

Airport No Threat to New South High, Engineer Says

Operations of Torrance Municipal Airport after the master plan for expansion has been completed will not be a hazard to the new South High School, a representative of the engineering firm which designed the plan here this week.

In response to a query during the monthly Chamber of Commerce breakfast meeting Tuesday, Dave Hamilton, representing Quinton Engineers, Ltd., said the South High

School now under construction was "entirely out of the flight pattern."

Councilman Willys Blount, who had previously spoken of the airport expansion, referred to the Paocima crash a few weeks ago and said the collision of aircraft occurred 30,000 feet in the air and that the drift of the craft after collision carried it to the school site.

His implication was that such an accident is possible

over any part of Southern California.

Hamilton earlier had outlined the airport master plan prepared under contract for the city, pointing out that the main problems which need solution include the dense traffic on the present single runway and the need for improving the safety of the approaches.

To accomplish this, he said the firm concluded that the

activity of the airport must be shifted west, and that a second landing strip was needed.

The study also mapped out the logical uses for the adjacent airport property, he emphasized.

Among the features of the proposed airport improvements are a new terminal area west of the present administration office; new hangar areas separated to accommodate executive craft, medium individ-

ual planes, and small private planes; non-aviation uses in a 300-foot deep strip fronting on Pacific Coast Hwy., and a light industrial area on the north.

Hamilton said airports are classed in eight divisions ranging from small private landing strips to the huge intercontinental express fields such as Los Angeles International Airport.

The Torrance field will be about half way up the list

when improvements are completed, and will be the type that would invite executive craft.

"As L. A. International and Long Beach traffic increases, the executive craft will be crowded out," Hamilton said. He indicated that Torrance should be ready to accommodate them.

Blount commented on the status of Southern California airports, saying "they are dis-

appearing like flies."

He was supported by E. G. "Slim" Kidwell, former operator of Central and Compton airports, who said that 28 airports had been closed down in recent years.

"This plan is a start," Blount said. "Now we need a lot of work, and what Dean Sears calls m-o-n-e-y." Sears is manager of the Bank of America here.

City Manger George Stevens

said financing of the airport improvements would not be done with tax money, but would be covered by Civil Aeronautics Authority funds and revenue bond funds which would be repaid by airport revenue. All commercial and industrial lease income and others can be used on the airport only, he pointed out.

The meeting was arranged by Sears and HERALD Publisher King Williams.

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POLICE NAB FOUR SUSPECTS IN \$2000 KIDNAP-ROBBERY

Quartet Held For Hearings

An attractive young woman and three youths who confessed they are members of a robbery-auto theft ring that has plagued this area in recent months, it was announced yesterday by Det. Capt. Ernest Ashton. He said that Patricia Andrade, 22, of 1613 W. 204th St., and Martin (Sunny) Bonina, 22, of San Pedro, have admitted they were the bandit team that kidnaped and robbed an oil company employe of about \$2000 here just before Christmas.

A second young man, Coy Lee Hall, 24, of 2087 W. 238th St., told of being the "mastermind" who planned the Dec. 21 robbery of James Russo, an employe of the Cal Newell Co., according to Ashton.

A Third Suspect The third male suspect, Eugene W. Bell, 19, of 911 Amalpa Ave., confessed to joining with Bonina in the hold-ups of service stations in Redondo Beach and Gardena as well as several auto thefts, Ashton stated.

Complaints charging robbery were issued yesterday against Miss Andrade, Hall, and Bonina. Bail for the two men was set at \$5000 each and at \$1500 for the Andrade woman.

Hall and the young woman were ordered held for preliminary hearing on Feb. 26. Bonina, now awaiting preliminary hearings on charges filed by Redondo Beach authorities, is due to be arraigned on local charges Thursday.

Awaiting Hearing Bell is awaiting preliminary hearing on robbery and auto theft charges filed by Redondo Beach authorities.

All were taken into custody after Miss Andrade, Bonina, and Hall were arrested by San Pedro police as suspects in the recent safe burglary of a cafe at Torrance Blvd. and Western Ave. Later, they were released to local and Redondo Beach authorities and confessed to Ashton, the Torrance officer said.

