

Billie Robertson Starts New Shoestrip Column for Readers

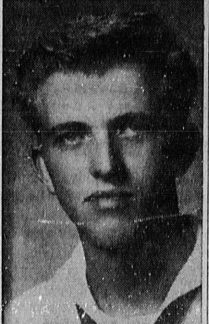
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Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Anderson and family, 1332 W. 223rd St., were among the many families who suffered from the past rains. Water came into their house, staining and ruining furniture and rugs. Because of the street being unpaved, traffic in and out of their area was halted for about two hours.

11 with a large attendance. The meeting was held to discuss plans for the grand opening of their new hall at 1427 W. Carson St. A Valentine party was planned also for Feb. 18.

Mrs. Ralph Robertson's mother is visiting here from her home in Missouri. Mrs. Robertson's mother, Mrs. Leo Milford, is taking care of another daughter, Mrs. Paul Boulanger of Hawthorne, who is recuperating from a serious heart operation. Mrs. Boulanger is the former Louise Milford, of Lomita. The Milford family grew up and lived many years in Lomita and the Torrance area.

The Boots and Music Club held its regular meeting Jan.

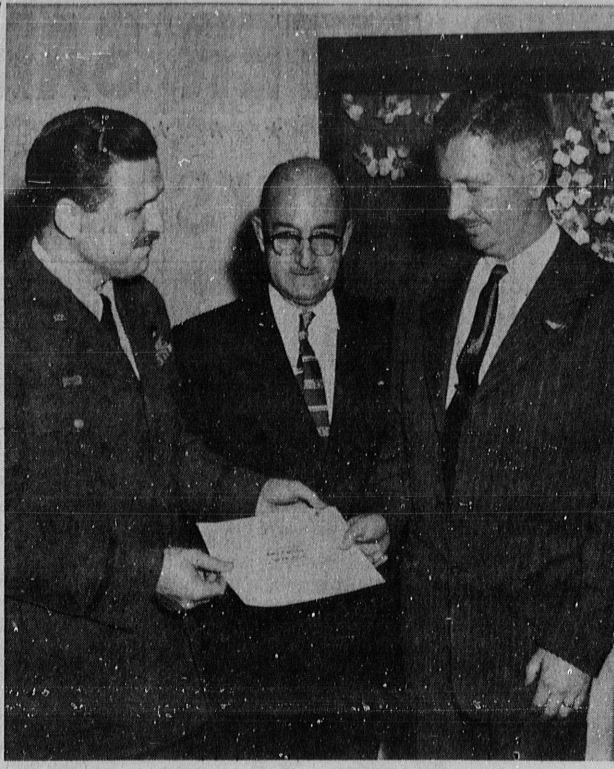


ABOARD CORMORANT . . . Gene S. Stephens, Navy Surgeon, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Stephens, 2719 Granary Ave., is now serving aboard the USS Cormorant, coastal minesweeper, for a 25-month tour of duty. He is based at Sasebo, Japan.

We want to welcome to the Strip Mr. and Mrs. Willis Combs, pastor of the Church of God of Torrance. The Combs have four children, one of which is in the Army. Mr. and Mrs. Combs have made their home at 1565 W. 221st St., a beautiful new house. We hope they enjoy their stay with us.

The new 223rd St. School opened its doors to 800 some children Jan. 30. Despite the mud and inconveniences, the children made themselves quite at home with their new surroundings. Mrs. E. Dankey, the principal, looks forward to a very happy time at her new quarters. Mrs. Dankey is a former principal at a Los Angeles school.

That's about all this time for the first Shoestring Strip news column. If you have a party, or know a bit of news up or down your street, call me at FA 8-7385.



CHIEF SPOTTER . . . Eric B. Rafter, right, accepts document from Capt. Joe Fry, Commander of the Pasadena Air Defense Filter Center, which makes him Supervisor of the South Bay Ground Observer Post located at the Hermosa Biltmore Hotel. Looking on is Mayor Edward Edwards of Hermosa Beach. Volunteers are being sought to man the post.

