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# WENTWORTHS DIE IN AIR CRASH

**A Penny for your Thoughts**

"If meat packing companies set up their own retail stores selling direct to housewives do you think this plan will be advantageous?" This is the question for today's Penny For Your Thoughts column.

Mrs. Lucille Thompson, 2417 Sonoma St. registered nurse:

"I'm not in favor of it because large companies would monopolize the market to a further extent hurting the small, independent butchers. I like the independent butchers because they know the customers and their needs."

Mrs. Joan Bolotin, 1028 Crenshaw Blvd., school teacher:

"It could be an advantage if we could obtain meat fresher and cheaper. I don't care for packaged meat. We may have a wider selection, yet I still like the personal attention of the smaller shops."

Mrs. M. Rehnard, 2208 Carbrillo St., registered nurse:

"I wouldn't like this plan. I like to shop in one store and get all of my staples in one place. I wouldn't want to go for my meat to a different store. I like to select my own cuts and have a butcher wait on me."

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## Committee Named Compromise Sought in Park Spat

An alternate ball park site for the Southwood Little League Cubs is being sought by a committee appointed by Torrance City Council Tuesday night.

The committee was named after the Council deferred action for a week on a request by officials of the team that they be allowed to establish a youth baseball facility in Paradise Park, located on Lee St. and Ellinwood Dr.

Denial of the request was recommended by the Park and Recreation Commission and by City Manager George Stevens, who reported that funds are available for development of the 4½-acre park site. The committee will also check on another park site, located at Anza Ave. and Emerald St. or the Entradero sump, where the Tordondo Little League will soon establish a playing field.

## Judge Delays Suit to Settle Annex Priority

Decision on the question of whether Torrance or Gardena will have priority in annexing Alondra territory has been set aside for several months, it was learned Tuesday.

Asst. City Atty. Robert Dower said Inglewood Superior Judge Eugene P. Faye elected to defer action until a decision has been reached on another suit involving land along Crenshaw Blvd. between Manhattan Beach and Redondo Beach Blvds.

Torrance filed both actions contending that this city has priority over Gardena in seeking to annex this territory because of an original filing on the land and because of corporation status.

## SURGERY FAILS AS MAN CHOKES

A 75-year-old Torrance businessman died Monday evening after he choked on a piece of meat.

Hanson Wilkinson, who operated a flower shop at 18401 Hawthorne Ave., choked on the meat at his home at 18410 Burn Ave., and was rushed to the Little Company of Mary Hospital.



AFTER ANOTHER TRIP . . . The Flying Wentworths—Hamptden and Christina—are shown here as they returned to Torrance Municipal Airport in 1954 after a 25,000-mile trip to Europe, North Africa, and the Near East. Greeting the couple were their three children Francisca, Christopher, and Stratford. (Herald Photo)

## Plane Fails In Takeoff During Snow

Hamptden and Christina Wentworth, popular Torrance industrial team and flying enthusiasts, were killed Tuesday evening when their light plane crashed near Reserve, N.M., as they attempted to take off during a storm.

The Wentworths, who sold their interest in Longren Aircraft to Aeronco Mfg. Co. last year, had been on a cross-country tour and were reportedly returning to Torrance Airport from Albuquerque, N.M., when the crash occurred. They lived at 36 Portuguese Bend Rd., Rolling Hills.

NEWS SERVICES quoted Sheriff Barney Hickson as saying he asked the Wentworths to remain overnight after their plane was forced to land in a muddy field.

The plane in which they crashed was a stager-winged Beechcraft biplane owned by Councilman Robert Jahn, with whom Wentworth had recently become associated in a real estate development business.

The plane was similar to the one christened "Tatu" in which the Wentworths made a 25,000-mile trip in 1954 which included flights across the North Atlantic to Europe, North Africa, and the Near East.

THE COUPLE also was in the news in 1951 when they were forced down in the Bolivian jungles on a South American flight, and were the objects of a wide search for two days. Wentworth repaired the plane, on that occasion, and they were able to fly out of the wilderness.

Wentworth was president of the Longren Aircraft Co. here until last year when it was merged with Aeronco. He was head of the Longren-California Division of Aeronco until recently when he sold his interests to the Aeronco company.

SURVIVING THE couple are four children, Francisca, 8; Christopher, 7; Stratford, 5; and David, 3. Mrs. Wentworth is survived also by a son by a previous marriage, Peter Wentworth.

Other survivors include his mother, Mrs. Alice Wentworth; brothers Chapman and Stratford, and a sister, Mrs. Erwin Hannun. Mrs. Wentworth's mother, Mrs. Alice Ehlers, also survives.



MIKE ROBBINS  
Academy Nominee

## Robbins is Nominee to AF Academy

Mike Robbins, South high school senior, has received the 17th Congressional nomination to the U. S. Air Force Academy, it was announced this week. The appointment was made by Congressman Cecil King and will be for four years at the Colorado Springs, Colorado, air base.

Mike, 18, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Robbins, of 4730 Via Corona, Hollywood Riviera. The senior Robbins is pilot for United Airlines. Mike Robbins will finish his high school education before leaving for the academy and will be a 2nd Lieutenant when he graduates from the military school. He plans to do four years of active duty following in the Air Command.

## YMCA Sets \$32,900 as Goal of 1960 Campaign

The Torrance YMCA announced its 1960 Campaign goal today, along with names of key Fund Drive Leaders. A fund of \$32,629 will be needed to serve 6109 local boys and girls during 1960.

Scott F. Albright, board chairman, stated that this goal will support 213 YMCA Clubs, 11 local YMCA Camps, athletics for 1200 boys in Torrance YMCA Leagues, plus a host of leadership training activities and personal counseling.

