

SAFE AFTER AIR CRASH . . . Safe and secure in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph R. Howe, 1308 Amapola ave., 24 hours after the airliner in which they were passengers crashed and burned in a takeoff from Mexico City's national airport, are the above members of a Torrance family. Photographed by the Torrance Herald shortly after arriving in this city from their harrowing experience. Mr. and Mrs. Francis A. Wheeler, with their daughter, Janice Lee, age four months, expressed gratitude for their safety and for the care accorded them by the Mexican people following the crash. The Howes are Mrs. Wheeler's parents. (Torrance Herald photo)

TORRANCE FAMILY SAFE HERE FOLLOWING ESCAPE FROM BURNING MEXICAN AIRLINER

A Torrance family of three arrived here yesterday to relate their harrowing escape from a C-47 transport plane which crashed near the Mexico City central airport Tuesday. The family, Mr. and Mrs. Francis A. Wheeler, and their 4-month-old daughter Janice Lee, were among the 47 passengers to survive the burning airliner which was destroyed in a blazing inferno.

Mrs. Wheeler, who is the former Jeanne Howe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph R. Howe of 1308 Amapola ave., told a Torrance Herald reporter yesterday afternoon that the big transport had just taken off from the Mexico City airport when its engines began to falter and it crashed into the mud flats west of the field.

"The jolt was not too severe," she explained, "and the safety belts held my husband and me securely to our seats. Our baby daughter, who was sitting between us, was thrown to the floor by the impact.

"We quickly loosened ourselves from the belts and with the baby dashed for the door. The plane was engulfed with flames and many were badly burned."

She told of scrambling through mud and water in an effort to evade the flames.

The husband told of the fine aid rendered by the Mexican people and Mrs. Wheeler said: "They were very helpful to all of us. They cleaned my muddy shoes and gave me new socks and dry garments for our baby—during such a time people really reveal themselves and the Mexican people were wonderful."

Francis Wheeler said they had boarded the Compania Mexicana de Aviacion airlines early Tuesday after spending the night in Mexico City following their flight from the Canal Zone Sunday. He commended the American Airlines which brought them here shortly following the crash.

The couple, at present residing at the Howe home, met while working as civilian employees with the U.S. Navy in Curundu, Canal Zone. Mrs. Wheeler, a graduate of Torrance high school, was there for more than three years.

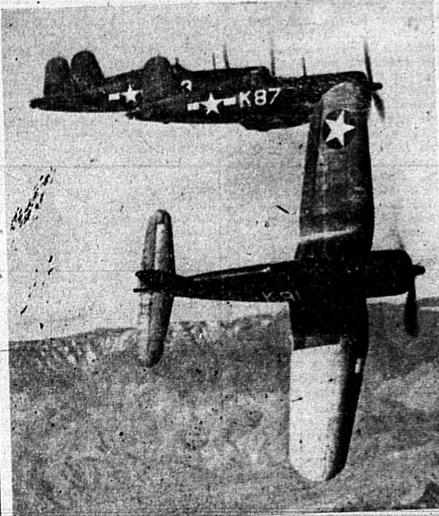
Crowd Will Hear Marine Pilots Talk From Plane

A portable radio truck and power unit with a hook-up on the public address system will permit the spectators to hear the various commands and conversations of pilots flying over the field at the coming "Welcome Home Veterans" Torrance air show on July 5 and 6.

The spectators will also be able to hear the communication between the planes in the air and the portable radio station on the ground. An original and definite procedure is used by airmen when contacting the ground.

The Marine radio truck contains one Hallcraft transmitter capable of sending messages 2000 miles and two receivers capable of picking up messages from any distance. A crew of two men operate the truck and trailer. In case of emergency, the complete outfit can be remotely controlled while in a position of safety.

Skilled aviation technicians are needed by the rapidly expanding Marine air corps. Qualified young men are being sent to the twelve aviation schools now open. Combat-wise airmen will be on hand to interview all young men who are interested in making aviation a career.



REHEARSING COMBAT TACTICS . . . Peeling off for a practice strike, Marine Corsairs go through a rehearsal of the combat tactics that will be shown at the Torrance Air Show July 5 and 6. (U. S. Marine Corps photo.)

CITY CHARTER COMMITTEE VOTES TO PLACE SCHOOL ISSUE ON BALLOT AUG. 20

The people of Torrance on August 20 will have the much sought after opportunity of expressing themselves on the control of the schools of this city of \$27,000,000 assessed valuation. This is the decision of a committee appointed by the City Council Tuesday night to advise the council on the writing of a charter, to submit to the voters.

