

## Importance of Torrance Airport Stressed at Aviation Conference

Importance of the army developed Torrance airport on 101 highway as a municipally operated airport was stressed at the conference in Los Angeles Friday of some 150 aviation representatives from the eight divisions of the industry.

Col. Roger Q. Williams, of Torrance, noted airman and author of aviation books and articles, attended the meeting and reported that he found interest to prove that the Torrance airport's importance in the county, under proper development and operation, will be second only to that of Mines field, now Los Angeles Municipal airport.

"High taxes, increased land values, noise nuisance, zoning and the growing antipathy of the public toward private airports in the heart of their communities are some of the future headaches that will not confront the Torrance Municipal airport because of its excellent location, its worth as a future convenience and necessity, and its military importance in times of peace, or in the event of another emergency," Col. Williams said.

"Too many people are blind to the possibilities of the Torrance airport," he stated.

The primary purpose of the conference was education. Eighteen bills on aviation legislation that will come before the 1947 regular session in this state were hotly discussed in the all-day session.

The most important were those bills pertaining to zoning, harmless flight of aircraft, airport abatement proceedings, airport fees and licenses, additional taxes to finance a State Aviation Commission, State financial aid from the general fund or special taxes to aid in developing state airports, channeling requests for federal financial aid through the State Master Airport plan and the possibility of the state controlling and limiting the number of airports in the state.

## Construction On Strip School To Be Rushed

Construction of the new Los Angeles elementary school to serve the rapidly growing Shoestring strip of Los Angeles city, adjoining Torrance, may be started this month in which case it might be completed by the opening of schools in September, R. J. Becker, member of the Los Angeles Board of Education, has reported to the Shoestring Strip Community association.

In event the school is finished, the elementary students now attending Torrance schools will be served in the new building.

"Because title to the selected site of four and one-half acres of land at 216th st. and Halldale ave. has been cleared more rapidly than had been expected, Becker said the board hopes to begin laying foundation some time this month.

He said he had requested A. S. Nibecker, business manager of the board, to appoint an architect immediately to draw plans for the building on the basis of a survey on possible enrollment to be made by the educational housing section.

Present estimates show that between 500 and 600 children must be provided with classrooms by next Sept. 1 since the Torrance elementary school they are now attending withdraws from the Los Angeles district on July 1, Becker said.

"If the housing section's survey shows more than 600 prospective students we must revise our present plans for a 15-room school to accommodate the future growth of this rapidly expanding community," Becker pointed out.

He promised the board he would make every effort to have the school open in time for September classes. Also discussed were plans for a proposed junior high school to accommodate students now attending Narbonne and Gardens schools which Becker told the association was being considered by the board.

The association has voted to sponsor a community Camp Fire Girls troop now being organized by Mrs. G. Rugg, who said she had 15 prospective troop members interested in forming the organization.

### MISSOURI PICNIC

The president of Missouri State Society announces a picnic for all day March 16, 1947 in Sycamore Grove Park, Los Angeles.

## New Telephone Books Being Distributed

Delivery of 32,000 new San Pedro-Wilmington telephone directories starts today in San Pedro, Wilmington, Lomita, Torrance and Avalon, according to Floyd Y. Snyder, district manager of the Southern California Telephone company. There are 96 pages in the alphabetical section of the directory, which is eight more than in the former directory. The number being delivered is 3,000 more than the last delivery.

The manager suggested that subscribers remove all personal items from the old directories before turning them in.

## Strip Residents Ask Carson St. Zoning Change

More than 150 residents of the Los Angeles Shoestring strip area adjacent to Torrance have signed a request with the Los Angeles City Planning Commission today for the rezoning of Carson Blvd. from Harvard st. to Normandie Blvd., it was announced today. The request asks that the area be made a business instead of a residential zone. It was submitted through Councilman George H. Moore.

The area was assigned a residential zoning last July even though many business places already had been established, the petition points out. Harbor merchants have been invited to develop the area as a shopping center and many have shown an interest in that regard.

A hearing is expected within the next 60 days. Don Wolf headed the petitioners. He is one of the leaders of the Shoestring Strip Development association.

