



THIS IS THE END . . . The superiority or inferiority of push over pull will be tested when Sierra Sal, an experimental sport plane built at Torrance Municipal Airport, takes to the wing in a test flight within the next two weeks. The unique aircraft has a rear propeller, located aft of the triple tail. Roger Keeney of Acme Aircraft inspects the craft after a taxiing test.

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**Rear Prop Plane All Set For Test Flight**

Is it easier to push a wagon or pull it? This ageless question may never be answered, but Walt Fellers and Ron Beattie, aircraft engineers, are giving it a good go at the Torrance Municipal Airport.

They are the owners and designers of "Sierra Sal," a craft that, by some strange mutation in airplane heredity, has its nose growing out of its tail.

The small, experimental sports plane has its propeller in the rear, located behind a triple tail, and if that ain't enough, its rudder is located below the fuselage, to protect the prop.

And this unique rear-end arrangement is not designed for backward pilots—there's method in all this madness.

Fellers and Beattie say that the pusher prop will overcome the air turbulence found around the wings of ordinary aircraft and give their little bird from 15 to 20 per cent better "lift."

This smoother airfoil, plus an 80-horsepower, air-cooled Continental engine, is supposed to give Sierra Sal a cruising speed of 60 miles per hour.

On the engine, by the way, is located behind the cockpit, eliminating wind in face while standing still, and noxious fumes from the motor, which will be pulled harmlessly away by the plane's prop wash (the fumes, not the motor).

Sal was constructed on the field of Acme Aircraft, has a 20-foot wing span and a 20-foot length. A scale model was tested satisfactorily at the Caltech wind tunnel recently, and a formal test flight is slated within the next two weeks, according to Roger Keeney, of Acme. Where it will make its maiden flight has not been decided.

The comfortable cockpit, besides having plenty of room, gives the pilot unlimited visibility in a 90-degree sweep. Fellers and Beattie say that their craft can be expanded into a two- or four-place ship which can be used for work or play—business or pleasure, or just for confusing people.

The designers hope to find

market for their pusher plane by displaying it at various and sundry air shows—if the flight tests turn out well.

The pusher type propeller had its fling in the early days of aviation, then dropped from sight until recently, when the B-36 bomber came out of the shop with its propellers mounted behind the wings. Sierra Sal is the first attempt to use the extreme tail end pusher design on a light sport plane, however.

So, forewarned is forearmed. If you see a small white plane gnylyf sdraawkaB, don't be demoralized. It's just "arreis laS," provol engine, is supposed to give Sierra Sal a cruising speed of 60 miles per hour.

**DOUBLE MEANING**  
The words for rice and food are identical in many Asiatic languages.

**Public Notices**

**TORRANCE HERALD NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a public hearing will be held before the Torrance Planning Commission on August 10, 1953, at 8:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, on the following:

**CASE NO. 270:** Petition of Allied Contractors for a Variance and Conditional Permit to establish a retail neighborhood business center at the intersection of Sepulveda and Palms Verdes Boulevards, located in an A-1 (Light Agricultural) Zone.

**CASE NO. 271:** Petition of the Revco Oil Company for a Variance and Conditional Permit for the erection of a derrick and other facilities for the purpose of drilling for, and the producing of, oil and gas on Lot No. 7, Meadow Park Tract, which is situated between 25th Street and Pacific Coast Highway in an A-1 (Light Agricultural) Zone.

All persons interested in the above cases are requested to be present at the hearings or to submit their written approval or disapproval to the Secretary of the Torrance Planning Commission, Room 2, City Hall, Torrance.

**TORRANCE PLANNING COMMISSION**  
Earl A. Lloyd, Secretary  
18—AUGUST 9, 1953

**KOREAN VETS TOLD OF BENEFITS OFFERED**

With the end of hostilities in Korea, the increasing numbers of veterans returning to civilian life in this area are reminded by Miss Helen Hill, director of Veterans Service Center, Torrance, of the principal benefits available to them as ex-GIs.

Returning veterans with service-connected disabilities may be in line for compensation awards or hospital care.

Korea veterans also have 120 days from the date of discharge to apply for the special government life insurance offered them, a five-year term policy similar to that of the National Service Life Insurance program which has given and still gives protection to millions of World War II veterans. The rates are lowest of all for Korea veterans.

Public Law 550, which is the Korean equivalent of the GI Bill of Rights, provides for educational allowances, vocational counseling and home or business loans for the new civilian.

Under the same law, job-seeking veterans have a backlog of unemployment compensation payments to draw upon. Meanwhile assistance from special employment representatives is available to them.

A veterans who wishes to return to the job he held at the time he entered the service also has re-employment rights, a

**Family Friend Offers Ride To Girl's New Job**

With a promise of a ride from James Caldwell, commander of the South Bay Post of the Disabled American Veterans, and friend of her family, Helen Eulene Brodie started work Monday at Hughes Aircraft Co. in Culver City.

Miss Brodie, daughter of the late James "Steve" Brodie, past commander of both the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, was partially paralyzed in an auto accident here 22 years ago.

Unable to obtain employment because of this handicap, Helen entered UCLA, making the three-hour trip to the school and back each day to obtain an education.

Recently, she obtained her first job—at Hughes Aircraft—but had no way to get to work. The Herald brought her problem to the attention of the public last week in order to get her a ride to her new job.

whether Caldwell can take her home from work each night, but she hopes to join a car pool out of Torrance once she is established in her department at Hughes and knows some of the employees.

Still, her problem would be much simplified if some Hughes employee who lives in Torrance would step forward and volunteer a ride to and from work each day.

She works from 7 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday in charge of overall arrangements.

**Toastmasters Annual Picnic Set for Tuesday**

Members and families of the Torrance Toastmasters will meet at Torrance Park next Tuesday for the club's annual picnic. It was announced yesterday by Deputy Governor Bill Evans.

The annual affair will get under way at 6:30 on Aug. 11, Evans said. Toastmaster Gail Kyllingstad is in charge of preparing a spaghetti dinner with all the trimmings, according to Evans. President Joe Hencel is in charge of overall arrangements.



Nuts! Let's see if we can win us another baseball in the Torrance Herald circulation contest!

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