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# DeARMITT CONTINUES FIGHT



MOTION PICTURE AND TV STAR Bob Cummings has been named as honorary starter for the annual Powder Puff Derby, which begins at Torrance Airport, Saturday at 9 a. m. Two

Torrance pilots, flanking Cummings are (left) Mrs. Iris Critchell and Mrs. Mary Pinkney. Mrs. Critchell, who will pilot a Cessna 175 with Mrs. Pinkney as co-pilot, won 1957 Derby.

## 160 Lady Pilots Arrive Here for Derby Race Saturday

Marking participation in the All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race for the tenth time, three women will celebrate the occasion as they take-off from Torrance Municipal Airport at 9 a.m. Saturday for Wilmington, Delaware among a crowd of 85 entering planes.

The 1960 event, nicknamed the "Powder Puff Derby," will be the 14th edition of the nation's number one Transcontinental Air Race.

The number of planes entering the race smashes the old record of 69 in 1958.

Mrs. Iris C. Critchell, Palos Verdes; Mrs. Frances S. Bera, Long Beach; and Miss Helen Greinke, Bloomington, Illinois, will be flying in the classic for the 10th time.

Eight women pilots who will fly in the derby have logged over 7000 hours of flying time.

Heading the list with a fantastic 12,750 hours of flying time is Mrs. Claire Lee Walters of Los Angeles. Mrs. Walters has a commercial license and will be flying her 6th Derby. Her co-pilot is

Mrs. Betty Hicks of Santa Monica.

The start is sponsored by the Long Beach Chapter, Ninety-Nines, Inc. (International licensed women pilot organization), the City of Torrance Chamber of Commerce. Host General Chairman is Torrance Airport Commissioner Joe M. Doss.

## Accordion Case Goes to Court

A Hollywood man accused of fraud in an alleged Lomita accordion sales scheme went on trial last week in Riverside Superior Court.

Investigators from the District Attorney's office gave testimony from several Torrance people who claim to have been defrauded in the Lomita operation.

Larry Turner is one of six defendants accused of offering free music lessons and band uniforms with accordion purchases.

Victims said the free inducements failed to materialize.

## Superior Court Studies Claim

Fireman Dick DeArmitt and attorney, A. H. Joseph, will file a writ of mandate at the Los Angeles Superior Court Tuesday in an attempt to reverse the action of the Civil Service Commission and city council which suspended him from his job for seven work days.

Through the reversal of decision sought, DeArmitt hopes to be reimbursed for the \$125 lost through the suspension and have all attorney fees, a total of \$1368, paid.

The fireman was charged with actively participating in the April city election by pasting political stickers on his private car windows. He mentioned that at the hearing, 42 firemen testified that they had these stickers on their vehicles.

"As far as I am concerned, this was a discriminating, unconstitutional action which was put upon me, and I will attempt to prove this in court," DeArmitt said.

The fireman was suspended during the June 20, 22, and 24 work shifts. He has been supported throughout the controversy by the Torrance and State Firefighters Associations.

## Council Earmarks \$17,000 Towards Airport Revision

Construction of a flight-control tower and plans for revision of the flight-field of the Municipal Airport were considered at the Torrance City Council meeting Tuesday as the council set aside \$17,200 towards the project.

The tower, most expensive of the major airport planning items, will cost approximately \$130,000. Plans for the project will cost the city \$11,700.

Thomas Abrams, president of the airport commission, said the federal government will pay 55% of all the tower expenses. After completion of the facility, government officials will operate it at no cost to the city.

Having the government controlmen in the tower will save the city \$20,000 yearly, the president said.

The revision for the airport master plan, the original being finished in 1955, will cost \$2000. This revision will include relocation of many airport structures. Also, plans for a water system serving new hangars were also approved at the meeting.

"This new revised plan and master plan, where the city and state are teaming up to provide additional facilities, is the beginning of a vastly improved and greater airport for the entire South Bay Area," Mayor Albert Isen said.

"Every city of any importance has an air field; we were fortunate in acquiring it from the government. It has been only more than three years since the city took over the municipal airport from a private concern, and in that time, many improvements have been made. We now can look forward to continued improvements and greater safety," the mayor said.

Adams, Morgan, Latham, Kripp and Wright and H. K. Friedland will handle architectural and engineering services for airport improvements.

## Beasley to Recommend Southwood Bus Service

## Navy Contract Goes to Ryan's, Torrance

A new \$17 million Navy order was just received by Ryan Electronics, division of Ryan Aeronautical Company, it was announced today by Robert C. Jackson, executive vice-president of the firm.

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 AN/APN-122/V an additional year at Ryan's Electronics manufacturing facility in Torrance. Development work on the systems is done at the Ryan Electronics engineering center and laboratories on Kearny 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 support 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.

## Merchandise or Cash Says Law

SACRAMENTO—Housewives who save trading stamps can get cash payment when they redeem their stamp books under a state law that went into effect Friday, July 1.

Up until the new act went into law consumers traded their stamps for merchandise at stamp redemption centers. However, the act now enables savers of stamps to choose between cash and merchandise.

The 1959 California Legislature enacted the law with the stipulation that stamp companies who violate the act's provisions are punishable by a fine of up to one thousand dollars.

Other musts in the law require stamp companies to list their name and value on each stamp issued. However, the law provides that stamps presented for merchandise or cash must have a total value of one dollar or more.

Other points of the act state that, should a stamp company refuse to redeem the stamps issued by them, the commissioner can file a claim against the company.

