

Young Matron Killed



MRS. ROBERT L. HOWZE, JR.

HALLOWEEN DANCE PLANS INTERRUPTED BY DEATH; THREE OTHERS ARE INJURED

TRAGEDY stalked an automobile carrying a gay party of young people to the Calumus Club dance at West Ysleta last night and took the life of Mrs. Robert L. Howze, the former Miss Margaret Palm, one of El Paso's most charming young matrons.

Miss Augusta Leeper, Lt. Howze and William Nutter were injured but are expected to recover.

The accident which snuffed out the life of Mrs. Howze occurred at 10:25 o'clock at Smith's filling station, eight miles down the valley. According to police reports, the automobile skidded on the wet pavement just as the driver was about to make a turn and crashed into a telephone pole. It was almost completely demolished and the four young occupants were literally strewn about the vicinity.

All four of them were dressed in costume for the Calumus club Halloween affair and the ragged costumes bore mute evidence of the good time that had been planned by the quartet.

J. W. English who lives on Glenwood road brought the four to the City-County hospital and from there they were sent to William Beaumont hospital by ambulance. Desperate efforts were made to save the life of Mrs. Howze but she died shortly after midnight without regaining consciousness. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Palm, were at her bedside when she passed away.

Miss Leeper's injuries were pronounced as serious by army doctors at William Beaumont but they felt confident last night that she would recover. She received a concussion of the brain and a fractured arm.

Lt. Howze was shocked and bruised and Lt. Nutter received only bruises. Mrs. Howze became the bride of Lt. Howze in a brilliant wedding last January 2. After the ceremony the couple went for a honeymoon trip to the Mediterranean. Before her marriage Mrs. Howze was honored with many parties and affairs. She had long been popular in El Paso social circles. She had lived in El Paso since childhood, having come here with her family from Rockdale, Texas. She graduated from El Paso high school and attended the El Paso School for Girls. Later she went to Sweetbriar College, Virginia.

Lt. Howze is attached to the Eighth Cavalry. He is the son of the late General Robert L. Howze.

The body was removed late last night to the Peak-Hagedorn undertaking establishment. Funeral arrangements are pending.