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PILOTS GATHERING FOR 'DERBY'

National Air Race to Start Here July 9

Women pilots from points throughout the nation began converging on Torrance this week end as they get ready for a round of sightseeing and preparations for the 14th running of the All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race which begins here next Saturday.

A registration headquarters has been established at Torrance Municipal Airport, and a local headquarters for the pilots established at the Plush Horse Inn.

Recreation Department Trips Begin

"Discovery trips" for Torrance youngsters are slated to begin this week under sponsorship of the Torrance Recreation Dept.

First of the nature-study journeys is planned Tuesday when 10 through 14-year-olds will be taken to examine tidal pools at Lunada Bay. A bus will leave McMaster Park at 9 a.m.

Other groups will leave at the same time Thursday from Recreation Dept. headquarters and July 11 from El Retiro Park.

Later trips include excursions to the "vanishing expedition."

On July 6, the Sea-Aire Teen-Age Golf Club will travel to the Recreation Park Golf Course in Long Beach for a links session.

An outing at Pacific Ocean Park is planned for teenagers on July 14. Youngsters interested in any of the trips may register at the play area nearest their home or at the Recreation Dept. offices.

Blamed for Crash

Mechanical troubles which caused a bus transmission to explode was listed by California Highway Patrolmen this week as the cause of a bus accident in Rolling Hills Wednesday afternoon which injured 39 boys and day camp counselors were injured.

THROUGHOUT THE morning, the pilots will be waved off at Torrance Airport on their way to Wilmington, Del., where they must check in by July 13 to be eligible for prizes.

A \$2500 prize is awaiting the pilot or pilots logging the best handicap time.



TO AID RACE START . . . Bob Cummings, popular movie and television star, will be honorary starter here next Saturday when the 14th annual All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race (Powder Puff Derby) gets started from Torrance Municipal Airport. "He's a natural," a race official said. "Bob's interest is widely recognized—for aviation and women." He and Mrs. Cummings will attend the luau preceding the race.

Gardena's Bid To Take Strip Declared Void

Torrance, whose lawsuit record looked like a Dodger's home stand, came out on the winning side of one Friday when a litigation filed against Gardena over annexation rights was decided in favor of the city. Annexation of the Crenshaw Blvd. area near El Camino College by Gardena

Jaycees Choose Vroman

Robert H. "Bob" Vroman, 29 year old salesman for Southwest Blueprint Co., is the new president of the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Other officers for the 1960-61 year include first vice president, Joe Sullivan; second vice president, George Gillium; secretary, Rich Gerald; and treasurer Vince Benstead.

Robert Morris, immediate past president is now serving as vice president of the California State Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Vroman has been a Torrance resident since 1956 and is a graduate of Kitsilano High School of Vancouver, B.C.

The youthful leader is a former ski instructor and is past president of the Hollyburn Ski Club of Vancouver.

Airport Week to Begin Tomorrow

The city will observe "Airport Week" beginning tomorrow, in honor of the city's selection as the take-off point for the All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race on July 9.

Residents of the city were invited to visit the airport during the week in a proclamation approved by the mayor and city council Tuesday.

has been held null and void in a decision handed down by Superior Judge Eugene P. Fay of the Inglewood Superior Court.

THE ACTION, filed by Torrance Asst. City Atty. Robert K. Dower, challenged Gardena's action in seeking to annex an L-shaped parcel of land.

In a quo warranto action, the city maintained it had priority on the territory by virtue of an earlier move to annex land which included the same property.

THE CITY, with an eye on the commercially important Crenshaw Blvd. frontage and the home development north of El Camino College and Alondra Park, considered the disputed property important as it provides a link between Torrance and the areas to the north.

