

By STAN WISEMAN

Carl W. Schwahn, veteran Burlingame police officer and favorite at the municipal court in San Mateo, is retiring from the force at the end of October.

Schwahn, who started as a police officer in the depths of the depression wearing Star No. 11, will retire wearing star No. 2 at the age of 64.

There was a gas war raging in Burlingame of March, 1931, a city of a little over 13,000 persons, and Carl Schwahn's gas station business at the corner of Howard and Highland was rapidly reaching the point of no return.

When a chance opened up to take the city job, 33-year-old Carl hopped to it.

"It's been a good job sometimes, a tough job at others," he said when interviewed by The Times reporter. "I can't say I've ever been sorry."

S. F. Native Schwahn was born in Middletown, Penn., one of a family of eight girls and six boys, and in 1909 the whole family packed up and moved to the Bay Area. After a brief stop in Berkeley with one of the older children who had preceded the move, they settled down in the Mission district of San Francisco and Father Schwahn went to work as a bricklayer to help in the rebuilding of the city by the Golden Gate.

"I still remember taking a ferryboat boat ride across the bay . . . It was like entering a different world," Schwahn recalled.

It was a rough district, but the Schwahn family held its own. Carl graduated from the old Mission High at 18th and Dolores and went to work as an apprentice plumber. Earlier he had earned odd job money carrying wood for Mayor Jimmy Rolph. He played ball on the site of the Seals Stadium when it was just a Mission district sand lot.

He also was a fight fan at an early age, and helped out at the local fistic paladium, catching glimpses of the knuckle-kick of such luminaries as Stanley Ketchel, Jack Johnson, and James Jeffries.

He held a succession of jobs through the 20s, as a pasteurizer at the old Mission Dairy (later absorbed by Christopher Dairy), the international Harvester company, and finally Ford Motor company's assembly plant at Twenty-second and Harrison, where he worked up to be foreman in the body shop.

Grandfather He married his present wife, Ida, in 1923, and his son, Carl W. II, was born during this period. He now is grandfather of Carl W. Schwahn III, who is a student at Mills High.

"I was darn lucky to be on the police department in those days," Schwahn said. "The depression was rough in Burlingame and San Mateo. One of the best things I remember about working for the department in those days was the 20 or so men that we roomed and boarded in the old Lorton street jailhouse for a couple of days while they got started again. The city merchants helped out at the community shelter on Peninsula avenue in the same manner, helping 200 persons a day with food contributed by the businessmen."

"I used to sort of split my lunch money each day with the hardship cases. You could buy coffee and hotcakes for 20 cents then."

Carl's first arrest was typical of the routine of a policeman in many ways, unique in others. There was a drunk reported sleeping in the foyer chestfield of an apartment house on El Camino Real. It turned out to be a Chinese houseboy, with the usual block of wood under his head, and wearing a full wig.

Things Rough "During the war things were really rough for the police department," Schwahn remembered. "We were so short-handed everyone had to take a 12-hour shift, with no day off. On the first blackout Larry Furio and I were assigned to go up on the hill and put out a light that was still on. On our way down we collided head-on in the dark with a sheriff's officer that had been sent on the same errand. I cracked all my ribs that time, although I kept on working till the end of my shift."

Schwahn worked the motorcycle patrol for many years, and survived many similar accidents. Now, coking his iron-gray head a little, he remarked:

"I've always tried to do the right thing for people, even when they were in trouble. I guess the good Lord has rewarded me, since I'm still sound in body in mind."

Other officers will attest to this. Officer Schwahn is famous among



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the police fraternity for his sober lectures to erring juveniles, their drunk parents, and other wrongdoers.

Scolding Deluxe

On one occasion, apprehending a San Francisco businessman and his pretty blonde secretary and natural among the eucalyptus trees lining the railroad right-of-way in Burlingame, Carl scolded the man because "you're not much of a gentleman sir," and then told the girl . . . "and you could be more of a lady, too."

Carl's lectures to the hung-over jail-birds, many of them well-to-do, as he transported each morning municipal court, have become legendary.

"We don't get too many repeaters after among the ones that really listen," Schwahn said.

Now that he is retiring, Carl doesn't look to let time hang heavily on his hands. "I want to take a nice long trip with my wife and maybe my brother," he said. "Maybe we'll go up to Canada, or back to Middletown . . . I don't remember much about the town, but I'd like to see it. Otherwise, I still like hunting and fishing, and I still love sports, any kind of sports. I don't expect to have any trouble adjusting."

