-age girl, permanently injured in an amusement ride accident at the Greater Gulf States Fair in October, 1966, has been awarded a \$425,000 settlement in a million dollar federal court suit.

U.S. District Judge Daniel H. Thomas granted the award Monday in Nona Singleton, 17, at the time of the accident, after attorneys in the case agreed on a settlement of the litigation.

The court also awarded a \$400,000 judgment to Miss Singleton's father, N. E. Singleton, in connection with medical expenses incurred by his daughter.

Another Jackson teen-ager, David Bruce James, was killed in the accident and eight other persons, including Nina Singleton, were injured. The accident was attributed by police to a support arm of the ride known as the "Flying Bobs" breaking loose and striking occupants and, of the cars in which they were riding.

The federal court judgments for the Singleton were returned against Allen Herschel, Division of Lull-Keevey Corp. of Buffalo, N.Y., manufacturers of the amusement ride known as the "Flying Bobs" and Century 21 Shows, Inc. of Birmingham, Ala., operators of the device.

Atty. Robert Cunningham and Richard Brack, represented the Singleton, Atty. James A. Duffy, Jr., represented Century 21 Shows, Atty. James Paul Brock and Don Patten represented Lull-Keevey.

Court Awards Girl \$425,000

A Jackson, Ala., teen-aged girl was awarded a \$425,000 judgment in federal court here today as a result of injuries suffered in an amusement ride accident at the Greater Gulf States Fair Oct. 19, 1966.

U. S. District Judge Daniel H. Thomas entered the judgment in favor of Nona Singleton, who was 17 at the time of the accident, as a result of a settlement of a million dollar suit. The father of the girl, N. E. Singleton, was awarded a judgment for \$400,000 in connection with the medical expenses incurred in the treatment of his daughter who suffered permanent injuries.

The settlement was returned Allen Herschel, Division of Lull-Keevey Corp. of Buffalo, N. Y., manufacturers of an amusement ride known as the "Flying Bobs" and Century 21 Shows, Inc. of Birmingham, Ala., operators of the device.

Atty. Robert Cunningham and Richard Brack represented the Singleton. Atty. James A. Duffy, Jr. represented Century 21 Shows, Atty. James Paul Brock and Don Patten represented Lull-Keevey.

Another Jackson teen-ager, David Bruce James, was killed in the accident. Eight persons, including Nina Singleton, suffered injuries in the mishap.



Carnival ride maker, owner to pay hurt girl

MOBILE

A federal court in Mobile has ordered the manufacturers of a carnival ride and the owners of the attraction to pay \$425,000 to a Jackson girl who suffered injuries at a fair in 1966.

The judgment made Monday by the U. S. District Court was in favor of Nona Singleton, 17, who suffered permanent injuries. Her father, N. E. Singleton, was awarded \$400,000 for medical expenses for his daughter.

Another Jackson teenager, David B. James, was killed in the accident on an amusement ride named the "Flying Bobs" at the Greater Gulf States Fair. Miss Singleton was among eight persons who were injured.

The judgment was against Allen Herschel, Division of Lull-Keevey Corp. of Buffalo, N. Y., manufacturers of the ride, and Century 21 Shows, Inc., of Birmingham, operators of the ride.

Miss Singleton had sued for \$1 million.

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