

Motorists Crash In Own 'Backyard'

Two Torrance drivers received minor injuries Saturday evening when their cars collided at Victor and Emerald Sts., only several blocks from where each live, according to the California Highway Patrol.

James M. Vaccaro, 25, of 20623 Victor St., and Ray V. Portillo, 30, of 4011 Spencer St., virtual neighbors, were treated for injuries.

Vaccaro received a cut left ear when he was thrown from behind the wheel to the right side of the car, breaking the glass in the right front door. Portillo was knocked unconscious.

Torrance High Grad Named Candidate to West Point

Pfc. Charles P. Wilburn has been selected as the first alternate from the 17th Congressional District as a candidate to West Point, his mother, Mrs. Juanita Begue, 2127 Carson St., was informed recently.

He is presently on his way home.

Burning Hour Reminder Given

Hours for burning in an incinerator are dawn till 10 a.m. and 4:30 till sundown, the fire department reminded this week, following complaints of much out-of-hour burning.

"The hours have been established to abide by smog regulations, so that the ladies can be afforded some protection from smoke for wet clothes hung on their back-yard lines during the no-burning hours," Fire Chief J. J. Benner advised.

Wilburn, now serving with the 5th Air Force in Korea, was one of twelve overseas who were sent into Tokyo to take special physical and mental examinations.

A graduate of Torrance High School, Wilburn attended Woodbury College prior to entering the Air Force. He left for overseas in October, 1950, having been activated from the 452nd AF Reserve unit in Long Beach.

Mrs. Begue received an official telegram from Congressman Cecil R. King informing of her son's selection. A letter from an officer in her son's squadron seconded the report.

Only two California men were among the twelve pulled into Tokyo to take the qualifying exams.



CHARLES WILBURN
... Seeks Army Career

Quote of the Week

From the Harbor Hospital "Dollars and Sense,"

"It is better to have loved a short girl than never to have loved a tall."

NORTH TORRANCE TATTTLER

By MRS. HELEN ALLISON
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Hello, there! It's good to be back in the swing of things after that sojourn to Torrance Memorial Hospital. Never in my life have I so keenly appreciated good doctors, the best of care, and the kind thoughts of so many friends. At this point, I would like to pin an orchid on the nurses at Torrance Memorial, the kind, efficient ladies who care for you almost with reverence! Your morale jumps way high just to see the new handkerchiefs they wear in their pockets each morning. I especially remember the one with the pretty ransies — so real! Brown, Berks and Evans are but a few whom I will long remember. And good companions like Mrs. Edith Schmitt, Lorraine Clark, Mary Evans and Jenny Butten. And all of you who took time to send so many cards and flowers. Even the girls at Gillilan finally gave me the bird! A beautiful canary that sings so sweet as he watches me commute from chair to bed! Do I sound like Pollyanna? It's good just to be alive!

Indeed, we are coming up in the world! Now we are to have our own shoe repair shop located at Crenshaw Blvd. and 174th St. The shop will not only repair shoes, but will feature custom made boots and hand-tooled purses, belts, etc. The owners are our own Mr. and Mrs. William Eaton, 17203 Atkinson Ave. Bill has long dreamed of this opportunity and now will have the shop ready to open to the public April 1. The business is to be in the very capable hands of Guy Peterson who, in the Eatons' estimation, is a "whiz!"

The El Nido Parents' Group discussed many important issues this past week at the home of its president, Mrs. Pat Kerschner, 18520 Burin Ave.

To you who live on Atkinson Ave.: Don't become alarmed at the flapping of wings heard lately. It's only that long-legged bird patrolling the Bert Johnson home! That's a cloud Bert has been walking on lately, friend!

Here is a goal for anyone to shoot at. The Girl Scout Troops 1277, 1295, 1368 and 1371 sold \$570.24 of cookies during the cookie sale! Troop Leaders Holchek, Selfik, Geronimo and Payne are very proud of their girls, and Mrs. Selfik, who was cookie chairman, wishes to thank the buyers of the neighborhood.

