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SKY JOY-RIDING LATEST THRILL FOR TORRANCE

UP IN THE AIR

THE SKY PILOTS

LOOP THE LOOP

The Bluebird Navigation Company had two airplanes in the air most of the time during the Fiesta, and a great number awaited themselves of the opportunity to defy the law of gravitation and to look down on the people in general, but with a feeling of exultation and exaltation. Some of them had a yearning desire to meet their friends again. The following is a list of the passengers that essayed, and succeeded in a flight in the circumambient with all its thrilling experience:

Mrs. Charles C. Grau, Mr. Charles C. Grau, Mr. J. S. Walton, Mr. H. F. Merritt, Mr. A. B. Stevenson, Mr. J. V. McKinney, Mr. W. Denney, Mr. G. C. Hawkey, Mr. E. J. Ashland, Mr. J. A. Broth, Mr. M. McIntyre, Mr. E. P. Ring, Mr. G. R. Lareday, Mrs. W. H. Merritt, Mr. L. Bremen, Mr. J. D. Bilered, Mrs. E. Brennen, Mr. Jas. Haws, Mr. Dillenworth, Mr. Les Kohl, Mr. B. C. Barth, Mr. Geo. P. Hawks, Mr. Howard Allener, Mr. H. H. Fifield, Mrs. Alma Merritt, Mr. C. E. Gold, Mr. C. A. Harder, Mr. W. N. McPherson, Mr. E. Baumen, Mrs. J. Misore, Mr. C. Parks, Mr. W. E. B. Partridge, Mr. E. F. Powers, Mr. F. L. Parks, Mr. R. B. Griffith, Mr. E. N. Christopher, Mr. Tomas Corey, Mr. F. R. Hughes, Miss Julia Hoffman, Mr. B. F. Shelley, Mr. E. P. King, Mr. Frank Barret.

Among the Torrance people, Mrs. Charles C. Grau has the best record, having done the loop the loop, the nose dive, the tail spin, and all the stunts over and over again. Mrs. Grau is an enthusiastic booster for airplaning.

Many of these passengers were taken up several times doing the loop the loop, the tail spin, the nose dive and the barrel roll. This event brings Torrance up with the times and marks her progress with the ever racing tide of modern events.

Several of the progressive young men of Torrance have made application for taking a course in aerial navigation, taking their first lesson on Monday of this week.

Their desire to become students proves they are of the right mettle, and can see the future with a prophetic eye.

The Bluebird Navigation Co. have the very best airplanes made, being of a very recent and modern construction. The pilots, conducting these machines have had four years of actual service at the front.

Mr. Frank Tommick, one of the pilots, has a record as an instructor. During the war in Europe, he taught one hundred and thirty-five men the way to guide an airplane.

Anyone wishing to take a course in aerial navigation may inquire of Mr.

Charles C. Grau at the Ironton Cafe. Look for the fleet of airplanes at the Fiesta the coming year.

SHE'S 98, BUT ENJOYS

SKY RIDE AT TORRANCE

Ninety-eight years old, Mrs. Elizabeth Mathews beheld the beauties of Southern California yesterday from an aeroplane flying at a height of 3000 feet. Just sixty-eight years ago she saw California from an ostrich cart in which she made the trip from the East.

"How do you like it, grandma?" shouted Pilot Frank Tomick, when he shut off his engine at 2000 feet.

"Great! Let's go higher," was the immediate reply, and the plane crept another thousand feet skyward.

When the plane landed on the Torrance field after circling about San Pedro and Redondo, the near-centenarian exclaimed:

"It was wonderful. I'd like to go up every day. I like to get way up high; the altitude puts new vigor in me."

"But weren't you frightened?" several onlookers queried.

"Me scared? Say, I couldn't get scared at anything. Who would get frightened after getting in so many scrapes in the early days with the Indians as I did? They've got to take me up a lot, now. I've got the fever."

Mrs. Mathews' daughter, Mrs. M. C. Reche, who is nearing her seventysixth birthday, also was taken on her first joy ride through the air. Pilot John J. Montijo gave her several loops and spins and she wanted more.

"You can't keep me on the ground when there are airplanes near me now," said Mrs. Reche. She came to California with her mother in 1852.

"I felt safer in the air than in that ox cart with Indians scooting around behind me," said the 76-year-old woman.

The two elderly women are living at 435 East Eighty-first street. Mrs. Reche is the mother of ten children, eight of whom are living in California.

For the purpose of getting "local color," Pilot Kenneth G. Barnes took up the reporter and photographer, and the day was complete.

The unusual flights were conducted by the Blue Bird Airline, Inc., at Torrance in connection with the second annual Torrance Fiesta, which has been in session there the past several days. After the first of the week the Blue Bird Company will make flights from its new field adjacent to the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company. Its new hangars will be constructed at the corner of Central and Florence streets. D. D. France is president of the company and E. H. Barret is secretary. The three pilots were all officers in the air service during the recent war. The company has two ships and several more, including a late model "stunt" plane, will be added.—Examiner.