Mother Dies, Son Unaware

Unaware that his mother was fatally stricken in her bedroom, a youth watched television with friends in the living room yesterday.

Police responding to an ambulance follow-up call, found Mrs. Margaret Eileen Healey, 53, 57 Arroyo court, dead on their arrival early last night.

David Healey, 19, said that he had phoned his mother between 2 and 4 p.m. and she had told him she felt fine. He said she had been subject to fainting spells.

He said that after working on a car, he and some friends returned to the house. He looked in the bedroom and thought he saw his mother in bed, judging by the bedclothes.

About 8:15 he went in to check with his mother and found her lying on the floor, her head resting on her arm, which was propped on the bed. There was a pool of blood on the floor, apparently from her nose.

"With the help of a friend, he ascertained that his mother was dead, and called the ambulance."

Suit Filed For \$100,000

REDWOOD CITY—The widow of a Portola Valley man who was killed in a traffic accident September 7 filed suit in superior court yesterday for \$100,000 damages.

She is Mrs. Hazel Harshman of 1103 Los Trancos Woods road. Defendant is Morris L. Jasmer, 20, of 3273 Fair Oaks avenue, Redwood City, and his mother, Mrs. Dorothy Jasmer.

George H. Harshman, 61, was killed when his car and Jasmer's collided on Alpine road. Highway patrolmen said at the time that both drivers were at fault. Harshman, they said, was driving on the wrong side of the road and Jasmer was speeding.

Mrs. Harshman's lawsuit, charging wrongful death, asks special damages for funeral burial expenses and damage to the car in addition to the \$100,000 general damages.

\$50,000 Suit For Pin in Girl's Lung

REDWOOD CITY — A \$50,000 lawsuit was filed in superior court here yesterday on behalf of a 13-year-old girl who underwent surgery for removal of a pin she swallowed in a Redwood City classroom.

The suit alleges that the girl "inhaled" the pin when she was caused to laugh by other students in the room and that the teacher was negligent in failing to exercise better supervision over the class.

The complaint alleges further that the teacher failed to report the incident, with the result that the accident remained undetected for several days.

The suit was filed by attorney Phillip Aaron for Mrs. Betty Mason of Cupertino on behalf of her daughter, Joy Hills, 13, a former student at Goodwin school. Defendants are the Redwood City school district and the teacher, Miss Ruth Godbey.

According to the complaint, the accident happened last November 3 while Joy was pinning papers on a wall of the classroom at Miss Godbey's direction. The girl had several pins in her mouth and, when the other students caused her to laugh, she accidentally inhaled one of them.

The accident was not discovered until several days later, the suit states, when the girl started suffering complications. Aaron said Joy underwent surgery for the removal of the pin from a lung.

Sig' Varian Dies During Mexico Trip

PUERTO VALLARTA, Mexico — Sigurd F. Varian, 60, the surviving member of a trio which invented the Klystron electronic tube and thus paved the way for radar and television, was killed here late Wednesday when his light plane crashed in a heavy sea.

His brother Russell, co-inventor of the Klystron, died of a heart attack in 1959 while equally distant from their home in Palo Alto. Russell was aboard a cruise ship in Alaska when he died.

The third inventor of the Klystron, Stanford physicist Dr. William Hansom, died in 1940 at the age of 39.

In Mexico, Sigurd's companion Bernard Applegate of Puerto Vallarta, broke his leg in the crash. He managed to swim to shore despite the heavy surf and his injury.

Applegate said he and Varian were flying from Guadalajara to Puerto Vallarta Wednesday night. They became lost in the darkness and were flying low over the ocean seeking a landing place on the beach. The wingtip struck the water, throwing the airplane into the sea. Both men were thrown clear of the aircraft, and spent several minutes shouting to each other over the noise of the surf.

They became separated, and Applegate barely managed to swim to shore. He was discovered by natives of Tomatlan who took him to their village. Varian's body was washed ashore and taken to the same village.

The wreckage of the airplane was sighted Thursday by a commercial airline pilot, Victor A. Hogg. Varian's brother-in-law, flew to the scene and, early Friday morning, succeeded in landing on the beach. He found the injured Applegate and Varian's body at the native village.

The crash occurred along the remote Jalisco coast about 85 miles south of Puerto Villarta, Hogg reported.

Ironically, Varian was killed in the same sort of crash which he

and his brother, Russell, worked hard to prevent.

Twenty-five years ago, Sigurd and Russell Varian spent several years developing the Klystron tube that made early radar possible.