Plane Spotters Needed at New Hermosa Post

Eric B. Rafter, Jr. has been appointed supervisor of the South Bay Ground Observer Post located at the Hermosa Biltmore Hotel.

The post, sponsored by eight South Bay area cities, will be staffed with volunteers from Torrance, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, Manhattan Beach, Inglewood, Gardena, El Segundo and Hawthorne.

Rafter, a resident of Hermosa Beach since 1946, was educated at Dartmouth College and Harvard Law School. He was admitted to the California State Bar in 1940. During World War II he served as a glider pilot in Europe.

Anyone interested in serving as a volunteer plane spotter should contact the Ground Observer Corp at SYcamore 2-3101.

Present at Rafter's appointment was Hermosa Beach Mayor Edward Edwards along with officials of the GOC.

Help Needed

This event kicked off an extensive recruiting drive to obtain volunteers to man the post. The goal is to have a 24 hour post which will give around-the-clock coverage to the South Bay area.

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Gordon To Be Fireman

John J. Gordon, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Gordon, 24224 Park St., Torrance, is currently engaged in a 10-week training course at the Los Angeles Fire Department Drill Tower.

Following the course, Gordon will become a Los Angeles fireman.

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GETTING READY . . . These residential and division chairmen will lead Red Cross fund drive in Torrance, which begins next month. They met here Friday to plan door-to-door solicitation campaign. Residential chairmen, seated, left to right, are Mrs. Grace Haggott and Mrs. Herma Tillm. Standing, left to right, are division chairmen Mrs. Kathleen Reese, Mrs. Doris Fay, Mrs. Marjorie Stevens, and Mrs. Helen Underwood. Tiny helper standing at far left is Billie Stevens.

Factors Told In Choosing Cane Berries

Blackberries, currants, gooseberries and raspberries fall in the cane berry class. How to select them and then care for them requires correct information and know-how, otherwise these various delicious eating berries won't produce their maximum in your garden.

Very important to the success of berry growing is first selecting the proper varieties for your locale. In growing blackberries, for instance, your garden soil must not be water-saturated or saline. The spot where you plant blackberries should have full sun from March to November. Again in the case of currants and gooseberries the climate is the deciding factor — cool and humid summers. The most delicate berry fruit is the raspberry. It must have a slow, warm, lingering spring.

Four Persons Injured in Car Collisions Here

Two persons were taken to Harbor General Hospital Thursday evening with injuries after a two-car crash at Calle Mayor and Pacific Coast Hwy.

Cars driven by Robert A. Lewis, 29, of Wilmington, and Donald H. Clingan, 73, of Los Angeles, collided at the intersection, police said. Clingan and Claire Sayre, 53, a passenger in his car, both were rushed to Harbor Hospital by Wright Ambulance attendants.

In another crash here, Louis J. Najera, 18, of Hawthorne, was hurt when his car and an auto driven by Shirley Jean Albrech, 30, collided Thursday at Pacific Coast Hwy. and Paseo de las Delicias.

Authorities said Najera was taken for treatment to Torrance Emergency Medical.

John T. Shemanski, 48, of Norwalk, suffered injuries Thursday when the car he was driving was involved in a crash with a vehicle driven by Morrell Siegel, 24, of Huntington Park at 220th St. and Western Ave. The injured man was treated at Torrance Emergency Medical.

Once you have determined the proper berry varieties for your climate area you can then select varieties according to your taste. The true raspberry flavor is found in the Cuthbert and all other raspberry varieties are compared to it. Very adaptable and hardy the Newburgh is a good selection; Canby is thornless and ranks in flavor with the Cuthbert. The Washington Raspberry is considered an equal of the Cuthbert in flavor and in addition possesses excellent growing qualities which may even favor it to the Cuthbert.

City Recreation Leader on Panel For Convention

Harry B. Van Bellehem, director of recreation, Torrance, will be a member of the Family Recreation Institute Planning Committee at the eighth annual California Recreation Conference, Feb. 12-15 in San Diego.

