

# Scarlet Fever Death Rate Low; Number of Cases Up

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Scarlet fever is a bacterial infectious disease that is accompanied by a typical rash. A different form of the same infection may occur without the rash, and the condition is then called streptococcal or septic sore throat or simply "strep throat." Though scarlet fever (or streptococcal sore throat) is generally a mild disease, proper medical treatment is important because of the serious complications that occasionally occur.

According to some medical reports, the virulence of certain streptococcal infections is declining. This observation is in accord with the benign nature of scarlet fever in this area.

In times past, one death was

customarily reported for every 300 to 400 cases of scarlet fever that occurred, but no deaths have been recorded from this disease within the jurisdiction of the Los Angeles County Health Department for several years. Yet some 1,026 cases of scarlet fever have occurred in Los Angeles County so far this year as against 680 for the same period in 1963.

AFTER INFECTION with the causative streptococci organisms—and there are many types, the individual generally shows signs of illness in from two to five days. In the uncomplicated and treated case, recovery is usually complete within 10 days. During this time the disease remains communicable, which means that it may be spread to those per-

sons who come in direct contact with the patient or who handle articles used in the sickroom. Illness may also occur following the eating of foodstuffs contaminated with the infective organisms.

In untreated cases, the period of contagiousness decreases progressively but may last for several weeks, and there are cases in which a carrier state

persists for months. As long as this lasts, the individual may transmit the streptococci germs to others and thus spread the disease. Adequate treatment can usually clear up the carrier state within 24 hours.

Symptoms of scarlet fever include fever, vomiting, sore throat, headache, chills, and a feeling of general discomfort. The typical bright red rash

first appears on the neck and chest in from 12 to 48 hours after illness begins and then spreads over most of the body. It does not usually occur on the face except in Negroes.

IN CASES where the individual is immune to the toxin produced by the streptococci or if the organism is not a good toxin producer, the rash

does not appear and it is in these cases that the illness is called a "strep throat." This is the form of the infection commonly seen in adults.

Since children have not generally developed an immunity to the toxin, the scarlet fever form of the infection is the one that they most frequently develop. Youngsters between the ages of 5 and 9 seem more than usually susceptible.

There is no vaccine that will prevent the disease. Second attacks of scarlet fever are rare, but streptococcal sore throat may recur many times.

Medical treatment of streptococcal infections is important since it prevents the development of serious kidney conditions, or ear and throat infections, and may prevent rheumatic fever. On the other hand, neglect of the condition may lead to a lifetime of ill health.

## Aeronca Gets New Airplane Subcontract

Award of a subcontract for the manufacturing of stainless steel panels for one of the nation's top fighter planes has been announced by Aeronca Manufacturing Corp.

The contract was awarded to Aeronca by Republic Aviation Corp., general contractor for the plane. Valued at more than \$2 million, the contract calls for Aeronca to produce the panels for the stabilizer installation for the F4B/F4C Phantom.

Work on the contract will be done at Aeronca's Middletown, Ohio, division.

## Births

**TORRANCE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**

SMITH—Mr. and Mrs. Howard, 719 1/2 St. Louis, a boy, Stephen Gregory, April 4.

PLANN—Mr. and Mrs. Stephen, 2600 Gates, a girl, Jennifer Ann, April 5.

OFFER—Mr. and Mrs. Gerald, 1318 1/2 Cromwell Blvd., a girl, Amanda Collier, April 6.

REED—Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E., 921 Arlington, Apt. 25, a girl, Christina Marie, April 7.

CARRICO—Mr. and Mrs. Darrell, 182 E. 21st St., a boy, Damon Anthony, April 14.

SPENCE—Mr. and Mrs. Wenzel, 6611 1/4 Ajax Ave., a boy, David Leon, April 16.

MERGENROTHER—Mr. and Mrs. Chris, 1540 W. 145th St., a boy, Chris Colbert, April 18.

FRUIT—Captain and Mrs. John, 2484 W. 25th St., a boy, Stephen Douglas, April 21.

GRAVES—Mr. and Mrs. C. L., 1432 Plaza Del Amo, a girl, Melody La Juna, April 22.

DOUGLASS—Mr. and Mrs. Donald, 1908 W. 94th St., a girl, Debra Sue, April 10.

BOWER—Mr. and Mrs. Robert, 2245 Marjorie Ave., a boy, Scott James, April 10.

QUINONES—Mr. and Mrs. Jesse, 217 W. Del Amo, a girl, Teresa Ann, April 11.

BEYER—Mr. and Mrs. Herbert, 2311 Maricopa St., a girl, Susan Lee, April 11.

KHARAWAY—Mr. and Mrs. Charles, 2207 Bolsa Ave., a boy, John Charles, April 11.

ERICKSON—Mr. and Mrs. Ray, 1709 D S. Halldale Ave., a boy, Brian Keith, April 12.

ROBERTS—Mr. and Mrs. Garry, 2424 1/2 Fremont, a girl, Leah Marie, April 12.

GLINER—Mr. and Mrs. Jered, 1517 Plaza Del Amo, a girl, Wendy Ann, April 13.

KENDALL—Mr. and Mrs. Ronald, 17 W. Louise, a girl, Rachelle Jane, April 14.

ALLEN—Mr. and Mrs. Jim, 2330 W. 20th St., a boy, James Christopher, April 14.

HELLEMEN—Mr. and Mrs. Glen, 1951 Carson St., Apt. A, a boy, Kenneth Wayne, April 15.

DAY—Mr. and Mrs. Charles, 1030th St., a boy, Charles Robert, April 15.

BATTY—Mr. and Mrs. William, 517 Manhattan Beach Blvd., a girl, Lynn Margaret, April 15.

CHAPMAN—Mr. and Mrs. Jerry, 2370 26th St., a girl, Jill Yvonne, April 16.

WESTERGAARD—Mr. and Mrs. Donald, 1844 W. 26th St., a boy, Jeffrey Neal, April 17.

BELMAN—Mr. and Mrs. Frank, 254 Roundabout Dr., a girl, Julie Ann, April 17.

WHITMAN—Mr. and Mrs. Richard, 1525 Denker Ave., a boy, John Randall, April 18.

LINDAUER—Mr. and Mrs. Michael, 1713 Patronella Ave., a girl, Patricia Lee, April 18.

BIRO—Mr. and Mrs. Alex, 102 S. Ramona, Apt. F, a girl, Elizabeth Michelle, April 18.



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