

# School Chief Hopes for Skills Center Deed

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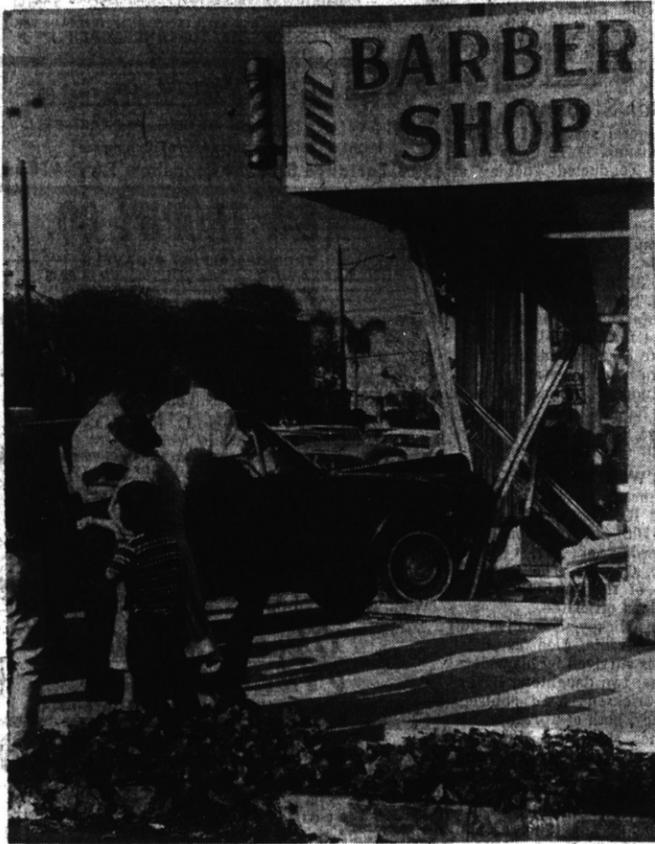
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**A LITTLE CLOSER** Barber Frank Algarme of Frank's Barber Shop, 1754 Cabrillo Ave., was cutting Jack Thomas' hair Wednesday afternoon when this car, driven by Mrs. Emma Ouilides of Rolling Hills stopped in front of the store. There were no serious injuries. (Press-Herald Photo)

## Barber Throws Him Out Of Chair as Car Strikes

Jack Thomas went to the barber shop for a haircut Wednesday afternoon, but his barber threw him out of the chair — probably preventing serious injuries.

Thomas, 212½ Gramercy Place, was in the chair at Frank's Barber Shop at 1754 Cabrillo Ave., when a speeding car started toward the barber's chair.

Owner Frank Algarme said he heard the crash, saw the car heading toward his shop, and gave the chair a quick spin—throwing Thomas onto the floor toward the rear of the shop.

Algarme said he then dived toward the back.

The car, driven by Mrs. Emma Ouilides, 38, of Rolling Hills, struck a large plate glass window and stopped. Mrs. Ouilides and her 15-month-old daughter, Sophia, sustained minor injuries.

Thomas and Algarme sustained minor cuts but did not require medical attention.

Algarme told the Press-Herald he had been expecting something like the crash. Twice before, he said, cars have jumped the curb at the location, but stopped short of his barber shop.

Police said the Ouilides vehicle collided with another car at the intersection of 218th Street and Cabrillo Avenue. The crash caused the vehicle to rebound and head for the barber shop, officers said.

## Rebuilt Pre-War Hero Flies Again

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The pages of time were turned back last week when James A. Philpott flew over Torrance Airport in the pre-World War II flying hero, the P-12E.

The P-12, built by the Boeing Aircraft Co. in 1932, was the pride of the Army Air Corps up until World War II. Although there were several hundred of the P-12s built, there are only two now in existence, the other one is owned by the king of Thailand.

Philpott, who lives in Palos Verdes Estates, is a retired Air Force Colonel and now a captain with TWA. He spent three years restoring the biplane at Mercury General American Corp. The last time the old hero flew was three years ago at Las Vegas where it was wrecked in an air show landing.

ASKED WHAT it was like changing from a modern jet to a pre-war biplane, Philpott said, "It was fun to go back 25 years in history." The last time he flew the P-12 was just after Pearl Harbor was bombed.

