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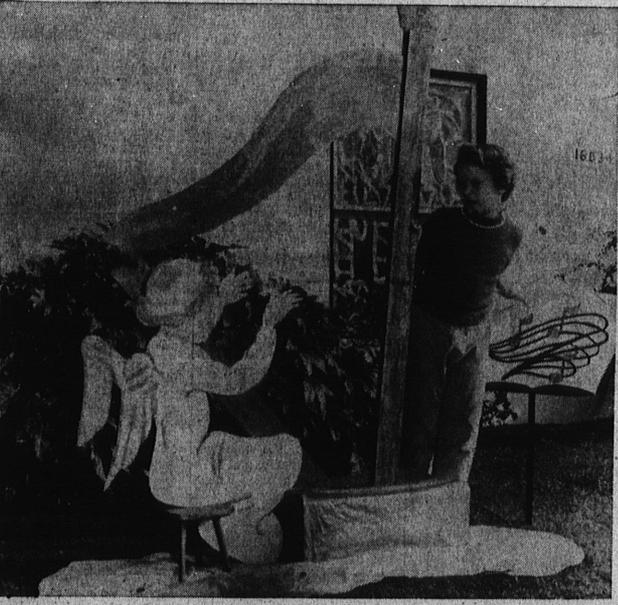
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CAROLERS . . . Even Fido is joining in the singing in this Christmas decoration which adorns the front lawn of Mr. and Mrs. John de la Haye, 16842 Thornburgh Ave. This marks the third straight year that the Alondra Homeowners have used the festive decorations to brighten the Christmas season.



HEAVENLY MUSIC . . . Young Kathy Latlin takes a look at the Christmas decorations at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. Hertzog, 16834 Thornburgh Ave. The Hertzogs have furnished a stained glass effect for the windows behind the angel playing the harp. They are part of the annual Alondra Homeowners decorations throughout the tract.

BOLD GUN MOLL, PAL ROB MAN OF \$2000

Oil Workers to Call Meeting

Hopes of settling the National Supply Co. strike before Christmas faded late Friday as negotiations presided over by Federal Mediator Fred Ferguson broke up without settling the issues involved in the dispute.

Company officials have announced a number of concessions, and a general membership meeting of the Oil, Chemical, and Atomic Workers, Local 1-128, has been called for the day after Christmas to pass on the new proposals.

Among the concessions made by the company was an offer to make any wage agreement retroactive to Nov. 12, 1956 for all employees covered by the contract who return to work within one week from the signing of the agreement; and pay for Christmas Day if the agreement is signed in time for the workers to return on or before Dec. 29.

Herald to Give Babson's Report Next Thursday

America's outstanding forecaster of financial events, Roger W. Babson, will again bring his predictions for 1957 to HERALD readers next Thursday, Dec. 27.

Hailed as one of the most inspiring personalities in American business, Babson annually publishes a business and financial forecast, always exceptionally interesting and of inestimable value.

TOT KILLED BY ASPIRIN

A baby girl died at Harbor General Hospital, Friday, after gulping aspirin at her home, here.

Chardia Louise White, 20 months, succumbed to the effects of 140 grains of the tablets she ate, apparently in the belief that they were candy.

Residents Renew Protests About Gravel Operations

Several cases before the Torrance Planning Commission brought heated discussion Wednesday night, but one of them was dismissed as a matter not properly before the group.

A study of zoning for planting along the north edge of the Torrance Sand and Gravel Co., brought heated discussion among residents of the area. C. W. Shepherd, representing the firm, explained that the area will be used for planting to screen company operations and to serve as a youth area. A Scout Hall now is being built there, and plans are being made to donate a Little League ball diamond there, he said. The area includes 25 acres.

Victim Shifts Gears for Man Driving Truck

A blonde young woman bandit and her burly male accomplice got more than \$2000 when they kidnapped and robbed an oil company employe here late Friday afternoon, according to police.

Andrew Russo, 26, of 17519 Patronella Ave., said he was accosted by the pair after he entered his pick-up truck in a parking lot on the south side of Marcelina Ave., west of Cabrillo Ave.

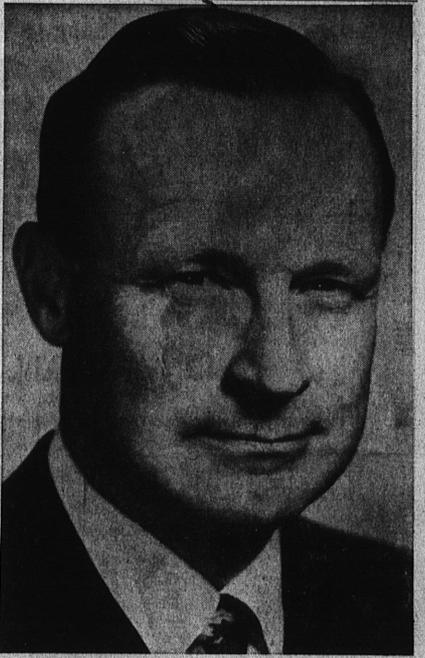
Columbia-Geneva President Dies In Airplane Crash

Alden G. Roach, president of Columbia-Geneva Steel Division of United States Steel Corp., and two company pilots were killed Thursday night in a Pennsylvania plane crash. Mr. Roach was on his way to the West Coast to spend Christmas with his family.

A twin-engine Lockheed with Pilot Roy Rollo and Copilot L. T. Williams, both of Los Angeles, was taking Mr. Roach to New York where he planned to fly to San Francisco.

Money, Checks Taken

Russo had just left the California Bank with \$2020 in small bills and change and an undetermined amount of



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\$41,000 Building Program Proposed for City Airport

A \$41,000 improvement program for Torrance Municipal Airport was outlined Thursday night by Councilman Robert B. Jahn at a joint meeting of the airport commission and members of the City Council.

The program would include construction of the controversial touch and go landing strip at the field, but only after activation of a radio control tower and installation of runway lights. His proposals were received without comment at the meeting, and will be under discussion by the commission next Thursday evening at its regular December meeting.

No mention was made of an access road to keep cars off runways.

Funds Available
Jahn explained that the city's general fund had borrowed \$60,000 in airport funds and that an additional \$18,000 had accrued in the fund, making a total of \$78,000 available for airport purposes.

Activation of the tower on a part-time basis, probably from about 11 a.m. to 5 or 6 p.m. each day, would cost \$8700 for equipment and \$10,000 a year for personnel to operate it, Jahn reported.

Strip Comes Last
Other improvement costs would include about \$16,000 for the runway and taxi strip lights and \$9000 for the touch and go strip.

In addition to these improvements, Jahn recommended that the city consider installation of an automatic change-over generator at the base of the tower to assure an immediate source of power for the flight control operations in the event of a power break in the lines servicing the field. This would cost an additional \$4000, he indicated.

Costs of operating the tower above that of equipping it and paying operating personnel would be negligible, he said. It would cost about \$30 a month to supply power to the runway lighting system, however.

Bonds Planned
The commission and Council discussed financing airport improvements proposed under the Master Plan drawn up for the city by Quinton Engineers

Temperatures	
	High Low
Sunday	73 39
Monday	80 38
Tuesday	75 38
Wednesday	77 39
Thursday	76 38
Friday	65 35

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