Truck Abandoned In the Dec. 21 crime, Russo was threatened by a young man and a "gun moll" who forced their way into the cab of his pick-up truck as he was parking behind the California Bank. The girl covered him with a pistol while the youth drove the truck to a residential area in the Shoestring Strip, where they let Russo out after taking the money. The truck was found abandoned several days later.

Restudy of Bus Needs at White School Ordered

Another survey of the traffic situation in the Steven White Junior High School area was ordered this week, although "riffking" children returned to their classes after a private bus line was engaged.

Principal Albert Cartwright said he had received no word when the transportation committee would visit the area. The survey was ordered by the Board of Education after parents of youngsters in the area west of Vermont and north of Francisco St. claimed that the original survey was not taken at rush hours when the children must go to school.

Meanwhile, enrollment at the school reached 1401. The Wilmington Bus Line was transporting about 90 children from the area to the school, located at 220th and Figueroa St.

Although the area in question lies within 2½ miles of the school, parents kept their children out of the newly-opened school for about 10 days, demanding that a bus be furnished for their children because of dangerous traffic conditions en route to school.

The original transportation committee recommended that no school bus be furnished, declaring that conditions were no more hazardous than in other areas of Los Angeles.

Airport Fund Given \$699 In Gas Taxes

Torrance's share of the 1956 unrefunded motor vehicle fuel tax on aviation gasoline is \$699.48, City Manager George Stevens announced yesterday.

The city's apportionment was its share of the \$115,448 paid to airport-owning cities, he said. The balance of the refunds, or \$234,552, was given to counties.

Los Angeles County received \$22,405 and the five airport-owning cities of the county shared in a similar amount.

Largest payment went to Los Angeles which received \$18,265.41. Long Beach received \$2628.43, Torrance \$699.48, Santa Monica \$611.61, and Hawthorne \$229.66.



ANOTHER CONTRIBUTION . . . John D. Spalding, works manager of the National Supply Co. (left) here presents his company's pledge of \$17,000 for construction of the Little Company of Mary Hospital to General Chairman Sam Levy. Fred W. Mill, National's division controller and assistant secretary, looks on at the right.

Three Days Left To Qualify for Las Vegas Trip

Shoppers have only three days left to win an exciting three-day expense-paid trip to Las Vegas.

It's all free—courtesy of the Downtown Torrance Retail Merchants Division of the Chamber of Commerce as a feature of the mammoth three-day All-America City Dollar Days Sale starting today through Saturday.

Three lucky couples will be selected.

There's nothing to buy—no obligation. Entrants only need to register their name in one or more of the stores listed in special ad on page 12 of today's HERALD.

Drawing will be held at Chamber of Commerce office, 1345 El Prado Ave., Monday noon.

Winners need not be present.

Ron Hargrove Wins Lions' Club Trophy

Ron Hargrove, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hargrove, 2509 Nearcliffe Dr., was named winner of the Torrance Lions' Club speakers' contest.

The Torrance High School senior was named best of three speakers at the club meeting Wednesday, and will compete in area and zone competitions in coming weeks. Runners-up were Bill Morgan and Ollie Lessin.

All of the students spoke on "My Place in the World of 1976." Judges were Judge John A. Shidder, Dr. Marvin Brain, and John Elmore.

Hargrove was city winner in the "I Speak for Democracy" contest last year and plans to go to college and probably will take a business major.

The winner was given a desk set by Lions Club President Abe Robinson and the runners-up received trophies. Dale Harter headed the student speakers' committee.

Horlander Gets Award

Douglas J. Horlander was named the "outstanding young man" of the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce at a meeting held last Thursday evening at the Club Alondra.

Horlander was cited for his work as chairman of the committee which laid the groundwork for the "All-America City" nomination and headed the banquet.

He also was cited as commander of Company E, 132nd Armored Engineers Battalion, California National Guard,

which helped in the flood on Jan. 26, 1956, and helped in an airlift of supplies to northern California after disastrous floods there.