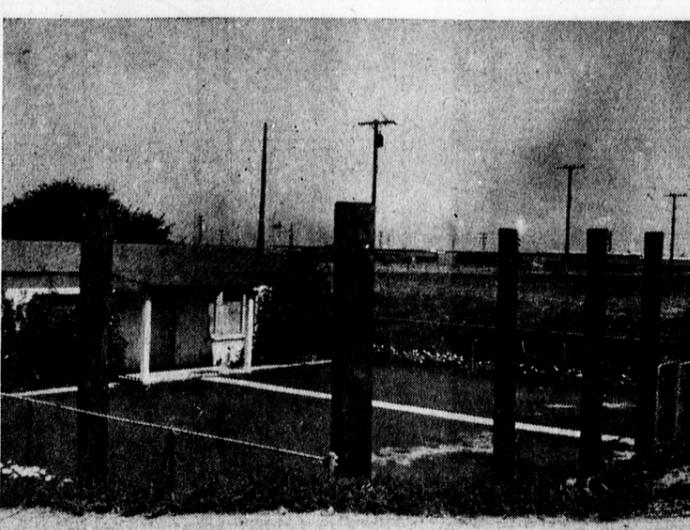
Torrance and Lawndale are squaring off in another sector on the annexation front as both have indicated intentions to annex the huge, uninhabited Alondra Park area.

LAWNDALE FILED boundary descriptions and then filed a notice of intention to annex, while Torrance, rushing into the act, filed a notice of intention to annex, and then filed boundary descriptions.

It may take the courts to settle the one also, scouts along the front report.

Offices Closed

The Torrance HERALD offices will be closed tomorrow, Independence Day. Regular news and advertising deadlines will be in effect Tuesday.



CAR CATCHER . . . Sam Kita, who resides at 23175 Hawthorne Ave., finally gave up hopes that the state would install a traffic control signal at the dead end of Lomita Blvd. on Hawthorne and has put up a protective moat of huge power poles, solidly anchored in the ground. Kita's front yard has been the landing place for three flying autos in recent months, the latest in the early hours of June 7. (Herald Photo)

Ryan Gets A New \$17 Million Order

Award of a \$17,350,000 letter of intent to Ryan Electronics, division of Ryan Aeronautical Co., by the Navy Bureau of Weapons was announced yesterday by Robert C. Jackson, executive vice president.

The order calls for hundreds of additional Ryan APN-122 Doppler radar navigators which with orders previously announced, brings the total value of business Ryan has received for these particular units to \$51 million. Other Doppler radar sets, principally the APN-97,

are also in production at Ryan.

DELIVERIES under the new \$17 million Navy order are scheduled to start in February of 1961, extending production of the units an additional year at Ryan's electronics manufacturing facility in Torrance.

Development work on the systems is one at the Ryan Electronics Engineering Center on Kearney Mesa San Diego.

THE NEW LETTER contract is a follow-up to the Navy order for these units finalized

last month which, together with spares and other items, totaled \$34 million. Under this contract, Ryan is currently producing and delivering APN-122 Doppler navigators for use in a wide range of Navy aircraft.

In addition to the APN-122, Ryan develops and produces many types of Doppler automatic navigational devices and missile guidance systems for U.S. Navy, U.S. Army, British Royal Navy, and many aircraft, helicopter, and electronics manufacturers.

Local Race Team Flying 'Gravel Mary's' Banners

Flying under the name of "Gravel Mary's," two housewives, Mrs. Iris Critchell and Mrs. Mary Pinkney of Torrance will be entry No. 8 in the forthcoming All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race, more popularly known as the "Powder Puff Derby."

The nationally known event is set to take off from Torrance Municipal Airport on July 9th. The City of Torrance, the Torrance Chamber of Commerce and the Long Beach Chapter of the 99's, Inc., are the sponsors.

A CESSNA 175 (175 horsepower) will be the "concrete" entry for the two women who are being sponsored by the suppliers and friends of "Gravel Mary's," a sand, gravel and concrete building material supply yard in Walteria owned by Mrs. Pinkney.

The Critchell-Pinkney crew will have four days to cover the 2509 statute mile course and must cross the finish line at New Castle County Airport, Wilmington, Del., by noon of July 13th to be eligible for awards. All contestants will fly the prescribed course and may refuel or remain overnight at any of the 11 "designated" airports on the route.

MRS. CRITCHELL, flying her 10th TAR, will have in the copilot seat one of her former students whom she taught to fly at Torrance Municipal Airport, scene of this year's race start, and where she continues

to teach as a free lance flight instructor.

