

# Air Couriers Speed Deliveries for Bank



**FINALISTS SELECTED . . .** Two Torrance area students were named finalists in competition for art scholarships sponsored by the California Institute of Arts Alumni Association. They are pictured here with one of the judges, Chuck Jones (right), an academy award winning producer. The youths are Jacob Gutierrez of 1031 W. 227th St., a Narbonne High senior, and Barbara Sakai, of 16814 Raymond Place, who attends Gardena High School.

One of the largest, most unusual inter-office messenger systems isn't run by Washington, but by the world's largest bank in California. Soon after dawn on every banking day, seven Twin Bonanzas take off from different points in California, carrying only the pilot and cargo (packets of paper representing millions of dollars) to branches of Bank of America throughout the state. The service is unique for the letters are delivered on time. It is possible, for instance, for a B of A executive in Torrance to tell his counterpart in the Crescent City branch, near the Oregon border, that he will have the papers he requested on his desk by eight the following morning.

HOW THE LETTER is delivered at a precise time hundreds of miles away in little over 15 hours, is the story of one of the most efficient delivery operations of banking by air.

The unusual flying assignments began as an experiment in 1960 when Bank of America was converting to a statewide computer system. The San Diego installation was a few months behind schedule, and to make up for the delay several hundred pounds of cancelled checks had to be flown daily to Los Angeles. The challenge was laid before Gibbs Flying Service of San Diego and what started out to be 600 pounds of sacked cargo soon was 1,000 pounds daily. It went north to Los Angeles every night and was returned in the morning.

crest, Lone Pine, to Bishop, and San Diego, El Centro, Blythe, to Eagle Mountain. In Northern California, the three runs cover Chico and Red Bluff, Fresno and Paso Robles, and Ukiah and Arcata. Basically, it is a morning delivery and evening pickup.

OUTBOUND, at scheduled stops, messengers are waiting for the mail-type sacks for delivery to the branches. Some 300 ground messengers are involved in this operation; they meet at airports and other rendezvous points twice a day to pick up and deliver branch correspondence. At night the planes return on the same routes.

On the average the planes log a total of 3,500 miles daily to carry and deliver about 5 tons of assorted documents and letters.

Not that the bank doesn't encounter occasional difficulties. Maintaining a necessary regular schedule is demanding on pilots and equipment under the best conditions and two of the bank routes that are notorious for frequent bad weather are the Oakland-Ukiah run and the Owens Valley area.

THE OPERATION was so successful that today more than 915 branches and the bank's administrative departments depend on this delivery system for more than 100,000 items a day.

"It's an effective method which has proven feasible, practical, and economical," according to A. R. Zipp, Executive Vice President of the bank. "When you consider the large geographical distances that have to be covered in the state and the large volume of items that have to be brought to centralized computer centers for processing, our system is unique."

The bank has two runs in the south and three in the north, with two overlapping runs between Burbank and Oakland. The two southern runs from Burbank, for example, cover Bakersfield, Ridge-

ON THE OAKLAND-Ukiah run, for instance, one of the Gibbs Pilots has flown on instruments as much as one third of the time during winter months. One way to fly with the left hand and hang on to the bottom of the seat with the right. Every once in a while there is a mission of mercy, such as the hurried flight to Bishop to deliver some surgical instruments

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Young women with a desire to travel and a willingness to serve others may study to become qualified airline stewardesses through a new program which will be offered next fall at El Camino College.

Under the auspices of the Division of Natural Sciences, the program will offer work toward an Associate of Arts degree in stewardess training.

Stewardess qualifications require women to be between the ages of 20 and 27, 5-foot-2 to 5-foot-9 with weight proportional to height, and at least 20/50 vision without glasses or with contact lenses.

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INCLUDED IN a course entitled "Aircraft and Flight" will be the basic elements of how and why airplanes fly; major types of aircraft; basic navigation and aids used in flight and an introduction to meteorology and how weather affects flight. Appreciation of aerospace development and future prospects in aviation also will be covered.

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OTHER requirements include course work in first aid, geography, home economics (food, nutrition, costume selection and child care), business (including typing), and a physical education course in figure contouring.

Work toward a degree in this field also includes other general education requirements and a recommendation for study of a foreign language.

Further information concerning enrollment for the fall semester at El Camino is available in the college admissions office at 16007 S. Crenshaw Blvd.

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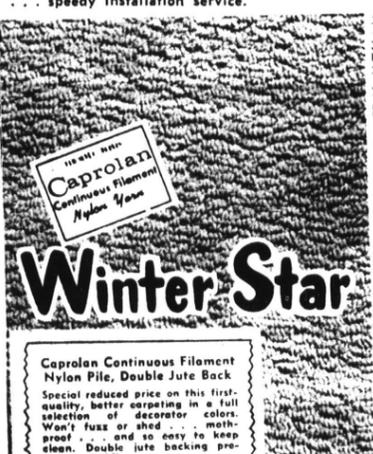
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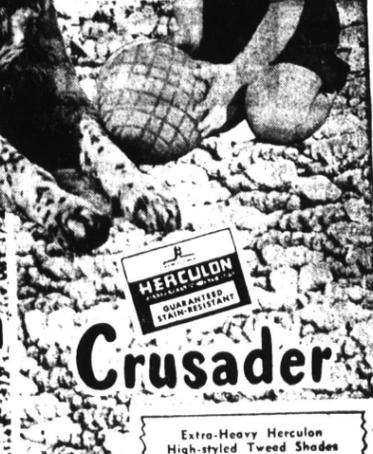


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