



WINNER . . . Academic honors were bestowed upon El Camino College mathematics major Robert J. Winfield, center, as the winner of the annual 1A-1B achievement award. Presenting a \$50 prize to the student is William T. Mooney Jr.

... Let's Go

By LARRY MACARAY

Almost everyone has survived the New Year's celebrations and business is back to normal. Can't really get too far into the new year without relating some recent traveling experiences that my wife and I had over the holidays.

After trying to get reservations back from Mexico City for three months, we decided to drop the idea of spending the Christmas season in Mexico City and Acapulco, as we had done the previous year. It remains the most popular season south of the border and for good reason . . . the climate is balmy and the season is really festive.

Our next plan was to drive into Mexico and at least get a little of the flavor of the season . . . perhaps Ensenada would be the place. Yes, that was a good idea . . . only 62 miles south of Tijuana and my car could probably make the curvy road without too much trouble. We had never been to Ensenada, so we knew not what to expect.

LAKE SAN MARCOS is a new real estate development near Escondido. We decided to stop in and see some friends who have an art gallery in this fashionable area. Ramon's is the name of the gallery and is in the tastefully planned new shopping center of the development.

Austin Deuel, owner of Ramon's Gallery and his father, Harry, took us to dinner at the very swank Quail's Inn Restaurant in the evening . . . what a packed place; seems the mecca for party diners for miles around . . . we certainly recommend it.

Lake San Marcos is one of the most beautiful lakes that I have seen anywhere . . . and it's man-made! Harry Deuel has been the sparkplug behind the promotional end of the development . . . so if you happen to take a drive down that way, ask to see him.

AFTER SPENDING the night in a fine motel in Escondido, we continued our trek to Mexico. San Diego next and then very easy to reach Tijuana. What a place for tourists! They drive and

walk over the border. I could spot license plates from several states in the U.S.

Too much confusion in Tijuana so we decided to continue right on to Ensenada. Luckily, I took out Mexican insurance (don't ever be walk over the border. I could look as though, from the very beginning, that there might be a good chance we would be needing it.

Even in the wildest parts of Europe, I have never encountered such drivers as in Tijuana. They seemed to be driving everywhere and going in all directions. No wonder that the landscape was dotted with junkpile after junkpile of wrecked automobiles. In my attentive zeal for careful driving . . . I made my first mistake.

AFTER DRIVING for 62 miles and going through the town of Tecate, I began looking for Ensenada. All I could see was beautifully mountainous country and absolutely no sign of life anywhere. Finally, we came to a small shack and a gas pump alongside the highway. I stopped and entered the shack to find a small bar, a bar-maid and a half-dozen patrons. I asked in Spanish how far it was to Ensenada. Their response was hilarious.

It seemed that I had taken the wrong turn in Tijuana and had gone East toward Mexicali . . . and of course I should have gone straight South. A very kind truck driver asked me to follow him thirty miles back to Tecate and he would then point out the "backroad" from Tecate to Ensenada. This we did and finally arrived in Ensenada, after only driving 100 miles out of our way!

Our experiences in Ensenada during New Year's Eve could fill several articles . . . so it compared favorably with any other New Year's celebration that I can remember. There was lots of "action" and the whole town was in a real New Year's mood. As far as I could see, the many Americans there . . . including lots of college students, gave the place the gay festival atmosphere.

Motorists Warned

'No Parking' to Mark Scout Parade Route

"No Parking Anytime" signs will be posted on the route of the annual Boy Scout parade to be held in Torrance several days prior to parade date of Feb. 6, according to Sgt. D. A. Cook, traffic division commander, Torrance Police Department.

The parade route extends from Cabrillo west to Madrona Avenue on Torrance Blvd. Any vehicles parked in violation will be cited and towed from the parade route to the nearest side street at the owner's expense," continued Sgt. Cook.

10 a.m. Feb. 6 and the following streets will be closed to traffic at the indicated times.

Cabrillo Avenue from Plaza Del Amo to Carson from 8 a.m. until the end of the parade has left the area.

Cravens Avenue from Carson Street to Torrance Boulevard will be closed to traffic from 10 a.m. until the parade passes.

Torrance Boulevard from Cravens to Madrona will remain closed from about 10 a.m. until the parade is concluded.



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