

Officer Bill Malin Dies in Wreckage of La Brea Crash

Death rode with W. F. (Bill) Malin, state highway motor officer, early yesterday morning as he rode up La Brea canyon on his motorcycle which twice before hospitalized him for injuries. The well-known former Torrance motor officer was apparently the victim of a motorist's speed and inability to control his car.

That motorist, Edward Lowell Hatten, 34, Los Angeles, is being held on suspicion of negligent homicide. But no penalty, if one is finally demanded, can take the place of the good-natured officer, father of four children, who lived at 1870 Plaza del Amo. Bill Malin, who was 43, years old, had a host of friends here; he was esteemed and respected as an officer of the law and had a splendid record with the state highway patrol and with the Torrance police department.

He was following a car south thru La Brea canyon which connects Inglewood with Los Angeles and Hollywood about 3:50 o'clock yesterday morning. Hatten was driving north and pulled out to pass a machine ahead of him and hit the wooden curb. The motorist told investigating officers that his front wheels locked as it struck the embankment and when he attempted to pull over into the highway his car turned over.

Officer Malin was crushed in the wreckage as witnesses said he had no opportunity to swerve out of danger. Hatten claimed he was "knocked unconscious" by the crash but witnesses, according to sheriff's officers, reported that Hatten got out of his machine and saw Malin pinned beneath it. A passing motorist pulled the fatally injured officer out of the wreckage and he was rushed to Georgia Street receiving hospital.

But the popular officer had expired on the way. A skull fracture and crushed chest caused his death. Two others were hurt in the collision, Paul Sellers, 27, and Robert Carlson, 17, both of Los Angeles. They were apparently riding with Hatten who was reported uninjured.

No funeral arrangements have been made as yet by the grief-stricken family in the attractive flower-bordered little home on Plaza del Amo.

In addition to his devoted wife, Officer Malin is survived by his children, Betty, Billy, Dick and Mildred; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Malin of San Diego, two brothers living in Los Angeles, and four sisters, three in San Diego and one in Pasadena. He was born in San Diego and had been a state highway officer for the past five years. He served about the same period of time as a motor officer for the local police department.

Red Cross Donations Nearing \$1,000 Mark

Less than \$100 remains to be donated before Torrance reaches the one-fourth mark on the huge thermometer charting the flow of contributions in the local drive to raise \$4,000 for the American Red Cross War Relief Fund. During the past week \$135.31 the total donated to date \$922.07.

Mrs. Flora Wright and her corps of volunteer workers are hoping that contributions "will speed up next week in order that she can report to her Los Angeles Red Cross headquarters that Torrance has topped the \$1,000 mark and is driving on to the full quota for the assistance of Europe's war-ravaged civilians.

Alumni Plan Benefit

More than 200 are expected to attend the Red Cross benefit card party to be held at Civic Auditorium Tuesday evening, July 9, at 8 o'clock under the auspices of Torrance High School Alumni Association. Fifty tables of auction, contract and 500 will be in play. Prizes will be given and refreshments served.

Mrs. Walter Amyrauld (Marguerite Leake), general chairman, has chosen as her assistants the Misses Mary Jane Smith, Dorothy Leake, Jeanne Sears and Korena Carlin and Mes-

Donations Listed	
Contributions to the local fund reported this week were:	
Previously Acknowledged	\$786.70
A. Friend	5.00
W. E. Wiam	1.00
Mrs. Nelson & School Room	3.01
No. 22	30.00
Garri-Brandt Benefit	2.00
Harry Blanch	4.80
Berean Class of Christian Church	10.00
Employees Assn. of National Supply Co.	5.00
Pearl Glasow	1.00
A. Silver	1.00
Mark Melvaine	2.00
Keystone Div. Co.	10.00
W. P. Walker	1.00
Salm Manufacturing Co.	5.00
Torrance Laundry & Dry Cleaning Co.	25.00
Harry H. Pegors	5.00
Southern California Drilling Co.	5.00
W. E. Shawyer	5.00
St. Cecilia's Guild	5.50
McDonald and Burns	10.00
TOTAL TO DATE \$922.07	

The following statement received this week from James L. Fieser, vice-chairman in charge of domestic operations, sets forth very clearly the assurances we can give the people with reference to the Red Cross supplies getting through to their destination in Europe. Mrs. Wright said:

"Red Cross supplies consigned for refugee relief Europe to date have been distributed as intended without loss in process of delivery. We assume that shipments now enroute will be delivered and distributed in accordance with our instructions which should prevent any diversion. Of course, in present circumstances our procedure may differ but in general our Chapter can be given every assurance that our supplies will reach the people for whom they are intended."

