



PROPIER) FLIPPER . . . Pert Natalie Armstrong prepares to give the prop of this four-place Stinson a spin prior to taking a hop over the city as a guest of Bill Hillman (left) and Lawrence Lowell, general manager and owner-operator respectively of a new flying service now based at Torrance Municipal Airport.—Herald Photo.

College Heads Ponder Costs

Estimated cost of construction of a peristyle entrance to El Camino's new stadium was presented to a meeting of the Board of Trustees at a meeting October 24.

Cost of lighting the field was also presented.

The Board authorized temporary drawings for these two items to be made.

Following in rapid succession the board employed Mrs. Nan Duff as typist-clerk; authorized bids for two additional pianos and a bookkeeping machine for the educational program.

The board accepted the work of the N & K Paving Company for the grading of the warehouse area and paving of the westerly drive; approved the selection of the General Appraisal Company of Los Angeles to appraise the non-insurable values in the new gymnasium, field house, mechanical arts building and other new construction on the college site.

1950 FISHER BODY CONTEST SLATED

The 1950 model car competition of the Fisher Body Craftsmen's Guild is offering \$65,000 in cash awards and university scholarships to the nation's best teenage model automobile designers and builders. It was announced recently by J. J. Cronin, vice president of General Motors, general manager of the Fisher Body Division, and Guild president.

Any boy in the United States between the ages of 12 and 20 is eligible to enter the competition and may obtain an enrollment card by writing to the Fisher Body Craftsmen's Guild, General Motors Building, Detroit 2, Michigan.

Motorists Told of 175 Changes in California's Vehicle Code

More than 175 changes in the California Vehicle Code became effective recently, the California Automobile Club reported in the new State laws.

One important change will prohibit the issuance of operator's licenses to persons 14 to 16 years of age, except to those who are bona fide residents of ranches or farms living in rural areas, in cities of less than 15,000 population, or in areas where transportation facilities are deemed inadequate.

Another will require all vehicles which are approaching school buses from either direction to make a complete stop when children are being received or discharged and then to proceed by the buses at a rate of speed not exceeding 10 miles an hour, the Club said.

Henceforth, the minimum speed for vehicles overtaking another vehicle upon a grade will be 12 miles an hour, it was pointed out. This is designed to prevent slow trucks and trailers from tying up traffic on mountain grades.

Moreover, local authorities may by ordinance or resolution prohibit vehicles from standing unattended upon a grade (excluding three percent) within a business or residential district without blocking the wheels against the curb and taking

Flying Firm Opens at Local Airport

Air ferrying and transportation services at Torrance Municipal Airport were increased in scope last week when Universal Flyers started operation there.

Owned and managed by Bill Hillman, young ex-Army pilot, Universal Flyers has in operation at the local field a two-place Aeronca, a two-place Taylor Craft, a Commonwealth Sky Ranger, a three-place Cub Cruiser, and two four-place Stinsons.

Beside transportation services, Universal qualifies to instruct students to qualify for instrument and commercial pilot ratings on single- and multi-engine land planes.

Now 24 years old, Hillman started flying in East Moline, Illinois when 16. He served as a B-29 Superfortress pilot with the 13th Army Air Force during the recent war. In 1947 he established his flying firm at the Culver City airport.

Hillman expressed his desire to talk with local young people who would like to become members of flying clubs here.

Walteria Road Work Resumed

The threat of water-filled, rock-marked streets was eased last week in Walteria when city crews resumed road repair there which had been halted by the sand and gravel strike.

Resurfacing of Ocean avenue between Newton street and Pacific Coast highway, and Newton street west of Ocean avenue, is proceeding as necessary rock again becomes available. City Manager George W. Stevens declared yesterday.

Secretary Johnson Lauds Work of Torrance Soldier

Corp. William E. Fox, 1612 West 204th street, was personally rewarded with a letter of gratitude from Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson for his attentive service during the recent visit of the Secretary to Los Angeles.

An outstanding chauffeur and holder of the "good drivers" award from the Department of the Army, Corporal Fox is assigned to the Second Ordnance Company at Fort McArthur which provides transportation and heavy training equipment for the multitude of Organized Reserve Companies, training each week end at the huge MacArthur encampment under the direction of Brig. General LeRoy H. Watson, Commanding General of the Southern Military District.

Secretary Johnson, in his letter, commended Corporal Fox for his "splendid and efficient driving" which greatly contributed to the success of his visit.

Fox, a veteran of wartime service overseas with the Marines, resides at the Torrance address with his wife, Dorothy.

WITHOUT THE BIBLE No man ever did, or ever will become more truly eloquent without being a constant reader of the Bible, and an admirer of the purity and sublimity of its language. — Fisher Ames

Annual School Anti-Diphtheria Program Starting

Opening of schools in Los Angeles county was the go-ahead for the Los Angeles County Health Department's annual program of immunization against diphtheria for children under ten years of age.

Most health officials suggest that the first protection be given in the form of a tript immunization which protects against diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus. These immunizations are given at four months of age or as soon as possible thereafter, and a booster dose is given six months later.

These booster doses should then be repeated about every two years until adolescence, according to the belief of most public health officials and pediatricians.

When school age is reached, if a child has not been previously immunized, it is the custom of the County health department to give inoculation immunizations against diphtheria alone. In this instance, too, booster doses of diphtheria toxoid are given about every two years until the child reaches ten years of age.

As some schools do not keep records of children's immunizations, parents of all school children in the lower grades are sent consent slips to be signed and returned if the service is needed. Dr. Roy O. Gilbert, Los Angeles county health officer states if parents do not remember just when their children were immunized, or are in doubt as to whether they have been properly protected, that it should be done now.