The Southwood tract's plea for bus service, for which the Torrance Press campaigned last month, will be recommended Tuesday to the City Council, it was announced today by Councilman J. A. Beasley, chairman of the council's Transportation Committee.

Other recommendations expected to be approved in line with Beasley's sweeping campaign to improve bus service are:

1. A uniform 20-cent bus fare, which would raise the minimum fare a nickel and cut the maximum 10 cents. The price would include transfers for the same general direction of travel.

2. Purchase of three new buses at an approximate total cost of \$25,000 to improve service and encourage patronage.

3. In addition to service in the Southwood tract, to establish routes for Southwest Homes, Henrietta St. north of Torrance Blvd., and the new tract at Sepulveda and Crenshaw. The routes would run via 190th St., Entradero, Del Amo, Henrietta, Torrance Blvd., Palos Verdes Blvd., Carson, the service road behind Del Amo shopping center, Sepulveda, and Arlington to the terminal.

## PLANE BANKS, LOSES FEDORA OVER HILLS

When J. S. Bianchi and L. D. Gasteiger decided to look over the Palos Verdes hills in a chartered Luscombe from Torrance airport they never expected that one of them would lose a valued possession.

As the light craft banked to the left Bianchi stuck his head out of the open window and the wind made off with his comfortable and expensive straw hat.

Somewhere in the hills a straw hat lies headless. Gasteiger, president of the Roadium theater in Torrance, is giving away a free six months pass to his drive-in to anyone returning the lost lid.

Another route is being recommended for the Hollywood Riviera, serving Sepulveda at Kathryn, Sharynne, Carlow, Calle Mayor, Calle Miramar, Colusa, Calle de Arboles, and return by the present route. The new routes would run on one-hour schedules.

Increased mileage is expected to cost about \$300 a week, but additional fare revenue may substantially reduce the bus line's operating deficit, Beasley declared.

## Trampoline Ruling Regulates Centers

Insurance and safety limitations will be required by trampoline centers in Torrance before they will be able to open business, it was revealed at the Council meeting Tuesday as the council passed the trampoline ordinance.

The law set minimum personal liability insurance at \$100,000 and \$300,000. Also, it ruled that edges of the trampoline must be padded. Fencing, off-street parking, provision for rest rooms and adult supervision, and business-license review requirements are among restrictions set for the new businesses.

The trampoline center operators are to be restricted to commercial and manufacturing zones. Before being granted business licenses, prospective operators will be required to have their licenses approved by the Torrance License Review Board.

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## Harbor Freeway Link Opens to 190th Street July 15

Opening of the next link of the Harbor Freeway, between Alondra Blvd. and 190th St., is scheduled for July 15, as workmen are completing construction now.

A formal ribbon-cutting ceremony will initiate the new two-mile section. The ceremony will be held by the Harbor District Chamber of Commerce.

Supervisor Hahn pointed out that the portion between 124th St. and 190th St., which carries the Harbor freeway through his district, was done under one contract, with the three-mile portion between 124th and Alondra Blvd. being opened to traffic last May.

"As new sections are opened up, the amount of traffic on the Harbor freeway will increase, thus emphasizing its importance as a major, direct route to and from the civic center and the harbor," he said.

Opening of the freeway to 190th will provide motorists with 15.3 miles of completed roadway between there and the four-level interchange.

Opening of the freeway the entire distance between 124th and 190th represents the successful completion of a fight waged by Supervisor Hahn and many public officials and civic leaders of the Southwest, Gardena Valley and South Bay areas.

In the summer of 1957 it was learned that while the construction plans were completed, the right of way secured and cleared, no definite plans had been made to build the freeway south of 124th St. because funds for the work had not been budgeted.

On August, 1957 Supervisor Hahn led a contingent of 40 public officials and civic leaders of the area to Sacramento, where they appealed to the State Highway Commission to allocate the necessary funds. As a result of the strong, united presentation the funds were budgeted and a contract for the five mile section was awarded in September, 1958, when the money became available.

Supervisor Hahn declared that the fact that the Harbor freeway is now the world's most heavily traveled roadway, with a daily average of 195,000 motor vehicles, justifies the hard fight to secure the funds for extension of the freeway to 190th St.

## Exotic Concoction Poisons Thirsty Pal

"Just a prank" is what three young fellows called it as they fixed a concoction of fly spray, Coke and water, and fed it to their companion, Max Westergren of 1711 242nd Place, Torrance. The new recipe, however, sent the nine-year-old to the hospital. He is reportedly doing well after a severe stomach ache.

## Fourth of July Invades Driver

In the spirit of Fourth of July, three young men, driving in the vicinity of Crenshaw Blvd. and Torrance Blvd., decided to bang up the town a little.

The suspects threw a handful of firecrackers into the car window of Ed Graboski in an effort to make him appreciate the holiday at 9:30 p.m. Friday.

Graboski, who lives at 17714 Crenshaw Blvd., however, joined in the fun when he reported the youths and car description and license number to the police.

## POLIO CLINIC SET TUESDAY

A polio clinic, sponsored by the MD Group, will be held Tuesday from 2 to 8 p.m. at 4193 W. Redondo Beach Blvd.



CLOWNING AROUND for the Fourth of July holiday, KOKO, the funny face for the Torrance Democrats Club, starts the day off with a bang as he passes out balloons in front of the club's fireworks stand.

# Survey Reveals Opinion of New Stamp Law

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