The Perry School PTA elected the officers to serve in the coming year at their monthly meeting. Those elected were: President, Mrs. Glenn Blake; vice president, Mrs. Alice McKenzie; secretary, Mrs. Paul McManis; auditor, Mrs. Lucille Hanlon; treasurer, Mrs. Glenn Runstead; historian, Mrs. Doris Crosier.

Mr. Jim Grey, head of Civilian Defense for North Torrance, held a meeting at the home of Mrs. Ralph McBoe, 17315 Atkinson Ave., to recruit block mothers for this area and was surprised to find standing room only. Twenty signed to serve in this capacity.

Betty Johnson, leader of the Campfire Girls, entertained the newly formed Bluebird group at her home Saturday. The Campfire Girls were perfect hostesses to the 10 Bluebirds. The theme of the party was "Safety on Wheels," and informed the girls what safety precautions to take while on bicycles, skates, etc. Tony Mangelli won first prize for the best skater and Sandra Peterson took the prize for the best bike rider. Leaders of the Bluebirds are Juanita Alford and Ruth Peterson.

The gals up Emanita Ave. way are still talking about the "out-of-this-world" poppy-seed cake Mrs. Ruth Towell served at her plastic party Monday.

Judy Anderson, 17230 Glenburn Ave., had a "bang-up" birthday this week. Twenty-seven of the neighborhood boys and girls gathered to celebrate Judy reaching the ripe old age of eight! The special made cake won't be forgotten around this area for some time! It was a huge white cake with little pink roses over it and a brown trim. The party hats were of the brightest hues, not to mention the balloons that filled the room. The living room was decorated with crepe paper, and all in all Judy's mother, gave a real watch to the elated little girl, and though the entire household has been rather sad over the absence of Hugh, who is working in Arizona for several months, all was forgiven when he sent a camera!

Zelma Corwin, 17230 Glenburn Ave., has returned from Arabia, where she has been employed by the Arabian Oil Co. for the past nine months.

Saturday is the date for the Boy Scout Dance at the Verburg Rumpus Room sponsored by the Parents Auxiliary. Much fun is in the offing. Tickets are on sale.

Predict Increasing Demand for Farm Labor

An increase in the need for various types of skilled and unskilled farm workers was predicted this week by officials of the State Farm Labor Office at 16407 S. New Hampshire now that warm weather and a slackening of the rains appears evident.

Reports of the office indicate that requests are being made from time to time for hand and machine milkers, tractor operators, celery planters and weeders, and nursery workers.

sale by the Scouts.

Each guest at the birthday party celebrating Ronald Davidson's eighth birthday received an Easter basket! A very gay spot last Saturday was 17590 Arlington Ave.

I hear tell the Ed Collins tripped the light fantastic at St. Timothy's Hall this past Saturday.

Not only did Mrs. Helen Clayton spend her day collecting for the Red Cross, but after seeing this reporter's sad face sent back a corsage. Thanks, Helen, it did help!

What's all this talk of good food in the neighborhood? Seems the Dave Dyers, Glenn Runsteads and the Ed Collins have invested in freezers filled with luscious food! It's steak every night, huh? Well, at least you know which of your friends are loaded. Sorry, guys!

Raymond Adamson, 17027 Glenburn Ave., feels he has been slighted! Not only did he cut his cake and serve the coffee to his brothers Jimmie and Kenneth and their wives Elizabeth and Norma and Mr. Ed Grebins of Los Angeles plus Mr. and Mrs. Duane Sherwood and Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Allison, but no one sang "Happy Birthday!" Happy birthday — hope all are forgiven.

Congratulations to the Jack Ballards of the Sav-Mor Market upon the birth of their little daughter Jackie.

This Sunday I enjoyed a trip to my own backyard. I was thrilled at the new leaves on all the roses, now that the rains are over (dare I say that?) the flowers are springing up, but have you noticed the thousands of aphids on each bush? After a bout with the spray, could be that's why the oldest asked for new allowance this week! Did I say thanks to Martha Sherwood and Doris Babb for the swell job they did while I sorta took it easy?

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