The long debated question of removal of the schools of this city from control of the Los Angeles City school district. The committee, of which Dr. Howard A. Wood is chairman, met last night in the Chamber of Commerce office and decided that the group should study a proposed charter and submit the same to public hearings Friday night.

Other members of the committee announced Tuesday night by Major J. Hugh Sherrey Jr. are Mrs. Mark Wright, Mrs. Mina Shidler, Carl Steele and James Lynch.

The group agreed that every effort should be made to complete the drafting of the charter in time to place it on the August 20 ballot at which time the people of Torrance will vote on a proposed bond issue of \$1,500 for municipal improvements.

The public hearing will be conducted in the City Council chambers at 7 p.m. Friday night. Appointment of the committee resulted from a request of the Torrance Parents Association that the council take advantage of its lawful opportunity of writing a charter embodying the present municipal setup of Torrance plus the provision for control of the schools of the city and submitting it to the voters for their action.

In this way only, it was pointed out, can the people of the city have the right of expressing themselves on the control of the schools without having other controversial issues. It was pointed out that the proposed draft of the City Charter for Torrance embodies no change whatever in the present administration of the City of Torrance, except that it will provide for the people of Torrance to elect a Board of Education to

replace the present Board of Education. The council decided to look back into the files and refer the proposed ordinance to the city attorney for study.

The city is planning to ask the voters to approve bonds of about \$480,000 for recreational purposes, in addition to approximately \$1,000,000 in other improvements, and Thatcher said that the recreation commission should be given opportunity to consider the recommendations. The bond issue, slated for Aug. 20, will increase the tax rate some 48 cents per \$100 assessed valuation, he said.

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Gigantic Fourth of July 'Vets Welcome Home' Celebration Shapes Up

Torrance Will Be On Helicopter Pickup Service

Torrance will be included on the proposed Army helicopter mail pickup and delivery experimental service, according to Postmaster C. Earl Conner. The postmaster declared that he had received assurance from Los Angeles Postmaster Michael Fanning that the tests will include all principal cities in this locality, including Torrance.

They are due to start July 1, under direction of George E. Clifford, special assistant to the postmaster general and Gael Sullivan, second assistant postmaster general.

A downtown site within easy access to the post office is being selected for the landing and take-off of the army experimental helicopters, Conner said.

City Court Still Tough On Drunk Drivers

Appearing before City Judge John Shidler in Torrance City Court, C. H. Hagstrom, Los Angeles, was fined \$225 for hit-and-run and drunk in auto.

Hagstrom said that his chauffeur was driving the car at the time it struck another auto, but fled shortly following the accident. Police said Hagstrom was drunk in his car when the arrest was made. No injuries were involved.

Two men, Kurt Metz, Los Angeles and R. B. Turner, 1307 Carson st., pleaded guilty to drunk driving and were fined \$100 each by Shidler. These men were also ordered to forfeit their driver's license for the ensuing 30 days, the report read.

'Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe' Issue Thrown Up To New Council By Elder

Not to the tune of the popular song named for the railroad, but with the determination of the people along Madrid avenue, the question of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad tracks through Torrance was thrown up to the new City Council Tuesday night by A. J. Elder, long a proponent of removal of the tracks from the avenue.

"It is time for the City Council to do something about it," Elder said in calling attention to previous complaints of the people along the tracks about the noise, smoke, steam, standing of cars and blocking of crossings caused by the railroad, Elder declared that the conditions along the railroad tracks is depreciating property to such an extent it is out of the question. He pointed out that on "Saturday a week ago, at 6 p.m., an engine stood and threw smoke in front doors, which was uncalled for."

"Anyone who knows anything about oil burners knows that such smoke is not necessary," Elder said. He added that at 3 o'clock in the morning, it is the practice of the engines to emit a shrill whistle and steam at a high rate, "particularly on Sunday."

Elder pointed out that diesel truck operators in Los Angeles are being fined for making too much smoke, and asked that Torrance take some action to stop the nuisance of the trains on Madrid avenue.

The council about a year ago agreed to take action on the Santa Fe right of way "six months after the termination of the war," and Elder said that this might mean years.

Members of the council discussing the issue agreed that an emergency anti-smoke ordinance might help solve the situation.

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CAP COMMANDER . . . Major H. C. Holmes, commander of Third Group Civil Air Patrol with headquarters on the Lomita Flight Strip, will coordinate airmen of three squadrons within the group with the big two-day Torrance Air Show, July 5-6. Many veteran pilots, now CAP members, will appear in formation flights and aerobatic maneuvers during the show. (Torrance Herald photo)

HILLMAN R. LEE LIKES LAS VEGAS;

Hillman R. Lee, former Torrance civic leader and manager of the J. C. Penney Co. store here for years, says Las Vegas, Nev., is a "swell place with plenty of activity. I like it better every day."

