

One Hurt In Auto Accident

One man was injured in one of a dozen traffic accidents reported here so far during the holiday period.

Torrance police arrested one person on a drunk driving charge, and five others on plain intoxication charges.

Four of 11 non-injury accidents, involved hit and run drivers, police reported.

The only person suffering an injury in traffic so far was William B. Mainwaring, 37, of 18021 Glenburn Ave., a city employee, who suffered a cut in a three-car collision at Crenshaw and Sepulveda Blvds.

Police said that the other drivers were Roscoe C. Faulkner, 57, of 1574 W. 227th St., and Dee Echols Cross, 34, 1077 Greenhedge St.

Negotiate for Railroad Land for Beautification

City Manager George Stevens was instructed to negotiate further with the Pacific Electric Railway Co. to obtain a lease on the right-of-way so that the city can beautify it.

Councilmen objected to the firm's offer to charge the city \$50 a year for the lease, and a reservation permitting leasing the property to sign board companies.

"It's a horrible entrance to the city. What bothers me are the billboards they're asking for," said Mayor Albert Isen.

The right-of-way the city wants to beautify is parallel to Torrance Blvd. between Western Ave. and the downtown area.



DRUMMING UP DOUGH—Making sure that there will be sufficient money to finance Torrance's entry in the Torrance Rose Parade, J. H. Paget, left, donned a sandwich board, and started a sidewalk collection in downtown

Torrance. He reports that response to his money-raising effort was quite good, as seen here, as Harry Green and Chuck Rodgers contribute to the kitty. Press Photo



MERMAID COSTUME—Finishing touches on the mermaid costume Judi Tye and four other girls will wear on the Torrance float are being

administered by Mrs. Richard Schaible, during a fitting. The float's theme will be Lindbergh's crossing of the Atlantic Ocean. Press Photo

'Christmas Cheer' Attributes to Holiday Accident Hike

Roy O. Gilbert, M. D., Los Angeles County Health Officer

With approximately 51 million passenger cars on the highways the number of accidents is bound to be great, but the accident rate grows considerably larger when driving is mixed with a little "Christmas cheer." Indeed, on last Christmas Day and on New Year's a total of 500 individuals in the United States lost their lives in traffic accidents, which is more than 3 times the number that occurs during an average 2 day period.

Despite all official warnings, nearly the same statistics will no doubt repeat themselves this year and for many years to come. They comprise what is essentially a fearful holiday specter which, however, seems to have little corrective or sobering effect.

Yet, in the opinion of experts that nearly every accident on the highway could be prevented. It is when a driver is somewhat fatigued, angry, in too much of a hurry, or his reactions are slowed by alcohol that chances for an accident multiply. Indeed, when any condition occurs that contributes to accidents presently the odds are against safety in any car.

Although traffic safety is a mass problem, thus far it has not been met satisfactorily by the use of national warnings. This is probably true because individual habits are hard to change, and warnings all too often penetrate only as far as the eyes and ears.

Family planning for holiday travel might include consideration of some or all of the following suggestions: If a trip is to be taken, it is better to plan the driving time to avoid fatigue. And, at this point, it is worth noting that traffic statistics show that the safest holiday driving period is on Christmas Day from 12 to 3 in the afternoon. At any rate, it is best to start any trip early enough to avoid the necessity for high speed. If the trip is overly long for completion in one day, an overnight stop is recommended rather than pressing onward beyond safe endurance.

In general, night driving should be avoided, for most accidents are shown to occur between 6 p.m. and midnight during the holidays, and between 6 and 9 p.m. during other periods of the year.

Usually a family group has at least two drivers, in which case the responsibility for driving should be shared. Less fatigue is experienced if more than one individual shares in the driving, and consequently more safety exists for all concerned.

Drinking is a factor in ap-

proximately 30 per cent of all fatal accidents for 11 months each year. During December, however, drinking as a factor in fatal accidents jumps to 55 per cent. It would seem that the driver should remain absolutely sober during holiday festivities even if no one else does.

Cornell Medical College research workers, assisted by officials of the State Health Department, report that each year nearly 1500 California traffic deaths, more deaths than occur from polio and tuberculosis combined, could be prevented by the use of safety belts in cars and trucks.

SEEKS DAMAGE CLAIM

A \$10,000 claim against the city was filed this week by Mrs. Mary A. Brown, Narbonne High School custodian, who charged she suffered a broken arm while tripping over an alleged defective street condition on 235th St., in front of the Howard Wood School, Nov. 4.

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Services Held for H. Sumner

Funeral services for Harry Sumner, Sr., 53, were conducted Saturday at 1 p.m. at McNeerney's Chapel in San Pedro with interment in Green Hills Memorial Park.

Born in Texas, Mr. Sumner had lived here for 50 years. He was employed at the Food King in Torrance and made his home at 1536 McDonald Ave., Wilmington.

He leaves his widow, Ruth Sumner; three daughters, Lorraine Campadonia, Evon Morrison and Robin Clark; two sons, Harry Sumner and Roy Howerton; three sisters, Edith Sumner, Ruth Flood and Mary Mathews;

Christmas Nuptials of 50 Years Ago Are Renewed by Myerscoughs

The golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Myerscough, 1512 Pacific Coast Hwy., was celebrated with a renewal of their Christmas nuptials at the 12 a.m. mass Dec. 14 at St. Margaret Marys, Lomita.

Following the church ceremony a reception was held at the Parrish Hall.

The couple both 73 years old, have lived in the Harbor area since 1923. At the present time they own and operate the Art and Potter Shop on Pacific Coast Hwy. Until his retirement, John Myerscough worked as a brick contractor.

Though they first met in their original home town of Lanashire, England, they were married Christmas day, 1908 at St. Matthews, Brooklyn, New York. Myerscough came to America

in 1907. He sent for his bride to be the following year. A strong religious faith and family life are credited by Mrs. Myerscough as the basis of the happy years the couple have had together.

"Church comes first," she says, "we have always worked on a 50-50 basis, it would have been the same even if we had married and stayed in England," she adds.

The couple have four children, all of whom live in California, they are: George W. Myerscough, San Diego, Helen Myerscough, Torrance, Walter W. Myerscough, Lomita and Philomena Davis, Torrance. There are 5 grandsons and one granddaughter.

two brothers, Charles and William Sumner and nine grandchildren.

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