The award was presented by A. E. Thompson, president of the Torrance Chamber. Horlander was nominated by W. G. Sturgis, Jack Phillips, and William R. Lyons. He was chosen from five nominees.

A resident of 20605 Madrona Ave., he is a member of the Junior Chamber.

Chace Approves New Court Design

Early construction of the proposed county courthouse building at Torrance was approved Tuesday when Supervisor Burton W. Chace approved schematic plans for the building to be located in the Torrance Civic Center.

According to Chace, the estimated cost for the building is \$274,858. The building is being designed by Kenneth S. Wing of Long Beach and will house a municipal court as well as offices for the marshal, clerk of court, sheriff's attaches, and an office for the district attorney. The building, Chace de-

clared, also is being designed to allow for the addition of two more courtrooms whenever necessary.

The building will be a one-story structure and will conform architecturally with the other buildings in the Torrance Civic Center. It will be constructed on land donated by the City of Torrance.

Chace declared that Tuesday's approval of schematic plans, he was hopeful that an early completion date would be reached for the final plans and award of bid for construction of the building.

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National Supply Pledges \$17,000 To New Hospital

The National Supply Co. today pledged \$17,000 to the Little Company of Mary Hospital campaign. The pledge was presented by J. D. Spalding, works manager of the Torrance plant,

to Sam Levy, general chairman of the fund raising campaign.

In making the presentation Spalding said, "The Torrance plant of the National Supply Co., having had its beginning in 1912 with the founding of the City of Torrance, has always identified itself with civic developments which contribute to the well being of its employes.

"Two years ago we made a substantial contribution to the Torrance Memorial Hospital, and it gives me pleasure now to announce a pledge of \$17,000 to the new hospital to be built by the Little Company of Mary. Torrance is most fortunate in being favored as the community selected for this hospital."

Levy praised the gift as "another outstanding contribution" to the future of Torrance and the South Bay area.

"This is a fine gift for the new hospital," he said, "but it goes even further. It is a far sighted contribution to the health security of our people, and thus becomes a contribution for the future development of our community."

4 Leave For YMCA Sessions

Four Torrance High School seniors left yesterday for Sacramento where they will take over posts in the YMCA Youth and Government sessions in Sacramento.

The four, whose trip was sponsored by the Torrance Rotary Club, are David Shinoda,

senator; James Patrick, assemblyman; Ollie Lessin, political reporter for THE HERALD; and Denis Brown, lobbyist.

All of the quartet wrote a "bill" to be presented to the legislature and the winners were chosen after a committee of YMCA board members, Rotarians, and lawyers chose the best bill to represent Torrance.

The Torrance delegation will argue for gas tax allocations to build and maintain supervised

drag trips as recreation facilities to help prevent juvenile delinquency.

Some 500 YMCA members from all parts of California will take part in the sessions. Bills passed by the model legislature will be considered by the California Legislature at its next session. The boys will confer with state political leaders.

All bills for the trip were paid by the Rotary Club.

Top Officer To Address Rotary Clubs

Torrance Rotarians will abandon their regular weekly meeting tonight to attend a joint assemblage of local division clubs to be held tomorrow noon at the Hacienda San Pedro Hotel.

The joint meeting will honor William Todd, vice president of Rotary International. President Ray Larson of the local club urged all Torrance members to attend.

Dr. Larson announced this week the membership of the new board of directors of the Torrance club to serve during the 1957-58 year. Chosen by ballot of the membership were: Dr. Joseph P. Bay, optometrist; Eldon J. Bowen, vice president of Southwest Savings and Loan; Wallace L. Haas, Bethlehem Pacific; Glenn Koger, Rome Cable; Robert G. Leech, and George Post, California Bank; Jack Schmidt, Pacific Smelting and Robert H. Tolson of William H. Tolson and Associates.



OFF TO SACRAMENTO . . . Four representatives of the Torrance YMCA left early yesterday for Sacramento to attend the annual Youth and Government sessions. Delegates in the car include (l to r) Ollie Lessin, David Shinoda, Denis Brown, and James Patrick. Telling them goodbye are Rotary President Ray Larson and members Jack Schmidt and Bob Leech.