



**MAPPING DRIVE . . .** Roger Bernhardt, (left) and Jerry Tornell, representatives of Car Clubs Associated, are shown mapping out the city prior to this week end's two-day campaign for the YMCA. More than 100 car clubbers, under the supervision of police officers, will make a door-to-door canvass of the city on behalf of the YMCA's current support campaign, which is nearing the goal. (Herald Photo)



**FLYING SEDAN . . .** Molt Taylor and Jess Minnick show off their Aerocar, which converts from an aircraft to a highway sedan in about five minutes, during a brief visit to Torrance Municipal Airport last week. The Craft has been certificated by the CAA. (Herald Photo)

### Flying Car Visits Torrance During Cross Country Hop

Did you ever consider jumping into your car and flying to work . . . or jumping into your airplane and driving down to the store?

You not only can but will if you follow the advice of Jess Minnick and Molt Taylor, who visited the Torrance airport last week.

The pair, who make their headquarters in Longview, Wash., flew into the airport in their Aerocar—which is both an airplane and an auto. Designed to beat the traffic, the Aerocar will cruise at about 100 mph in the air, or 60 mph on the ground, and can be converted from plane to auto in about five minutes.

MINNICK AND Taylor were on their way back to Longview after flying the odd looking craft all over the United States, reaching points as far away as Florida.

The wing and tail section of the plane detach with a simple operation and become a trailer which can be towed from the landing strip to the family garage for storage. Wheels built

into the leading edge of the wings become the trailer wheels.

As an auto, the Aerocar has been tested on city streets and in all kinds of weather along highways. As a plane, the vehicle has been flown for thousands of hours, and is fully approved by the CAA.

ITS LYCOMING 0-320 engine delivers 143 horsepower and will give 18 mpg performance on the ground and about 8 gph in the air at the cruising speed.

It will land at about 50 mph, has a service ceiling of more than 12,000 ft. fully loaded, and a 300-mile range.

Joan Trefethan, Lomita and Rolling Hills flying enthusiast,

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flew the Aerocar during its brief visit here.

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## 'Y' to Conduct Door-to-Door Campaign This Week End

The Torrance YMCA announced today that the door-to-door Neighborhood Campaign will be held this Saturday and Sunday, March 14 and 15, to conclude the 1959 YMCA Drive.

The Car Clubs Associated, sponsored by the Torrance Police Department, with over 100 members will conduct the two-day campaign throughout the city. The youths will knock on every door in Torrance in an effort to complete the task of raising \$30,000 to keep the local YMCA alive and growing.

The Car Clubs Associated members are well aware of the many good services of the YMCA, both for YMCA Club members and for many other groups such as Scouts, Rod and Gun Clubs, Churches, School classes, and the Car Clubs themselves.

Each youthful YMCA Campaigner will carry identification cards, and receipts will be mailed from the YMCA office for all gifts received.

**ADDRESSES METAL CONGRESS**  
Ellis P. Owen, 17701 Falda Ave., senior engineer of the Guided Missile Div., Firestone Tire and Rubber Co., Los Angeles, was slated to address two sessions of the Eleventh

Albert Isen, 1959 YMCA Campaign Chairman, asked all citizens to receive the Car Clubbers, and to give generously to this most deserving agency. Isen said that \$22,800 has been raised in cash and pledges from less than 500 citizens and firms. He asked all other citizens to share in this final effort to achieve the necessary funds to keep the YMCA operating.

Western Metal Congress meeting at the Los Angeles Ambassador Hotel this week. Yesterday he spoke before a session of the American Welding Society; and tomorrow he is due to address the Society for Non-destructive Testing.

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