MARCH OF RIMES

VACATION—By H. F. NOAKE

Folks are planning their vacations, (that is, those who have the dough) which involves three vital questions, when and where and how to go. Families gathered in a huddle, maps and folders being read, midnight oil is freely squandered, not a thought of going to bed. One such seance we attended, every member had a voice. But, as you will see directly, father made the final choice. Brother Ben thought Rome was peachy. Sister Lucy favored Maine; Oswald, (now a junior bird man), felt he'd like to fly to Spain. Mother's plan was sure a nifty, spend one week with dear Aunt Bess, then a week at Uncle Ezra's, which would cost a whole lot less. Meanwhile pa had reached a verdict, 'twasn't Rome; no siree, not that old Scotchman, his decision—home sweet home.

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Alien Registration at Postoffice to Start Here Soon

All aliens residing in Torrance will shortly be requested to register with Postmaster Earl Conner and leave a record of their fingerprints as result of the signing by President Roosevelt last Saturday of the bill requiring the 3,500,000 aliens in this country to cooperate with the government within the next four months.

Postmaster Conner said this week he had not received any information regarding the registration as yet but expected the details shortly. The President, in affixing his signature to the alien-registration bill, promised vigorous Federal action against disloyal aliens but pledged that there will be no harassment of any loyal aliens.

"It seems to me that attempts by the States or communities to deal with the problem individually will result in undesirable confusion and duplication," Mr. Roosevelt said.

Drastic Penalties

"I ask that citizens and non-citizens alike co-operate with a full sense of the responsibilities involved so that we may accomplish this task of registration" (Continued on Page 6-A)

Boys at Sacramento Elect Local Youth Lieutenant-Governor



DON HITCHCOCK beats his dad in politics

James Hitchcock is in the midst of a successful political career—if you call serving on the city council for the past seven years that—but his 17-year-old son has outstripped him in politics. Young Don Hitchcock was elected Boys' State lieutenant-governor at Sacramento last Thursday on the "Whig Party" platform. Beginning next fall, he will be president of the Torrance high school student body.

Young Hitchcock campaigned among the more than 800 boys sent to the Sacramento encampment from all parts of the state by American Legion posts and service clubs as the outstanding boys of their various communities. An upset victory placed John Cleary, 17, of San Francisco in the governor's chair at Boys' State. He was the first independent candidate ever to win the high office, receiving twice as many votes as his nearest competitor.

The boys' gathering, on the state fair grounds, was placed under a "limited quarantine" late last week when two youths were found ill with scarlet fever. Hitchcock was accompanied at the youth conclave by Clifford Totten. They returned home Sunday.



AID RED CROSS BY PAPER DRIVE... This hard-working crew of youngsters and three men collected nearly eight tons of old paper and magazines last weekend here as part of the Mantle club's county-wide paper drive for the benefit of the Red Cross War Relief Fund. Those shown stacking up the

bundles on the lot across from the Civic Auditorium are, left to right: Dick Thayer, Bob Thomas, Anthony Van Kralingen, Raymond Nieves, Gordon Smith, Billy Rogers, Melvin Miller, G. W. Robinson, Mantle club member; Robert and Charles Turner, F. O. Bacon and A. F. Palmer, Mantle club members.

Old Paper Drive Will Continue for Red Cross

More old paper and magazines were amassed here last weekend by Mantle club members assisted by an enthusiastic corps of boys, than any previous "paper drive" in the history of the city. The result of their labors netted approximately \$90 which was turned over to the Red Cross War Relief Fund.

In expressing their appreciation for the cooperation given them during the past month, George W. Robinson and Fred O. Bacon, members of the sponsoring Mantle club, declared "It would have been impossible for us to aid the Red Cross without the help that was so freely given by the churches, all other organizations, many individuals, the city of Torrance and the Torrance Herald."

"We would like to thank each and every one of you for the time, energy and equipment donated to this cause. We have witnessed some of the finest examples of sacrifice, notably the children who gave the paper they have been saving for several months, the Boy Scouts of Torrance and the other boys who worked with them, going from door-to-door collecting paper, loading it on the truck, tying it in bundles and working many hours to further this cause," they stated.

"The desire and enthusiasm of the people has been so great that we will continue with this work. You will be informed of the place and date of collection at a later date in The Herald."

Robinson and Bacon especially desire to publicly thank John E. Miller for the use of his trucks and the city for a municipal truck.

Bird Elected Legion Leader

Members of the Torrance post, American Legion, elected Edwin A. Bird, manager of the local office of the California Employment Bureau, as their commander for 1940-41, succeeding Pete Peterson of Lomita who was forced to turn the leadership of the unit over to Vice-Commander Walter W. Rowland when he moved out of the district several months ago.

