

... Airport

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 zone" and a new runway/taxiway system.
 Egan has run into a snag in reclaiming some \$73,100 promised to the local airport by the Federal Aviation Agency. Most of the federal money for the project has been collected, but this sum remains outstanding because of a snarl-up with the Urban Redevelopment Project at the west end of the airport. It seems that part of the land needed for the airport's "clear zone" belongs to the Redevelopment Agency and no arrangements have yet been made for a land swap to trade the needed land for an equivalent parcel belonging to the airport.

THE FAA won't pay until it's satisfied that the land is acquired and is being used for the purpose intended. However, Egan hopes the problem will be resolved within the next year. Part of the problem stems from the fact that the airport must pay for the entire project and then bill the FAA for its share when the work is completed. "Cash flow is a big problem with some of these federal projects," Egan retorts.

The "clear zone" is an area of vacant land at either end of an air strip which must be maintained according to FAA specifications in order for an airport to be eligible for FAA funds. At the east end of Torrance Municipal Airport, the clear zone presents no problem because the airport already owns enough land for the zone.

The idea for the clear zone requirement was developed in a report issued about 1946, which showed that the large percentage of airplane accidents occur within this zone. The zone must be free of buildings or other obstacles.

In addition to the acquisition of a clear zone, federal and local bond monies combined to build a second runway, 3,000 feet long, and an auxiliary taxiway system. (The main runway is 4,200 feet in length.)

A LATER project included the building and widening of holding and parking "aprons," installation of sewer and water lines, and the completion of a service road for auto traffic.

The budget surplus of \$120,000 is earmarked for utility improvements (sewers, power lines) to prepare portions of airport land for further leasing and other areas for the building of new T-Hangars. Outside interests will build the hangars but the airport must prepare the land.

Also contemplated are the widening of parking aprons for

the extension of taxiways near the proposed hangars.
 "We sit on our dough until we see a higher use for it than just sitting in the bank," Egan comments regarding the use of budget surpluses. But he's careful to add, "We've got so many crying needs around here that the money could go into any number of projects."

... Soldier

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France in 1952. He attended Seaside Elementary School and was graduated from South High School in 1966.

He was employed by the Foundry Service and Supply Corp. of Torrance before entering the Army March 19, 1968. He was assigned to Vietnam last Aug. 18.

HIS FATHER is employed by the city of Torrance and has been serving as acting license supervisor.

Funeral arrangements will be handled by Halverson-Leavell Mortuary, with services scheduled for the Congregational Church of Christ in Redondo Beach at 10 a.m. Friday.

In addition to his parents, young Hill is survived by a brother, Dennis of Redondo Beach; his grandmother, Mrs. Ella Kaskiewicz of 1323 W. 219th St.; an aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Catalano of Torrance; and several aunts and uncles in Nebraska.

Obituaries

Fernando Udarbe

Requiem mass for Fernando Battad Udarbe of 20709 S. Shearer Ave., will be held at St. Philomena's church at 8 a.m. Thursday and interment will follow in Holy Cross Cemetery under the direction of the Stone and Myers Mortuary of Torrance. Mr. Udarbe, born in the Philippines on May 29, 1899, died here on Sunday, Jan. 12. He had lived here for four years. Surviving him are his widow, Petra, of the Philippines; two sons, Deogracias of Hawaii and Herman of the Philippines; a daughter, Petronita, of the Philippines; three brothers, Carlos, Saustine, and Innocencia, all of the Philippines; and five grandchildren.

Bertha Reeves

Funeral services for Mrs. Bertha Grace Reeves of 2131 W. 238th St., Lomita, were held at the Stone and Myers Mortuary Chapel here Monday with the Rev. Lloyd Newlin of the First Baptist Church of Torrance officiating. Mrs. Reeves, who was born in Kansas on Oct. 19, 1882, had lived here for 31 years before her death of Jan. 10.

She is survived by a son, George, of Lomita; four daughters, Martha Jane Bohannon of

Torrance, Mary Dourte of Long Beach, Alice Dourte of Bonsall, and Ruth Peachout of Lynwood; 15 grandchildren, and 29 great-grandchildren.
 Interment was in Pacific Crest Cemetery.

Stefania Silka

Funeral services for Mrs. Stefania Silka who had lived here a short time at 21315 S. Jeffrey, have been scheduled in Milwaukee, Wis., following her death here Sunday, Jan. 12. Mrs. Silka was a native of Poland where she was born on Feb. 13, 1894.

She is survived by three daughters, Sylvia Brewer of Canoga Park, Irene Fanake of Wisconsin, and Margaret Kato of Torrance; and a son, the Rev. Fr. Huber Silka of Wisconsin.

Stone and Myers Mortuary of Torrance handled local arrangements.

Hugh A. Perez

Funeral services for Hugh A. Perez, who died Monday, will be conducted at Pierce Brothers-Del Fox Mortuary, 3918 W. Compton Blvd., Lawndale, at 11 a.m. tomorrow. The Rev. Lee Nelson of the Ladera Heights Church of the Brethren will officiate.

Mr. Perez, born Feb. 8, 1915, in Key West, Fla., had lived in Torrance for 22 years. He was a veteran of World War II and for the past three years owned and operated a cocktail lounge here.

He lived at 2812 W. 176th St. Surviving Mr. Perez are his widow, Retha Perez of the home; two sons, Hugh S. and Steven B. Perez; a daughter, Norma M. Ferlita; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Blas Perez; and a sister, Irma P. Hurtado.
 Burial will be in Inglewood Park Cemetery.

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