He informed Blaine Walker, secretary of Torrance Chamber of Commerce, in a letter, that he has bought a place in Las Vegas, and sent his best regards to his friends in Torrance.

Private Water Service Asked

The California Water Service Co. Tuesday night asked the City Council for permission to serve the Dolley Seaside Acres tract, which is being developed in Torrance along the Redondo Beach-Torrance city line, north of 101 highway.

Some 207 acres will be developed into one-third acre homesites, and while the area involved is within the new water district in Southwest Torrance, including Walteria, the district's development plans will not materialize in time to service the Dolley subdivision, it is said.

The acreage is being subdivided by Ben Haggett, Palos Verdes realtor, for Roy Dolley, owner.

Recreation Commission Resignation Seen If Ordinance Not Considered

George P. Thatcher, member of the Torrance Recreation Commission, told the City Council Tuesday evening that members of the commission will resign if new policy of the reorganized commission is not considered.

He made his statement in asking what had become of a proposed ordinance recommended by the commission calling for revamping of the commission and the recreation setup along the lines recommended by the California Youth Authority.

The ordinance was presented to the council six or eight months ago, Thatcher said. Thatcher declared that a very important recreation job is coming up, and if the council is going to ask the people to vote bonds for vast recreation expenditures, the body should give some consideration to the ordinance which was drafted after great effort by members of the commission.

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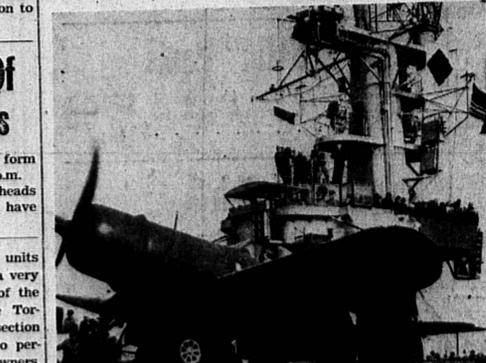
Route of March for Big Fourth Of July Parade Announced By Heads

The Mammoth Fourth of July Parade in Torrance will form on Cabrillo avenue north from Sepulveda boulevard, at 10 p.m. Assignments of parade positions will be announced to heads of the groups and units participating, as soon as all entries have been received, it was said.

The parade will move at 11 a.m. along Cabrillo ave. north to Torrance blvd., travel west on Torrance blvd. to Cravens ave., southeast on Cravens ave. to Marcelina avenue; southwest on Marcelina to Arlington avenue; south on Arlington to Plaza del Amo and last on Plaza del Amo to Cabrillo avenue and to Torrance ball park.

A large number of civic clubs and organizations, lodges, industrial and commercial organizations, churches and naval and military units, have entered floats, cars, and marching units in what is expected to be a very colorful parade, in honor of the returned veterans of the Torrance area. A principal section will be furnished by rodeo performers and local horse owners.

Additional organizations desiring to enter units in the parade should telephone H. B. Lewis, Torrance 948-J, without delay. There will be trophies, cups and ribbons to winners of various sections, it is announced.



READY FOR TAKEOFF . . . Marine Corsair about to take off by catapult from one of the Marine carriers. The Corsair will be on display at the Torrance Area Project Air Show on July 5 and 6. (U. S. Marine Corps photo.)

Reservations For Concessions Now Being Made

The organization concession booths for the Midway, July 3 to 6 inclusive, are now being blue-printed, and all clubs and organizations wishing to make reservations for space should contact H. B. Lewis, telephone 946-J, in order to assure space for their presentations.

Councilman William H. Tolson, chairman of Torrance Area Projects, Inc., again announces that all entries must assure the management that no cash prizes will be offered and that proceeds should be devoted to charity or organization operation.

General Arnold Sends His Best Wishes To City

Best wishes of General H. H. Arnold, wartime commander of the A.A.F., were received by Harry B. Lewis, general manager of Torrance Area Projects, in response to the invitation of the organization to General Arnold to preside as Grand Marshal of the Fourth of July parade and celebration here July 3 to 7.

He wrote Lewis: "Many thanks for the very kind invitation to be Grand Marshal of the Torrance Fourth of July parade and celebration. However, because of a previous commitment, I sincerely regret that I may not accept."

"Again, my thanks for thinking of me, and my best wishes for a very memorable occasion. Nice work! Congratulations!"