ALBRIGHT announced that Albert Isen has accepted the job of General Campaign chairman for the third straight year. Isen recruited George Heaton to lead the YMCA's Industrial

Campaign and Dr. Allen L. Peatt to head the Century Club Drive for 100 memberships.

Stanley Remelmeyer is chairman of the teams campaign, and has recruited Chapman Bone and Donald Hitchcock to serve as his associates.

SIX DIVISION chairmen have each accepted goals of \$2666 in local youth agency's current support campaign. These leaders are Robert Morris, John Wallace, Robert Waddell, Jim Post, George Kurtz, and Dr. Robert Barrett.

The Torrance YMCA Campaign will be launched with a Kick-off Breakfast on Saturday, Feb. 20, and will conclude with a Victory Banquet on March 17.

AT THE present time, more than 200 volunteer "Y" Campaigners are being recruited for the city's largest annual campaign, and Advance Gifts are being secured from concerned families and firms.

The local YMCA provides a graded program for children six years of age through high school and college. All funds to operate this vast program are raised through the single drive each year.

## Graham Judged Guilty

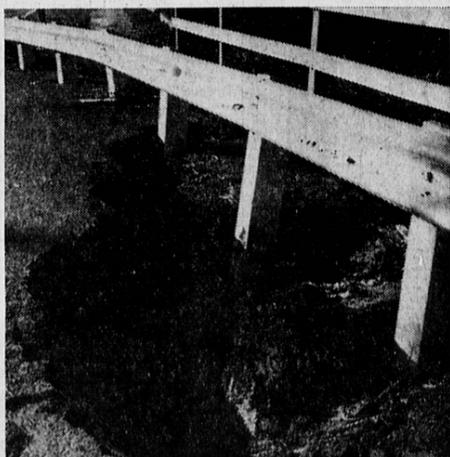
Found guilty of forgery and conspiracy by Superior Court Judge J. Howard Ziemann Monday was Fay Graham, 39, onetime operator of Fay's Halfway House on Torrance Airport.

Miss Graham was nabbed with an alleged ring last year which specialized in passing bogus checks printed by Richard V. Florence, 34, of 809 Patronella Ave., operator of a Torrance printing firm.

The woman was convicted after submission of her case several months ago along with Robert Ives, 43, of Redondo Beach.

Ives and Miss Graham, who reportedly headed the operation, were accused of cashing counterfeit checks on accounts for the United States Borax and Chemical Corp., Wilson Paper Co., and the Burke-Reynolds Construction Co.

Florence pleaded guilty earlier to one count of forgery and conspiracy and was sentenced to 52 weekends in county jail. Miss Graham will be sentenced Feb. 29.



RAIN DAMAGE . . . Torrents which swelled the Dominguez Channel, now in the process of being reconstructed, caused this washout on the Arlington Ave. bridge Monday night during heavy rains here. Torrance received 1.07 inches of rain to bring the season's total to 7.17 inches. Last year at this time the total stood at 1.51 inches.



A LAKE AGAIN . . . Heavy rains of last Monday afternoon and evening flooded this area pictured from Palos Verdes Riviera and gave newcomers to Torrance their first view of the site known as Watteria Lake. (Herald Photo)

## Area Crash Hurts Four

Possible serious injury to four persons resulted from two traffic accidents reported to California Highway Patrol Tuesday. Mrs. Connie Moskos, 35, of 16007 Main St., Gardena, was hospitalized with head injuries after the car she was driving overturned three times and went out of control on Victoria St. east of Avalon Blvd.

A three-car crash at Artesia Blvd. and Central Ave. resulted in possible internal injuries to George Brother, 73, Los Angeles; Elizabeth Arnaut, 25, Wilmington; and Nancy MacDonald, 21, Long Beach. Drivers were Brother, Miss Arnaut and Eldridge Barnes, of Compton.

## On Hawthorne Blvd.

### Fox Markets to Open Newest Store Today

The fast-growing Fox Market chain will open its 40th store—the third in Torrance—at 20900 S. Hawthorne Blvd. with ribbon cutting ceremonies at 9 a.m. today.

On hand for the grand opening will be officials of the store, the city, and the Chamber of Commerce.

TORRANCE'S NEW market will have every modern shopping aid for the convenience of the busy housewife, according to Robert E. Palmer, vice president and general manager of Fox Markets, Inc. Electrical-operated equipment such as automatic food selectors, check stands, and change dispensers will ease the shopping chores, he said.

In addition to the huge selections of meats, groceries,

and delicatessen items, the store will provide facilities for parking 350 autos; a Van de Kamp bakery department, 200 feet of frozen food space, and a complete liquor department.

S&H GREEN stamps, which is opening a redemption store next door at the same time, will be given with purchases, Palmer said.

A full week end of celebration, highlighted by outstanding stars of television and radio, has been scheduled for the new market.

SCHEDULED FOR personal appearances Friday and Saturday at the store are Skipper Frank, Chucko the Clown, Jimmy Weldon and Webster Webfoot, Commander Rip Tide, and others. A complete schedule of

appearances can be found in a special news section of today on page 32.

A special eight-page section of shopping values, which will be offered in all three Torrance Fox Markets this week end, is included in today's 48-page HERALD.

DIRECTOR of the new market will be Chuck Daniels a Torrance resident. Coordinating the job of getting the store ready for opening today were Bill Mitchell, grocery merchandiser; Jimmy Tipps, grocery division manager; Dick Annis, district manager, and Daniels.

For entertainment schedules and prize lists for the grand opening, turn now to page 32. For eight pages of the grand opening specials, turn to the special section beginning on Page 41.