A pioneer Pan American Airways pilot in Mexico, Sigurd as early as 1935 recognized the need for some method of preventing airplane crashes in fog, darkness or bad weather. When Russell, then a graduate student in physics at Stanford university, conceived the idea of using short wave radio beams for this purpose, Sigurd left his job as a Pan American flight captain to throw his life's savings and full energies into a project to develop a practical device that would prove Russell's theory.

Granted the use of research facilities at Stanford, and assisted by Dr. David Webster and the late Dr. William W. Hansen, the Varian brothers spent three years on the project. The result was the Klystron, a microwave device that made possible World War II radar. Since that time, radar has become an indispensable part of modern aviation.

He had retired to Puerto Vallarta a few years ago, leaving active control of Varian Associates in the hands of others, but had continued research work. The plane he crashed in was carrying a load of parts for such research.

He is survived by his wife Winifred, daughter of the former British Consul in Veracruz, Mexico, by a son John, at Brawley; and a daughter, Mrs. Charles Van Linge of Menlo Park.

Bruno Slates School Meeting

There will be a special meeting of the board of trustees of the San Bruno Park school district on Monday. The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Room 10, Edgemont School, 500 Acacia avenue, San Bruno.

The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the gifted program with the committee appointed to study the development of a program for the San Bruno Park school district.



GUARD HONORED—Al Marey, president of the Parkside Dad's club, presented an honorary life membership to the club, to Pete Kennedy, crossing patrolman at the Parkside school. Looking on is Dr. Roy M. Laugesen, principal of the school. The award was given to Kennedy for outstanding patrol work. Pete has many friends among the children and parents and is loved by all the children.



NEW COURT HOUSE — Scheduled for opening November 1 is the new Central Judicial district courthouse on North Humboldt street behind San Mateo High school. Reports yesterday indicated that chairs have not been moved into the new courtrooms, but that the judges plan to leave present quarters October 31 and take up business in the new quarters the next day. (Times photo)

Brisbane Acceptance Comes With Cityhood

SAN BRUNO—The North County Council of Cities has voted to extend an invitation to the new city of Brisbane to join the six-member group, but has tabled for further discussion the membership of Half Moon Bay.

The decision of whether or not to invite Half Moon Bay into the NCCC will be taken up at the next meeting in December. There was some feeling among the members that Half Moon Bay is not within the North County, and therefore is not eligible. Present membership includes Burlingame, Millbrae, San Bruno, South San Francisco, Daly City and Pacifica.

The group endorsed the drive to speed up plans and financial backing for state route 229, which will provide a cross-country arterial similar to Nineteenth avenue in the San Bruno area, extending west to Pacifica.

Con Game Hits Another

Ronald R. Draughan of Hayward was the victim of a confidence game that cost him \$350 at Bay Meadows earlier this week and he has come to the police in the hope of forestalling future action by the perpetrators.

He said that as he was counting his money on Wednesday, a man approached him on the messenine floor at the track and asked, "Do you want to make some real money?"

"That's what I'm here for," Draughan replied.

Shortly afterwards a second man came forward and told the first man, "You talk too much" and then suggested Draughan produce more money.

Draughan complied, to the tune of \$350. The second man took it to the \$10 window and returned with some tickets, which he handed over.

Draughan counted them and found they amounted to only \$170. He surmised that either the second man had pocketed the remaining \$180 or had kept the tickets he bought with the money. The horse placed second.

S.M. Police to Move Wednesday

The San Mateo police department will move to its brand new station on Nineteenth avenue and South Claremont Wednesday at 6 a. m. At that time full shift of all facilities from the current station will be completed.

Official dedication is expected early in November. The current station is being eyed by the San Mateo Park and Recreation department as an office.

Peninsula Y On TV Today

Peninsula YMCA will be featured in pictures and through interview on the "Community Circle" program of KRON, Channel 4, Saturday, 4:30 to 5:00 p.m. "Robbie" Robertson, executive secretary, will be interviewed by Les Noble, and will show pictures of Peninsula Y's youth activities. Also appearing on the show will be two teen-agers representing the organization's 2,000 youth membership. Shirley Salzman and Rick Naegle, who will extend to television viewers an invitation to attend the Tenth Anniversary Open House which will be celebrated at the Peninsula YMCA, October 25-26, 7:30 to 9:30 p. m.

S.M. Planners Vote on New Apartments

City planners will meet Monday night to act on final maps for two major city projects, the multi-million dollar Lauriedale apartment house development on the McLeellan estate and the Laurelwood subdivision of the Murray property which will include neighborhood shopping center, apartment houses and single family homes.