SOMETHING OF INTEREST

"The Slave Who Desired to be an Evangelist But God Made Him a Soldier," is the title of the first sermon of a series of seven to be delivered Sunday evenings by the pastor of the Baptist church at Torrance, corner Cabrillo and 220th. This short book of 25 verses has a peculiar message for the people who live in these days, and many of the questions uppermost in their minds will find answer in the expositions on this book. Bring your Bible, pencil and paper. The time: 7:30 p. m.

"How to Build a Church" will be the subject considered in the morning service. A welcome is extended to all.

"Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins."—John 4:10.

THE LAST CALL;

A SUDDEN SUMMONS

It is with a feeling of sadness that the many friends of the late Mr. E. G. Lufkin were apprised of his sudden passing away at about 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon in the office of the Consolidated Lumber Company where he had been busily engaged at the bookkeeper's desk, for the day, and for many years.

Mr. Lufkin was a native of Iowa and was a resident of Long Beach, though employed in Torrance. Mr. Lufkin is survived by Mrs. Lufkin and a sister, at Long Beach, and a son, Dr. Lufkin, D.D.S., of Los Angeles.

Mr. E. G. Lufkin was in full charge of the Consolidated Lumber Company here during the absence of Mr. Charles V. Jones, during the late war, while Mr. Jones was in the service. Mr. Jones speaks feelingly of the departed and the whole community was expressive likewise of the kindly man who had so easily won the respect of the citizens of Torrance and the entire surrounding country.

THE SHOW ANGELIC

The baby show was a complete success and surprised even the most sanguine. The show was held in the Chamber of Commerce building and a score or more of beautiful babies were entered in the contest. Mr. E. X. Andem was made manager in chief and the genial gentleman arose to the occasion, making an address to the assemblage stating that, making all allowances and giving due credit to each and every part of the Fiesta; that the baby show was really the best part of the entire exhibition because it appealed to the affections and the hearts of the people. These little beauties were the future citizens and home-builders of Torrance, and a town without homes lacks all of the essentials of progress. A town of homes is a town of hearts, and where affections are centered there will progress in all the principles and essentials of civilization be found.

The first prize for girls was given to the little sweetheart baby of Mrs. Byron Denny. The first prize for boys was given to the sturdy little boy of Mrs. H. D. Rebadow, a solid sterling silver spoon being the prize in both cases. It was a most difficult matter to render judgment between all of the contestants, they were all pretty little ducks of sweethearts and everyone looked with glowing pride and love upon all of them.

Mr. Andem was so struck with the pretty babies that he gave all of the children a prize having a huge box of candy, the contents of which he distributed to the happy multitude.

Long live the Torrance Fiesta.

NEW HARDWARE OPENS MONDAY

BIG BUSINESS EXPANSION

The Industrial Hardware Company is a new business enterprise for Torrance, situated on El Prado. Mr. C. A. Paxman, proprietor; Mr. H. C. Gardner, manager. The new enterprise will carry a complete line of hardware, builders' supplies, garden tools, kitchen ware, household utensils, stoves, electric appliances of all kinds and an array of washing machines including the Thor, Bluebird, Domestic, Electric Maid, Super Electric, Gainaday, Crystal, A.B.C., Sden, and also the Simplex Ironer. It is said that Mr. Paxman will take over another washing machine, also, as soon as an inventor can be found to design something different.

Mr. Paxman is to be congratulated on his enlarged business interest, he being one of the pioneers of Torrance, well known and of great business experience. In addition he has the best wishes of his many friends over the whole county. Mr. Gardner, as manager, is just the man for the place.

You will be treated right at the new store.

AGREEABLE BIRTHDAY SURPRISE

Two agreeable surprises in one evening is almost too much for most people as our friend Byron Denny would tell us, had he fully recovered from his experiences of Saturday, August 28th, that being his birthday, when his wife surprised him with a dinner at home. Then took him to Redondo where about twenty-four of his friends met them and spent a delightful evening in dancing and enjoying the delicious birthday cake made by Mrs. Brown.

OBSERVE LABOR DAY

The grocery stores, meat markets, dry goods stores, feed stores and hardware stores will observe Labor Day as a holiday and will close accordingly next Monday, Sept. 6th.

NARROW ESCAPE

Mr. and Mrs. Close suffered severe injuries in an auto accident on the night of Thursday, the 26th. While driving toward Lomita an auto coming from the opposite direction turned directly toward them as the result of loss of wheel control on account of losing a bolt from the steering gear. Mr. Close turned to avoid a collision but the auto struck the rear wheels throwing Mrs. Close out and severely injuring her and rendering her unconscious. Mrs. Close was taken to the home of their son in Los Angeles and is reported as greatly improved with possibility of an early recovery. Mr. Close was also severely injured, having suffered several broken ribs, but is able to care for his business affairs, to some extent though unable to do anything but the clerical work.

The accident was unavoidable and the lady and gentleman driving the colliding auto, which was considerably damaged, were profuse in their expressions of sorrow and regret for the injuries suffered by Mr. and Mrs. Close, county will run strong in the competition.