

# Three Firms Seek to Lease 14-Acre Tract at Airport

## Committee Will Study Proposals

The Torrance Airport Commission found plenty of firms who want airport land at their meeting Thursday, including three which want the same 14-acre plot of ground.

A committee, headed by John Crain, was appointed to study the three proposals for the land on the northern edge of the airport, bordered by Cronshaw.

They were: Buttress and McClellan, Inc., which wanted all 14 acres to build a factory to make "iron firemen," the gyro-compass.

The Precision Instrument Co., now located at 1641 Border Ave., wanted 11 acres to make small defense parts.

The Mayflower Trailer Co. wanted to lease six acres to consolidate its two trailer manufacturing plants, now located in Lomita and San Pedro.

Committee members named Jack White and Robert P. Jahn will serve on the committee with Crain.

In other action, the commissioners approved a \$60 hangar proposed for construction by A. N. Trefethen, and a Thangar to be built by Chester Dalley.

Commissioner Jahn will head a committee to investigate a request for an option to build a service station, car wash, and office building on a 250-foot frontage of land on Cronshaw Blvd., 300 yards north of Pacific Coast Hwy. The proposal was made by Venard Kemp and Herbert Alving.

They also made a preliminary proposal to lease a 100-foot frontage on Pacific Coast Hwy., at the west end of the airport, for a retail steel, redwood, and concrete fence company.

After learning that a proposed build-it-yourself cabinet shop in an old building on the airport would probably cost more than the building is worth to remodel, the commissioners voted to reject Hal Smith's plan.

Commission President Robert Herick said Smith plans to seek a location on the airport, on which to build a new building. The commission will hold a special meeting this Saturday afternoon.

## USC Extension Course Planned

The local unit of the University of Southern California extension course on political science will start at the San Pedro YMCA, 921 Beacon St., on Nov. 8, and meet each Tuesday evening thereafter.

Assigned topics for discussion include "What Causes War," "Power Politics," "State and the Individual," "Balance of Power," and others.

A bound and boxed set of reading is included in the tuition of \$12 for the individual, or \$18 for a married couple.

No required reading assignments are necessary prior to the first meeting.

## SC Honors 3 Torrancites

Three Torrance students received "honors at entrance" awards — indicating nearly straight "As" in high school — at ceremonies at the University of Southern California yesterday.

Among the 157 honored were Lorraine Ellis Miller, of 1027 Patronella Ave., Frank M. Bradford, of 2040 W. 182nd St., and William A. Whittington, of 1230 Hickory Ave. All graduates of Torrance High School.

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