The P-12, owned by the Air Museum in Ontario, was dedicated to Philpott's old squadron commander at March Air Force Base, the late General Henry H. (Hap) Arnold, who was the commander of the Army Air Corps during World War II.

The famous fighter of the thirties wasn't easy to restore, with many of the parts having to be hand-made, since many of the companies who were subcontractors for the P-12s are now out of business.

ALTHOUGH Philpott was not the only person responsible for restoring the old warhorse, he did put in over 2,000 hours of his time and large sums of his own money in buying many of the parts.

Boeing helped out by supplying a complete set of blueprints from the old files for the remodeling job. TWA supplied the mechanics time to rebuild the P-12's engine, while pilots and mechanics volunteered to work on the body and other equipment to get her in flying shape.

DURING THE first flight, Philpott had minor problems with the old war bird, which still had a few bugs in her when being grounded for so long. During the second flight last week he had some trouble with the left brake and a propeller oil leak, but (See PLANE on Page A-2)

# Backing Vehicle Kills 2-Year-Old in Lomita

## Washington to Take New Look At Area Pact

Trustees of the Torrance schools appeared Friday to have won their fight to retain title to a 10-acre tract which is to become the site of a regional skills center.

Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, told the Press-Herald that officials of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare (HEW) in Washington have indicated they may be willing to guarantee Torrance reversionary rights to the site.

Dr. Hull said HEW officials apparently were apprehensive about a clause in the agreement establishing the special school which requires each of the six participating districts to remain as members for seven years.

When the land was first given to Torrance, HEW officials in San Francisco approved the lease agreement as satisfactory, but in December, Washington administrators said they would not consider a land title transfer to Torrance while the center was operated by the six-district joint powers entity.

Torrance school board members decided to fight the HEW ruling.

TRUSTEE Bert M. Lynn complained Wednesday that the local district was being penalized "because we have cooperated" in the establishment of regional center.

Dr. Hull said if an agreement which is acceptable to Torrance cannot be worked out by Wednesday, when the joint board is scheduled to convene, the agreement will contain no references to the site.

HE ALSO said HEW officials may send a representative to Torrance if a solution can't be found.

Key to much of the dispute, Dr. Hull said, is the issue of the joint powers board's taxing authority. Initially, the joint powers board was to have had its own taxing authority, but that was changed when the County Counsel ruled the plan unworkable.



BERT M. LYNN  
 To Represent Torrance

## Lynn Goes On Board For TUSD

Bert M. Lynn Wednesday was elected to represent Torrance on the board which will govern the newly created Regional Occupational Skills Center.

Lynn currently is vice president of the Torrance Board of Education and is serving his second four-year term on the board.

Agreements formally creating the Regional Occupational Skills Center and setting up the joint powers board which will operate it are to be signed Wednesday. The newly formed joint powers board is scheduled to conduct its first meeting the same evening.

William J. Hanson, president of the Torrance board, and Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, will sign the agreement for the Torrance district.

OTHER districts which will join in creating the regional center include the Palos Verdes, Inglewood, and El Segundo.

## December Crash Hurts Fatal to Carson Resident

A two-year-old Torrance girl who was visiting her grandparents in Lomita became this area's first traffic fatality of 1967 Friday afternoon.

Kimberly Yeske of 22138 Grace Ave. was killed when she was struck by a car driven by Katherine Gannon, 36, of 2364 W. 246th Place. Mrs. Gannon was backing out of her driveway at the time of the accident.

The little girl was taken to Kaiser Memorial Hospital in Harbor City. She died there about 3:45 p.m.

## Funeral Set For Wife of Councilman

Funeral services for Carmen Marie Sciarrotta, wife of Councilman Ross A. Sciarrotta Sr., have been scheduled here Monday afternoon following her death Friday evening.

Mrs. Sciarrotta, who had been ill for several years, was a native of Ohio and had lived in Torrance since 1949.

She is survived by six sons and two daughters in addition to her husband, three sisters, and a brother.

Children surviving her include sons Ross Jr., Greg, Don, Jerry, and Chris of Torrance and Frank of Big Bear; two daughters, Patricia Rousos of Long Beach and Maria Bohanan of Torrance.