A former WASP ferry pilot during WWII and later an instructor at Santa Maria, Mrs. Critchell has logged more than 4500 hours. She holds ratings on single and multi-engine land, flight instructor for airplanes and instruments, and ground school instructor ratings for civil air regulations, meteorology, navigation, radio, power plants, aircraft, instruments, and parachutes.

Public Invited To Attend Puff Derby Take-off

The public is invited to attend the start of the 1950 Powder Puff Derby at 9 a.m. Saturday, July 9th at the Torrance Municipal Airport. There will be no charge.

Due to the scope of this race the usual Airport Day events will not be as elaborate according to Host General Chairman Joe Doss of the Chamber of Commerce and City Airport Commission.

Doss said the Airport will be open throughout the date for inspection and that there would be some exhibits and new planes to view. The Goodyear Blimp will make three landings and take-offs starting at 2 p.m.

Doss said that Airport Day Program will be bigger than ever.

WHEN NOT engaged in operating her sand and gravel business and aiding her husband, Robert, in the operation of his equipment rental yards, Mrs. Pinkney, a private pilot, actively participates in the aviation education program of the local Civil Air Patrol unit where she serves as information officer and commandant of cadets.

Both women are members of air-minded families with husband Howard Critchell, a pilot for Western Airlines, and husband, Robert Pinkney, holding a commercial pilot license.

BOTH WOMEN are the mothers of two children each. Along with normal home activities, Mrs. Critchell works with son Robin, 14, in the Peninsula Science Club, and utilizes her former Olympic swimming experience in working with daughter Sandy, 7, a member of a local swimming team.

Mrs. Pinkney is an active rooter for son Tim, 12, and his Little League team, and is teaching daughter Judy, 10, the arts of homemaking.

MRS. PINKNEY is also active in local women's clubs and community organizations.

Both women are active members of the Ninety-Nines, Inc., international organization of licensed women pilots and are working with the local Long Beach Chapter to host the start of the race this year.

A Penny for your Thoughts

Wondering what the Fourth of July means to the youngsters of today, the Pennies reporter asked several—

"What comes to your mind when you think about the Fourth of July?"

Answering were: Rickey Wachter, 209 Van Deen, 5 years old, student at Carson St. school.

"It means it's time to buy some fire crackers to shoot off. We stay home so my daddy does most of it and I just watch."

Rick Engelhardt, 3303 Dalemead, sophomore at Bishop Montgomery High.

"It's just another three-day holiday to me. We might go fishing at Lake Isabella. We don't go much for fireworks so probably will only get a couple of boxes of sparklers, anyhow fireworks are prohibited there at Lake Isabella."

Rita Cox, 224 E. 228th St., 13½ years old, student at White Jr. High.

"The Fourth of July makes me think of fireworks first off, then this year my cousin, who is my age is coming out and I'm looking forward to that. She gets here the day after."

I think we are going to my Aunt's in Whittier and that is always fun."

Bruce Benike, 1008 Eriel, 11 years old, student at Fern-Greenwood school.

"It makes me think of fireworks and Independence Day."

Of course the fireworks are the most interesting as I usually get to stay up later to watch them. It's a long week end but also a dangerous one so we won't do much driving. We'll probably have a bar-b-que at home."

Larry McClour, 1621 Amapola, 13 years old, student at Torrance Elementary.

"Oh, I think of fireworks and it being a long weekend. Our uncle will be here from Okinawa and is bringing back a lot of Japanese fireworks so we expect to have a real colorful Fourth."

Wilford Couron, 1718 Marina, 17 years old, student at Torrance High.

"When I think of the Fourth of July I naturally think of fireworks. We usually have quite a few so probably will this year, too."

The family might go to Lake Irvine for a picnic Sunday but other than that we are going to stay pretty close to home."



WINS TROPHY . . . Myron Floren presents trophy to 14-year-old Charles Conoway of Lomita who accepts on behalf of the Little Theater Youth Band of Lomita for excellence in the All-State Competition Sunday in Norwalk. Individual performance trophies were presented to Ernest Hedges, Darlene Vonandale, Charlotte Gaggaanun, Renata Farber, Frank Young, Phillis Vrioste, and Danny Feliciano.