Planning director Evert Kincaid foresaw little neighborhood discussion of the projects, and the Lauriedale development does not tie into the Fiesta Gardens area.

A reclassification from agricultural and unclassified to garden apartments is requested for the first unit.

Also before the commission will be a request for a special permit to operate a nonprofit used goods shop at the Episcopal church of the Transfiguration, Thirty-ninth avenue and Alameda de las Pulgas. One letter of protest has been filed with City Clerk William J. O'Farrell.

Area Demos Will Meet in Menlo Park

Written invitations have been mailed to 550 Menlo Park and Atherton Democrats for the first fall meeting of the Menlo-Atherton Democratic club Tuesday, October 24, in the Menlo Park city council chambers at 8 p. m.

President Robert F. Rhoades announced today.

"The Accomplishments of the Brown Administration" will be discussed by California Democratic Council regional vice president Gerald N. Hill, a San Francisco attorney and resident of Belvedere.

Hill, a Stanford University graduate and former resident of Menlo Park, managed the successful campaign of Clem Miller for Congress in Marin County in 1958. All Democrats in the area are invited to the meeting along with the 550 contributors to the Recent "Dollars for Democrats" who collected in Menlo Park and Atherton, second highest in Southern San Mateo County club drives. Walter Golden of Menlo Park served as drive chairman.

Heart Group Sets Meet

Dr. Norman E. Shumway, heart surgeon with Stanford Medical school, will address the council for Heart research this coming Wednesday at the Villa hotel, San Mateo.

Dr. Shumway will describe the replacement of a diseased valve with another valve from the same patient. He will also discuss some of the developments in the transplanting of hearts. The council for Heart research, an informal advisory group to the San Mateo county Heart association, is composed of doctors and non-medical people. Council members meet periodically to become better acquainted with physicians and scientists who are working on every phase of heart research. Dr. Leo S. Bell, San Mateo, and William T. Riley, Redwood City, are co-chairmen of the council.

Pilot Sued For Hitting PG&E Tower

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Parks handed over about \$95 and the bandit fled towards Hacienda.

Parks said that at no time did he see a gun. He described the holdupman as about 19 or 20 years of age, with dirty blond hair and a light complexion, five-foot-seven inches tall, and wearing khaki pants and a light shirt.

Parks was at the rear of the store straightening stock when the suspect entered.

Pro-America to Hear Crocker

San Mateo county unit of Pro-America will have as its speaker at their monthly meeting Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the Villa hotel, George N. Crocker on the subject, "Summit Conferences, FDR to JFK."

Crocker is the author of the book, "Roosevelt's Road to Russia," published two years ago. He will be one of the co-authors of a book about the house committee on un-American activities which will be published next January. He is a member of the bar of the State of California and of the federal courts, a former law teacher and law school dean, a former assistant United States attorney, an officer in the army in World War II, a business executive, and an extensive world traveler who has just returned from the Soviet Union and the satellite countries. He was educated at Stanford university and Harvard law school, and a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

A no-host luncheon at the Villa hotel will precede the 2 p.m. meeting for those who wish to attend. The meeting is open to all interested persons.

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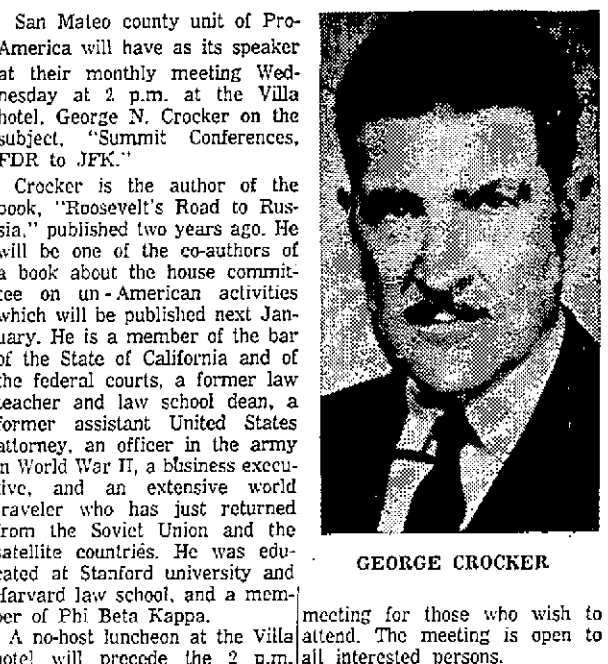
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