Other new Legion officers, selected Monday night, are Vern Babcock, adjutant, appointed by Bird; Larry Larava, first vice-commander; James Wilkes, second vice-commander; Ralph Babbitt, finance officer; J. J. Hallanger, chaplain; James Brodie, sergeant-at-arms; Thomas T. Babbitt, historian; Charles Dunham, service officer; William H. Stanger, Pat Boyle and Grant Barkdull, executive committee; Paul Findley, Clarence Young, Boyle and Bird, delegates to the Department convention in San Diego Aug. 12 to 16; Alex McPhail, George Thompson, Hallanger and Larava, alternates.

The commander-elect has a long record of U. S. Army and (Continued on Page 5-A)

Fourth Was Safe and Sane for Torrance Folk

It was a very peaceful Fourth of July in Torrance. A survey of all available sources of information regarding injuries, fires, auto accidents, sun-burn casualties and routine mishaps incident to a holiday drew a complete blank today.

Fireworks popped, autos whizzed in, around and thru Torrance, people went here and there or stayed at home and had a good, safe and sane Fourth.

Keystone Baby Saved Lifetime of Torture by Medical Science

"It's a real miracle!" exclaimed Mrs. Sidney Hatten of Keystone this week. "Our baby was apparently doomed to a lifetime of torture when he was born six months ago but today—well, just look at him!"

David Wayne Hatten, a big boy now, sitting up and tipping the scales at 13 pounds 9 ounces, was born with 20 broken bones, the result of a rare disease, infantile fragilitas ossium. Supposedly incurable, the affliction was successfully combated by a Beverly Hills bone specialist.

As he lies in his crib at 731 West Carson street, gurgling contentedly, the baby does not suspect, of course, that he is a case number and that X-ray photographs of his body are being passed around among wondering members of the medical profession.

Each morning he awakens with a smile and a yawn as he stretches his straight arms and legs. He does not remember his first bath, shortly after his birth Dec. 11, 1939, when a nurse at the hospital discovered a broken right arm, then a broken right leg. X-ray pictures subsequently revealed 20 fractures of the little bones of the six-pound infant.

He cannot remember the long consultations about calcium and phosphates, Vitamins C and D and parathyroid.

Master David Wayne gives every indication of growing up to be a husky boy, a strong youth and a potential football player. He doesn't remember those past few months of soul-searing worry to his mother and father... but they do and they believe they've seen a miracle happen right in their own home.

Postal Receipts Show Increase

Torrance postal receipts for the last quarter and the first half of the current fiscal year are showing sizable increases over receipts for the same periods last year, Postmaster Earl Conner revealed yesterday.

The June quarter saw a total postal business here of \$11,429.10 as compared with \$10,385.57 for the same three months of April, May and June last year, Conner said. Gross receipts for the first half of 1940 were \$22,156.47 as against \$19,270.50 for the first six months of 1939 or a gain of \$2,885.97.

The total for 1939-40 in postal business in Torrance was \$40,130.87, according to the postmaster.

Logan Cotton Named Auditor

On Councilman Vern Babcock's motion, the city council unanimously last Thursday afternoon appointed Logan R. Cotton city auditor of Torrance replacing C. J. Rambo for the fiscal year which began July 1.

The appointment followed Babcock's reiterated demand that City Clerk A. H. Bartlett produce a letter which Cotton is said to have addressed to the city council several weeks ago in application for the appointment. Altho Bartlett informed Babcock at council meeting June 25 that the letter would be produced at the next regular meeting, when the councilman asked (Continued on Page 6-A)

County Tax Cut Estimates Range from 4 to 7 Cents

Reduction of next year's general county tax levy by five cents and possibly seven and other benevolent institutions who depend on the basis of new calculations made this of supervisors, holdings may make their pleas to the board of equalization, beginning July 17, it is announced. Petitions asking changes in valuations must be filed before this date however. County equalization hearings got under way this week, and will last through the third Monday in July.

New Assessment Figures Available

The new tax roll may be found at the Hall of Justice, and the proper legal description of all real property may be obtained there. Blankets are provided for the convenience of taxpayers who desire to ask the county for a lower valuation figure.

Taxpayers are requested to examine the roll and see what valuation has been put on their holdings, as the assessor's office has made increases in some areas to "level off" the valuations, although no radical changes have been made this year, it was said.

Persons who do not examine the assessment roll during the first two weeks in July virtually acquiesce in the assessment as made, the assessor explains. No changes can be made after the board of supervisors adjourns as a county board of equalization unless it be a purely clerical error.