AIRCRAFT PERMIT REFERRED TO NEW AVIATION BODY

A request of George Cleveland for permit to operate an aircraft firm on the new community airport in North Torrance was referred to the Torrance Aviation Commission by the City Council Tuesday night.

It was the first request of any kind regarding aircraft activity in Torrance which has been referred to the commission, members of the council pointed out.

EXTRA COPIES WELCOME HOME SOUVENIR EDITION TORRANCE HERALD

Orders Should be Left at Herald Office Before Monday, July 1, at 5 P.M.

15c per Copy, Payable at Time of Placing Order. Because of the critical shortage of newsprint, only a limited number of additional copies of the Herald's Welcome Home Souvenir Edition can be printed. All regular subscribers will receive their issues in the mail Wednesday, July 3. Extra copies may be ordered IN ADVANCE, anytime prior to 5 p.m. Monday, July 1. All orders for extra copies must be left at the Herald office, 1338 El Prado, and paid for in advance. NO TELEPHONE ORDERS CAN BE ACCEPTED.

This Souvenir Edition will contain the pictures and war experiences of over 500 Torrance veterans of World War II, as well as the Honor Roll of ALL men and women from this community who served in any branch of the military service. A summary of accomplishments of Torrance industrial plants, and other data heretofore withheld from publication because of military security reasons will also be contained in this Souvenir Edition.

Complete information regarding the gala five-day Welcome Home Celebration, July 3 to 7, will also be included in next Wednesday's issue. There will be no issue of The Herald on Thursday, July 4. Advertising copy will be accepted until 5 p.m., Monday, July 1, for the Wednesday issue, and all deadlines for news copy will likewise be advanced one day.

"Vets, Welcome Home." Five days before the big Fourth of July "Veterans Welcome Home" Jubilee is scheduled to get under way, the spirit fills the town.

The big party which the City of Torrance promised its 1,600 men and women who offered their lives to the cause of liberty in World War II is in motion.

Five days packed with mixed emotions, ranging from the sentiment which goes with the knowledge that the loved one is home and sharing the life of the community to the sad memory of the men and women who did not come home, is stretched out to ten days as decorators hit the town; the service organizations participating in the phases of the celebration set up shop, and the 50-odd cooperative groups start their last-minute preparations to say: "Gee, G.I., we're glad to see you."

A full program of events, ranging from the American Legion program in the Civic Auditorium on Tuesday night to the special religious services planned for the same auditorium on July 7 is in the final steps of preparation.

SPECIAL EDITION The Torrance Herald will have on the streets Wednesday morning, a special edition which will be presented in preparation of this newspaper which has not been, and probably will not be equalled by any other newspaper, at least for many months or years to come. The picture and news record of hundreds of veterans will be contained there in, and the names of all veterans in World War II will be printed. Should omissions occur, it is due to the regrettable fact that proper information has not yet been furnished this newspaper. We have asked for complete data on all veterans over a period of weeks.

The big event on the July 7 program will be the first performance of the Fourth Annual Torrance Rodeo in Torrance ball park which will feature world champion cowboys of the Cow Branch Association of America. It breath-taking performances of the rodeo arena. Featured will be every event known to the all-western show, including bull dogging, bronc-riding, bull-rope, calf roping, team roping, fancy roping, clowning events and boy performances which will range from the merry-making to the dangerous antics familiar to the champions of the rodeo ring.

Every performer, except local amateurs, will be members of the Cowboy Association of America, show sponsors.

Thursday morning, July 4, will be featured by the Big Fourth of July parade in which ever principal organization in Torrance will participate.

This will be followed by the second performance of the Rodeo at 2 p.m. in Torrance ball park.

Wednesday at 6 p.m. the Veterans Welcome Home Banquet and stage show will be held in the Civic Auditorium, followed by the Cowboy dance at 9 p.m.

Big Air Show The big feature of Friday, July 5, will be the air show at 11 p.m., with performances of U.S. Marine Corps war-fame combat fliers and other military organizations; antics by civilian fliers; a demonstration of helicopter mail pickup and delivery performances by leading transport planes and freight carriers; demonstrations by daredevil fliers; a paratrooper demonstration; if arrangements are completed; formation flying by the Civil Air Patrol and other attractions scheduled to last three and one-half hours.

Seven thousand seats are to be provided on the airport for reserved seats, and the show will attract some 50,000 persons.

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Torrance Weather Record			
Official U. S. Weather Bureau			
TEMPERATURE			
June	Max.	Min.	Mean
19	79	56	66
20	78	58	65
21	78	58	65
22	74	53	63
23	70	50	60
24	72	51	61
25	81	57	69
26	81	57	69
PRECIPITATION			
June	Total	Inches	
	5.39		