Sisters include Elizabeth Embleton and Elsie De Gregory of Ohio and Helen Camplan of Michigan. A brother, Anthony De Gregory, lives in Gardena.

Monday's services have been scheduled in the Halverson-Leavell Mortuary Chapel at 1 p.m. Interment will be in Green Hills Memorial Park.

## Wooden Fence Was Major Casualty In Accident

(See CRASH on Page A-2)

## Railway to Move Depot - - -

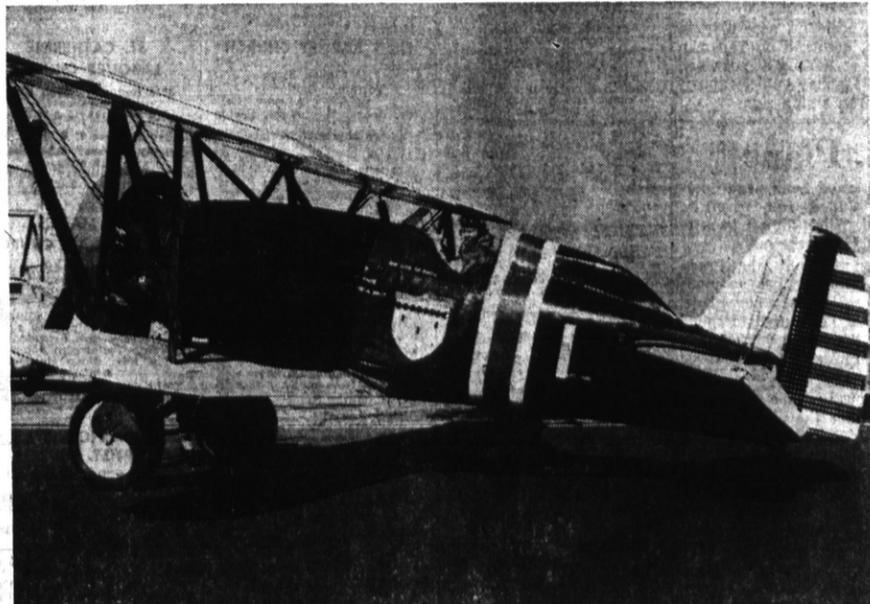
Plans to construct a new railway depot near Crenshaw Boulevard and Maricopa Street have been announced by officials of the Santa Fe Railway. The depot will replace one now in use at Carson Street and Madrid Avenue. Residents along Madrid Avenue can expect the new depot to reduce annoyances caused by switching activities, according to a report to the City Council which will be presented Tuesday. In connection with the relocation of the depot, the city will be asked to appropriate \$10,000 to landscape the railway right of way along Madrid Avenue. Councilmen will consider the request when they convene at 8 p.m. Tuesday.

## Younger Seeks Crime Aide - - -

District Attorney Evelle J. Younger will ask County Supervisors Tuesday to create a new legal post in his office to direct a "Major Crimes and Special Investigations" section. Younger's request reportedly has the backing of County Chief Administrative Officer Lindon S. Hollinger. The salary would be \$1,458 to \$1,816 monthly. In passing on Younger's request, Hollinger noted that the district attorney was being called on to undertake "an increasing number of highly complex and sensitive investigations." He cited probes into allegations of wrongdoing by public officials and crimes of major community interest.

## Torrance-Hawthorne Work Set - - -

Signal controls of the Torrance Boulevard crossing at Hawthorne Boulevard will be modified to provide protected left-turn pockets for traffic on Torrance Boulevard, the State Division of Highways announced today. Bids for the project were opened Friday and construction is scheduled to begin shortly. The apparent low bid was submitted by an Anaheim firm. Work is to be completed about March 1.



ON OLD HERO REBORN . . . This pre-World War II aircraft, Boeing's P-12E, has been rebuilt at Torrance Municipal Airport and was restored to flying status this week after three years of hard work led by James A. Philpott of Palos Verdes Estates, who sandwiched the rebuilding project into his active career as a TWA captain. A retired Air Force colonel, Philpott said the plane would be taken to the Air Museum in Ontario where it would be displayed and would be available to fly at air shows. (Press-Herald Photo)