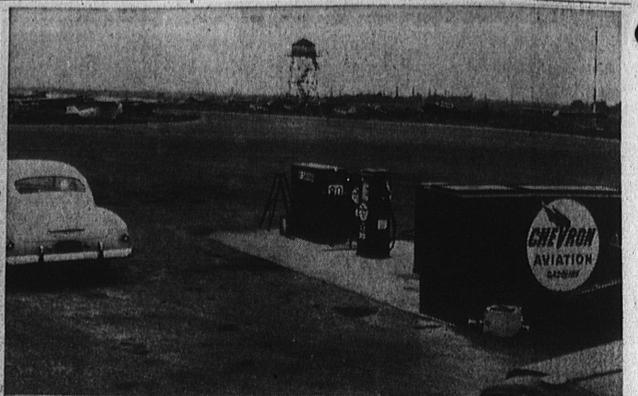




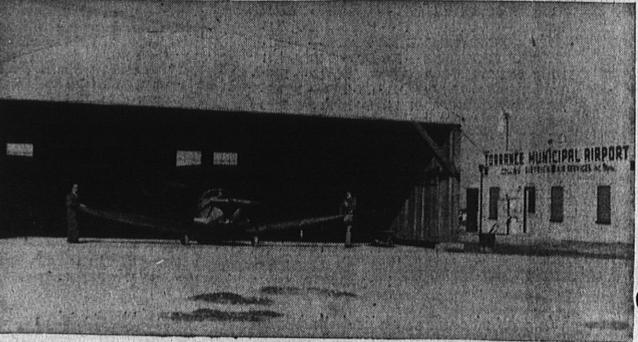
**CHRISTMAS BONUS . . .** Employees of the Longren Aircraft Co. receive their Christmas bonuses four times a year. The company—pioneers in strict forming process for the aircraft industry—is pioneering a profit-sharing system whereby all workers in the plant are associated and receive a percentage of the company's profits. The plan has drawn nationwide attention to the Torrance industry. Shown with several associates is Hampden Wentworth, managing director of the plant.



**REFUELING . . .** Lovely Pat Hillier lends a hand at refueling one of the many planes which call the Torrance Municipal Airport home. Supervising the operation is Clyde Poulson, pilot and assistant to Ed Dietrich, operator of the airport.



**FOR THE FLYBOYS . . .** Torrance's big, modern airport is a busy place these sunny November days. Lots of space is available for lots of planes, and lots of planes utilize that space, as you can see from the top photo of the flight line. Collins and Dietrich, operators of a flight service, are also managers of the municipal port. Ed Dietrich is shown at lower right. Complete facilities for the veteran pilot or private plane owner, as well as instruction for the novice, are available through the air service.



**AIRPORT HANGAR . . .** One of the roomy hangars at the Torrance Municipal Airport is shown here. More hangars are contemplated for construction on the field in the near future.

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**New Car Showing  
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The Torrance Garage was the center of interest Wednesday and Thursday when the noted Doble steam car was brought from Los Angeles and exhibited to Torrance residents. (Dec. 15, 1922).

**You Don't Need a Job,  
You Need a Husband**

Working girls who demand finery possible only by increased compensation over present wages need husbands, not jobs. This is the attitude of Kansas employers expressed before Industrial Court in Topeka, Kansas. (June 9, 1922).

**Bootleggers Beware**

Bootleggers will give Torrance a wide berth when they learn that within the past week the well-laid plans of three alleged professional peddlers of "moonshine" were nipped in the bud, so to speak, and two of them fined heavily. (Dec. 22, 1922).

**YOUNG VOLCANO**

El Paracutin is Mexico's youngest and most active volcano. It first erupted in a farmer's field during February of 1943.

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**Boom Hits Torrance Airport**

Picture this: Torrance Municipal Airport as the center of a vast air cargo network, with giant freight-carrying planes landing and taking off by the scores daily. Fantastic? Not at all, say the insiders of the aircraft business, particularly those interested in finding room to work in. In five years, possibly, the 5000-foot runway, capable of handling B-29s and jets (both have landed there) will handle aircraft of private, freight lines with air terminals squatting around the flight lines like beehives in an apiary. Today, say informed sources, aircraft space is at a premium in the Southland. And Torrance, with its lengthy flight strip and acres of room for expansion, is in a beautiful spot to take advantage of the situation.

Right now, 120 private planes are housed, parked and maintained at the field. Three full-sized and one nose hangar care for overhauling needs. The airport was built in 1941 and 1942 by the government, and used as a P-38 (remember them?) base and a jumping off spot for fighter planes headed overseas.

The only vestige of government control left is the III Corps Observation Group, flying L-123 planes, used primarily as messenger carriers between the Southland and Northern and Central California Army posts.

Following World War II, the War Assets Administration (the War Assets Administration turned the field over to the City of Torrance, for use as a municipal airport, with the proviso that should the ground ever be used for anything else, the field would revert to the government.

In April, 1949, the present management of Collins and Dietrich, Inc. assumed active direction of operations at the field. Since then, Collins has dropped out of the partnership, leaving Ed Dietrich Jr. as president and general manager of the firm.

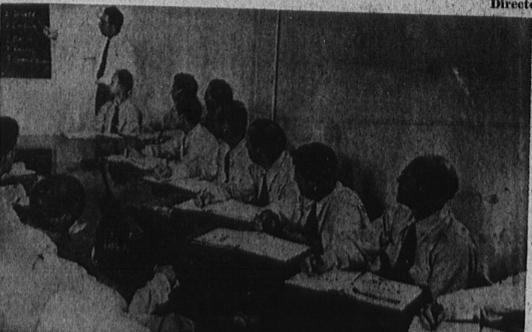
In October of the same year, new lounges, offices and rest rooms for pilots were opened. Less than a year later, five buildings on the strip had to be torn down to make way for an extension of Crenshaw Blvd. from Sepulveda to Pacific Coast Highway.

Since acquisition by the city, the field has undergone numerous changes. It started out as Lomita Flight Strip, was then named Zamperini Field, in honor of Louis Zamperini, a 1943 USMC pilot who was a native of Torrance, and finally wound up as Torrance Municipal Airport, its designation today.

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Hampden Wentworth  
Managing Director



Shown above is a photo taken at one of Longren's weekly Supervisor Meetings. In order to retain its leadership, the Longren technical staff is constantly working to improve its techniques and service to its customers. You can rely upon Longren to continue its solid growth and meet the challenging years that lie ahead.

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