Property owners should be familiar with values of other property in the immediate vicinity of their holdings, so as to talk intelligently on the assessment. The supervisors are empowered to equalize, it was emphasized.

Five Bicycle Deaths in County Lead Stroh to Issue Warning Here

"Five youngsters riding bicycles have already been killed since school vacation started in Los Angeles county," Police Chief John Stroh reported this week. "Two boys were fatally injured last week in Hermosa Beach."

"That is a bad start on the vacation months and I appeal to every youngster and every motorist in Torrance—DON'T LET IT HAPPEN HERE!" the police chief continued.

"If every boy and girl owning a bicycle will obey traffic rules and watch out at all intersections and if every motorist will be doubly careful during the next few months, we will escape tragedy in Torrance," Stroh pointed out.

Car Stolen Here While Owner Attends Theatre

While attending a local theatre, Thad J. Fowler, 1739 Western avenue, had his car stolen from where it was parked near the Torrance National Bank on Sartori avenue Sunday night, he reported to police.

COUNTY LIFTS DEBT LOAD OFF ALONDRA PARK

Largest single refunding proceeding yet to be undertaken by the county, which will lift \$641,547 in old Mattoon Act bonds from the backs of overburdened taxpayers in the Alondra Park district around Torrance, was actually under way today, by action of the board of supervisors.

Supervisors' Action Erases Worst Public Debt Tragedy In Co.

More than a 25,000 property owners on 20,000 separate parcels of land in a 9000-acre area will be benefited by the step, which was moved by Supervisor Hauge of the Fourth district and adopted by a unanimous vote of the board Monday morning. Details were worked out by the county's special assessment relief committee.

In addition to the \$309,730 to be applied from county funds voted Monday on the remaining bonded indebtedness, the supervisors also by unanimous vote appropriated \$32,000 to hire special deputies in the county engineer's and the assessor's office to spread the assessment over the 20,000,000-acre parcels of residential, agricultural and industrial land.

Opens Way for Building

Petitions filed recently with the supervisors by Secretary Pat MacDonnell of the property owners committee were found to contain the names of 52.45 per cent of the landowners in the district. County Engineer Alfred Jones told the supervisors. Numerous meetings have been held in the district and on two occasions a tax strike was threatened.

Maximum interest rate on the new bonds, which will be issued sometime next spring, will be four per cent, with a specific assessment against each parcel. Under the Mattoon act, now repealed, obligations were a lien against every parcel in the district.

The board's action is to open the way for extensive new building in the area, it is believed, since the Federal Housing Authority had been unwilling to insure loans in the district under the former unstable financial setup.

This debt was spread over 9,380 acres, 19,400 parcels of land, "on a presumptive basis of benefits that never did accrue to the properties assessed."

The district was formed April 8, 1926 by the supervisors. Just 36 days afterwards, when property owners realized the debt burden they had undertaken, the first protest petition was filed by hundreds of owners. This was denied but many other protests were filed subsequent to 1927.

In 1933 on resolution of then Supervisor John Quinn, \$108,000 was appropriated by the county as an aid to the district and thereafter \$75,000 per year was appropriated until 1938-39, at which time the supervisors removed all appropriations from all Mattoon districts.

Then followed the formation of the Alondra Park Taxpayers' Association of which Mayor William H. Tolson was president. This organization held a number of mass meetings in Torrance and elsewhere attempting to get the debt scaled down voluntarily by the bondholders. Tax strikes were approved and carried out but had no effect until the refunding plan was broached and (Continued on Page 6-A)

Supervisor Hauge made an impassioned plea for the refunding and when it developed that Supervisor Ford would vote for it if the interest rate on the refunding bonds was changed from five to four percent, the change was made and both Ford and Jessup cast their ballots in favor of the allocation along with Supervisors Hauge, MacDonough and William Smith, who had stood staunchly for the project throughout the hectic session.

Because it is proposed to refund the park assessments under the 1935 act of the legislature it (Continued on Page 6-A)

New Store to be Built for Penney on Sartori Ave.

Construction of a large new store building at 1263 Sartori avenue which will be occupied by the J. C. Penney Company on completion late in September is expected to start this week. A building permit for the \$17,000 structure was issued to the contractor, R. E. Payne, Tuesday.

The owner of the new building is J. G. Koch, proprietor of the adjoining Star Furniture Company. The new Penney headquarters will have a 60-foot frontage on Sartori avenue and will extend 120 feet back on the lot.

Manager Hillman Lee of the Penney Company store said that further details about the construction of the new store will be announced shortly. The firm will continue to operate its store at 1269 Sartori up to the actual day of the opening of the new headquarters.

Lee expects to greatly enlarge his stock of merchandise when the new building is ready and possibly add several other departments.