Theme of the conclave, co-sponsored by the National Recreation Assn., the California Recreation Commission, and the California Recreation Society is "Recreation in California — Today and Tomorrow."

The conference is expected to draw close to 1800 lay and professional workers from recreation and related fields for four general and 85 special sessions as well as organization luncheons and dinners and meetings.

Outstanding speakers at the conference include Dr. Donald S. Howard, Dean, School of Social Welfare, of the University of California at Los Angeles; Eugene M. Grabbe, of the Ramo-Woolridge Corp.'s technical staff; Carl Klendrud, of Allis-Chalmers Co. of Milwaukee; Rabbi I. Hausman, of Sacramento; Col. Theodore Bank, president of the Athletic Institute, Chicago; and Dr. Donald S. Howard.

Plants Offer Good Eating

There's probably not a California alive who doesn't enjoy eating at least one of these three delectable plants, the artichoke, rhubarb and asparagus, so when you plant them in your garden you're sure of appreciation for one if not all three crops.

The artichoke, rhubarb and asparagus are perennial plants which means you can depend on one planting for many years. And the time for planting is now in this mid-winter season. Enrich the soil before you set in the artichoke suckers, asparagus crowns and rhubarb crown division.

Artichokes should be set six inches deep, tops above the ground, four feet apart and the rows should be five feet apart; rhubarb, three feet apart, at ground level, rows four feet apart; asparagus crowns should be set 18 inches apart in a prepared trench. These three plants need a cool growing season, cautions the California Association of Nurserymen.

Interestingly enough artichokes and rhubarb can be grown as ornamental plants if you don't want to divide any part of your garden into vegetable only. And asparagus can be set in a narrow strip in the back of your garden out of sight.

An outstanding variety of the artichoke is the French Globe—considered by many to be the finest artichoke for home or market. Paradise asparagus is an acclaimed variety of this vegetable as is the Mary Washington variety.

Large Craters

Some of the craters on the moon are estimated to be 140 miles across.

Now's Time To Clean Garden

Now's the time to act! While pests are in their most lifeless stage, you have an excellent opportunity to eliminate them with dormant spray, reminds the California Association of Nurserymen.

A clean-up spraying of insects should be done throughout the entire yard on fruit trees and deciduous shrubs and trees.

Dormant sprays should be used at maximum strength according to directions. If you happen to touch evergreen plants with spray, wash them off immediately. Another word of caution: be sure to get your spraying done before new growth starts.

The general aim of winter spraying is to control insects that live through the winter and insect eggs and diseased plants. Excellent spray materials for deciduous plants are lime-sulfur oil, a Bordeaux solution or a mixture of these, as suggested on the labels of the spray containers.

An extra precaution that is well worth the effort is spraying evergreen plants — BUT, careful now, you must use insect solutions. Use the usual oil sprays diluted enough for foliage or obtain mild sprays from your nurseryman.

In addition to spraying, tidy up your garden. You'll find that in the winter months pests usually hide out in protected places — weeds, leaves, trash, under lumber and other flat-bottomed objects. Clean out weeds, leaves and trash and store your lumber and containers of all sorts above the ground.

Any particular spraying problems peculiar to your area can be answered by your nurseryman.



ENDING BASIC . . . Donald G. McCutcheon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey E. McCutcheon, 17081 Ermanita, is scheduled to complete basic recruit training Feb. 13, at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego. He will be assigned to Camp Pendleton

The Squirrel Cage

Robert G. Duncan of Apple Valley has favored us with a copy of the letter he sent off to the Redondo Parking Division last week after getting a 50-cent parking ticket for failure to feed the parking meter after 7 o'clock one evening.

Along with his check for 50 cents, Duncan offered to send along 50 cents a month because "the writer has the deepest concern for such obvious financial straits."

In fact, after talking it over with Mrs. Duncan, he decided the need must be acute, and therefore offered to raise the "dole" to \$1 a month.

Not only that, but he pledged to "continue this charity until such time as your town feels self supporting."

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