

# DEAR EDITOR . . .

Editor  
Torrance Press:  
After reading the article in the Torrance Press as of February 25 regarding the closing and dismantling of the G.E. jet testing station due to general complaints by Torrance residents, people in Lomita are asking themselves why it should have required five long years of insistent and urgent appeals in order to gain only temporary relief from the many low flying and roaring planes over their roof-tops operating out of the Torrance air field?

Our many appeals to local officials for relief on this question was only side-tracked, ignored and snubbed, finally winding up in the Governor's office. May we ask, where were local offi-

cialists when and while Lomitanians were having their homes and contents bombarded and burned to the ground, their lives in almost daily jeopardy, their business placed at a weekly loss and the right and pleasure of using their yards for relaxation robbed from under them?

When seeking relief from these careless, inconsiderate and lawless pilots skimming our roof-tops, we were dogmatically informed by one of our aeronautics officials that we had reached the height of stupidity, that we were obstructing and impeding progress and had failed to pass through or beyond the horse and buggy days of yesterday.

A large majority of people here in Lomita may in the eyes

of certain egotistical, bureaucratic public officials be looked upon, or classed as stupid, but public opinion at large always has, and still rules in favor of the preservation of human life, people's peace of mind and their homes in which they have their hearts and life's earnings entwined.

People of Lomita wish to extend their congratulatory respects to the people of Torrance for their quick and positive action on the solution of their jet-noise problem. We, in Lomita have been in the ring pitching for five long years seeking a solution to our destructive plane nuisance and problem, and we are still pitching and hoping.

To Assemblyman Vincent Thomas we wish to publicly and sincerely express our deep appreciation and gratitude for his loyal and helpful service in aiding us to endeavor liberating ourselves from this plane haz-

### Vet Center Execs Attend Area Meet

Torrance president of the Community Chest - sponsored Veterans Service Center, Pa. MacDonnell, and Mrs. Helen Dill, executive director of the agency, were both on hand at the birthday party of the Service Centers in the Los Angeles Area. The affair, held last week at the Nickabob Restaurant, was a luncheon meeting.

ard and nuisance. Also, to Attorney Fenton, who presided over the Torrance meeting of the plane problem goes our thanks and appreciation for conducting an equitable and impartial meeting, even though it failed along with the many other previous such meetings to gain us any lasting or permanent results.

Malcolm Cameron



PFC. ROBERT H. BECK (right) of Torrance, is congratulated by Colonel Niels I. Poulsen, Camp Schimmelpfennig commander, after being named Soldier of the Month for the 50th Signal Battalion in Japan. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest T. Beck of 23163 Doris way, the 23-year-old soldier is a personnel administration specialist in Headquarters Company of the battalion. He entered the Army in November 1952 and arrived overseas last June from Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana. Beck is a 1952 grad uate of the University of California at Los Angeles.

## HATTRUP IN JAPAN FOR REST

Cpl. Richard F. Hatrup, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hatrup, 2402 W. 155th St., Gardena, recently spent a seven-day rest and recuperation leave in Kobe, Japan.

Normally stationed in Korea as a military policeman with the 40th Infantry Division's Military Police Company, Hatrup stayed at one of Japan's best resort hotels and enjoyed many luxuries unobtainable on the war-torn peninsula.

His wife, Cecelia, lives at 1308 Date ave., Torrance.

## P-TA Greet Teachers At New School

Teachers were welcomed to the new Evelyn Carr school on opening day, January 23, by a committee led by Mrs. A. S. MacKenzie, president of Perry school P-TA.

Planters were presented to the following teachers: John Tucker, Misses Alice Martin, Helen Rowell, Mmes. Virginia De Hospodar, Lucille Hanlon, transferring from Perry school to the new school and Donald Robison, principal, formerly at North Torrance Elementary.

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### Nurse Talks To 186th St. P-TA

At a tea held recently by 186th Street P-TA and the school to acquaint kindergarten and new mothers with health problems of children and how to solve them, Miss Ruthita Shidler, school nurse, discussed the school health program and the relationship health plays in the child's school life.

Mrs. Dorothy Saunders, B1 teacher, explained how playing with blocks develops young muscles and helps children develop coordination.

Mrs. D. Keeler exhibited children's art work and showed how children think and develop through art.

### Donna Wolfe In Speech Tourney

Donna Wolfe, 21804 Halldale Avenue, was a representative of Santa Barbara College of the University of California as that institution topped the field of 19 colleges and universities in the Southern California Inter-collegiate Forensic Association championship speech tournament held recently at UCLA.

### Duane Mittan At Convention

Duane Mittan, 719 Cota, a student at Santa Barbara College of the University of California, recently attended the Cal Club annual convention in Berkeley.

### House Warming

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Devore were honored by a surprise house-warming at their home at 22306 Ladeen avenue, on March 7. About 50 guests attended the party, and were entertained by the four Devore brothers, who played their musical instruments. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ford and Mr. and Mrs. Axel Martinson planned the affair.

### True Substance

The perfection, abundance, and substantiality of all that God has made is discussed in the Lesson-Sermon on "Substance" to be read in the Church of Christ Scientist, 218th st. at Manuel Sunday, March 14 at 11 a.m.

Mr. and Mrs. George Silan, 381 E. 231st St., announce the birth of a daughter, Susan Eileen, born March 7, at Torrance Memorial hospital, weighed 8 pounds and 11 ounces.

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