## Howard L. Day Survives Mercy Plane Crash

Howard L. Day, 19, former Torrance High school football player, is in San Diego Navy hospital today following his harrowing experiences Saturday night when a Coast Guard plane returning from a mission of mercy into Baja California, crashed in Mexico and killed 10 of the 12 men aboard—one a fisherman who was being transported to San Diego for medical treatment.

The husky Torrance athlete, son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Day, who four years ago moved from Torrance to San Leandro, Calif., sustained multiple fractures of his right leg, left ankle and hand in addition to receiving numerous cuts and bruises, in the air tragedy.

William Day, who with his wife rushed to his son's bedside in San Diego upon receiving the news, told the Torrance Herald yesterday that his son, only partly conscious as a result of his experiences, revealed to him how he escaped death in the crash and of remaining near the wreckage for 16 hours before being rescued.

The plane, a converted Army bomber, equipped for water landings, crashed into a mesa only 16 miles south of its San Diego goal. The force of the impact ejected the youth thru the splintered fuselage. Dazed and only partly conscious, Howard dragged his broken body clear of the wreckage.

His father for many years was employed with Columbia Steel Co. here in industrial relations.

Young Day enlisted in the Coast Guard about a year ago and is a radioman 3rd class. He is a CAA certified airman and last year launched an air search in Nevada and Northern California for a pilot friend who was lost in that sector. The father reported his son had visited in Torrance only a day before the ill-fated flight.

The other survivor is Roy Hughes, motor machinist's mate 2nd class who lives in San Diego.

**EXTENDED REACH**  
The tongue of a giraffe is remarkably elastic and may be as long as a foot and a half, according to the Encyclopaedia Britannica. The animal uses it for grasping leaves to eat from tall trees.

## Kite Flying Warning Issued By Edison Co.

The invasion of our California skies from every locality by kites forces of kites will soon take place, and with them comes a safety warning to kite flyers from C. C. Bartlett, district manager for the Edison Co.

"Every year about this time," he says, "we like to make sure that parents again remind their children of the Four A's for safe kite flying. A kite tangled in power lines could mean death or serious injury to the flyer, besides disrupting electrical service. Observance of these rules will help prevent accidents."

Here are the Four A's:

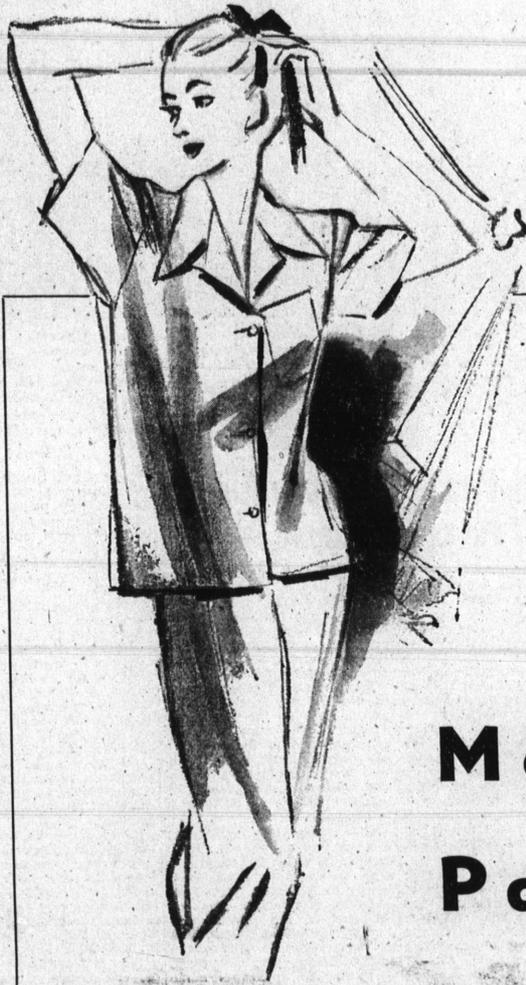
1. Always fly your kite in an open field, away from power lines and street traffic.
2. Always use cotton cord for the kite string. Never use wire, tinsel, or metallic cord—they are conductors of electricity.
3. Always be sure your cord is perfectly dry. A wet cord may become a conductor of electricity.
4. Always release your kite immediately if it does catch in a power line. Let go and do not pull! Telephone the company owning the line and a lineman will come to recover your kite for you safely.

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