Notices will be sent home by the schools to the parents giving dates of immunizations in the various schools and requesting the parents, whose children are in need of this diphtheria protection, have it done, either by a private physician, at the local health center, or through the school immunizing service.

Scouting Around

Tom-Toms Summon Scouts To San Pedro Session

With the measured beat of throbbing tom-toms and the shuffling feet of beautifully costumed Indian dancers, the Gabrielino Chapter, Order of the Arrow will hold its regular semi-annual Calling Out Ceremony on the evening of November 19 at Fort MacArthur, San Pedro. This calling out, when new members are initiated into the mystic ceremonies of the Order, will be a part of a District Camp, sponsored by the Order of the Arrow, to be held the weekend of November 19 and 20 at Fort MacArthur and the Cabrillo Senior Scout Base.

The Order of the Arrow is a national brotherhood of Scout campers, composed of Scouts who, by virtue of excellence in Scouting and camping, have been elected to membership by their troops. The Arrow is very active in the affairs of the Harbor District and its members have given many hours in service to their communities.

During this week and the next, most of the Troops in Torrance, Lomita, Gardena, San Pedro, and Wilmington will be visited by representatives of the Order of the Arrow who will hold elections for a candidate from that Troop. Gary Dawson, patrol leader of the Explorer Patrol, Troop 241, is chairman of the elections for the Torrance Area. These candidates are selected from Troops who have displayed outstanding excellence in camping during the previous six month period. Troops qualifying from Torrance include Troops 213, 241, and 213-S.

The calling out ceremony of the Order of the Arrow is truly a thrilling and impressive sight. All Scouts from the camp (an estimated 1000) will be formed into a giant council circle around a prepared, but unlit, council fire. The ritual team, composed of members of the Order dressed in colorful Indian costumes, will enter from the North. As the mighty medicine man Meteu raises his arms and pronounces the incantation, the council fire will burst into flame. Under the leadership of co-chairmen Gary Dawson and Bob Maxen of Troop 241, Torrance, a group of Indian dancers will circle around the fire in the ceremonial whip dance and the Hopi dance of rain. Following this the ritual team will circle the vast throng of Scouts to select those who are to receive the highest honor that a Scout Troop can bestow upon one of its members, membership in the Order of the Arrow. After these Scouts have been selected, they will be taken to a secret ceremonial ground where their initiation will begin.

The public is cordially invited to the calling out ceremony and the campfire program that will follow. Citizens of Torrance are welcome at any time during the week-end to drop around and see Scouting in action.

City Gives Building Nod

Permits to construct eight \$5000 homes between 1834 and 1848 on Santa Fe avenue were granted to the Kettler Knolls Corporation by the city last week. The action was the largest non-industrial building grant awarded during the past six days.

Other permits were granted to: William R. Brown to build a \$6800, five-room home at 2047 Santa Fe avenue; A. Zamperini, who will build a \$2000, six-car garage at 1520 Hickory avenue.

Tetsuwo Aoki for construction of a \$500 lath house at 17959 S. Western avenue; A. D. Davis, who will add a \$350 rumpus room and work shop to his home at 1024 Acacia avenue.

The Mothers Club of Nativity School will sponsor a Food Sale for benefit of 8th graders, Saturday, November 5, at entrance to the Gay Shop, 1319 Sartori avenue. Food to be donated for the sale is to be sent to the school or call Lomita 1450-M, Lomita 2434-W, or Torrance 405 and it will be picked up, according to Mrs. J. E. Avard, chairman.

J. A. Hedburg, of 1513 Madrid avenue, is convalescing at Seaside Hospital following surgery Monday.

Board Rejects Bids

The County Board of Supervisors last week rejected bids for eleven units of Veterans Housing at the Harbor General Hospital and directed the projects be re-advertised for a lesser number of units, according to Supervisor Raymond V. Darby.

Lock Your Car

The motorist who leaves automobile keys in the ignition, even though he plans to return to the car immediately, is encouraging juvenile delinquency, warns the Automobile Club of Southern California.

Police records show that 63 out of every 100 people arrested for stealing automobiles were minors who yielded to an impulse to take a joy ride when they found the ignition key in place and ready to turn on.

Sermon Topic Named

The poet, Robert Frost, wrote a line which reads, "Something there is that does not love a wall." One of the great tasks of the Christian church is to break down walls and throw down fences of all sorts. Think of the walls and fences created and built to keep people out, forgetting that no matter how large the circle may be into which we gather our friends, associates, companions, we always shut out more than we take in. Sunday morning Dr. B. J. Reentsma will speak on "Fences are for Firewood."

Transit carriers in the United States carry 65,000,000 riders every weekday, equal to the combined populations of Canada and Great Britain.

C. of C. Members To Cast Ballots For Directors

Primary ballots containing 243 candidates for three vacancies on the Torrance Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors were mailed to members this week.

The membership will elect two while the board will appoint the third member. The three directors whose terms expire this year are Dean L. Sears, R. L. Plomert, Jr., and C. T. Ripley.

The ballots were prepared and mailed by the election committee headed by William Zoeller, certified public accountant, chairman and M. L. Anderson and Dr. Arthur Berke, members.

Remaining on the board are Henry W. Creeger, Bob L. Haggard, Charles V. Jones, Reed H. Parkin, W. T. Tillotson, and Grover C. Whyte.

REPORT SHOWS DROP IN CITY SPENDING

Amount of general government expenses for the City of Torrance dropped approximately \$19,000 lower in 1947-48 than in the previous year, a recent report of the California Taxpayers Association indicated. Total payments by the city dropped \$43,695, the report stated. Other expenditures for the two years were:

Year	General govt	protection & p'p'y	street rec'n't'n	health and sanitat'n	debt service	misc. payments	total
1946-47	79,218	159,440	106,969	78,542	44,570	6,856	40,589
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