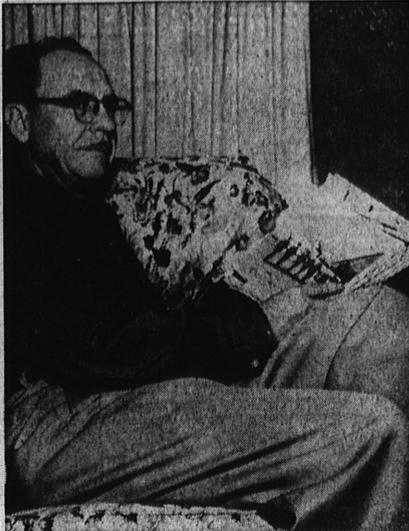


CRANKING IT UP . . . Thirty years ago, pilots had to crank their planes to get them started, just like the old Model T. Here, Lee Flanagin wound up his Fokker Universal. Flying conditions then might have frightened off many present-day pilots, Flanagin opined.



THE OLD DAYS . . . Looking over some old pictures of his early days as a pilot is Lee Flanagin, 212 Paseo de las Delicias, now assistant director of operations for the western region of TWA. He started flying in 1926, working for \$20 a week to take flying lessons which also cost \$20 a week.

EARLY PILOT SAYS

# Planes Really Off Ground Now

Airplanes really have gotten off the ground in the past 30 years, Lee Flanagin, 212 Paseo de las Delicias, dean of TWA employees, reminisced this week.

Active in aviation since 1926, the local man, now assistant director of operations for TWA's western region, says that many modern pilots would shudder at the conditions under which the early birdmen flew.

Thirty years ago, pilots often skimmed the tree tips at 500 feet, flying under a storm instead of over it. The compass was the only instrument they had to guide them, in comparison with the panels of indicators which help sky jockeys today.

Cockpit Enclosed

Not until Flanagin had been flying for two or three years did anybody think about enclosing the cockpit.

"Man, it got mighty cold up there," Flanagin recalls.

Early-day pilots had to be their own mechanics, sometimes stopping in the middle of a cross-country trek to fix a wheezing motor. To start the infernal machines, they had to crank the motor, just like the old Model T.

Flanagin got the flying bug after taking a Sunday afternoon pleasure excursion in a plane in 1926. He was so excited after his ride that he went to the Aero Corp. and took a job as an airplane mechanic.

Soon Flying Lessons

He started taking flying lessons at the same time. His wages were \$20 per week and his flying lessons cost \$20 a week, which left him no money. After three months, however, he completed the course and became an instructor.

During the early days, he recalls that most of Los Angeles County south of Manchester Blvd. was just open fields where planes could land with ease.

Flanagin stayed with the Standard Airlines, which succeeded the Aero Corp., and continued flying when that firm became part of TWA in the early Thirties. He flew both mail and passenger planes and was one of the first commercial pilots to fly into Tucson, Ariz., which he recently revisited after 30 years' absence.

Headed Transport

During World War II, Flanagin headed the Domestic Air Transport Command for TWA, channeling planes needed to haul cargoes and men in this country.

He retired as a commercial pilot in 1950 after 24 years service.

One of Flanagin's acquaintances in the early days was Charles A. Lindbergh, who came to California to get advice on his proposed trans-Atlantic flight.

"A lot of us thought the idea sounded pretty silly at the time," Flanagin recalled. "He was a young man who had made up his mind that he was going to fly the Atlantic and he did."

# State Cracks Down on Wage Report Codes

A Torrance painting contractor was sentenced to two days in jail by South Bay Municipal Judge John A. Shidler this week for failure to file tax reports and remit worker deductions within the time required by California Unemployment Insurance Code.

J. E. Dembrak, of 18521 Taylor Court, pleaded guilty to four counts of failure to file the reports and was sentenced to two days on each count. Sentence was suspended on three counts.

Dembrak was in court on a complaint filed by T. D. Weld, auditor in charge at the Department of Employment's Long Beach office.

"Employers who take deductions from the pay of workers and fail to remit to the State or fail to file wage reports, face the risk of criminal prosecution," Weld warned after the Dembrak hearing.

# 50,000 Will Join Cancer Crusade Soon

Fifty thousand citizens of Los Angeles County will join hands the night of April 10 in a mass memorial to someone each has lost to cancer.

The occasion will be a Memorial Crusade, taking place as part of the American Cancer Society's 1957 educational and fund raising campaign against cancer. Communities throughout the county will participate in the special event, according to Robert Jahn, South Bay area chairman.

During the three hour effort Memorial Crusaders hope to reach every home in the county to deliver life-saving facts about cancer and ask for life-saving contributions to help fight cancer.

Jahn asked citizens of Torrance who would like to join in the mass memorial event as crusaders to call their co-chairman.

Central Torrance unit contact, Mrs. Joe Banks, 22316 Eastwood Ct., DA 6-4706, and Southwest Torrance unit, Mrs. Donald Kane, 5014 Mindora Dr., FR 5-6329. As of today, all of the co-chairmen have not been selected, so information can be obtained from Mrs. E. S. Karlow, 1971 Middlebrook Rd., Torrance, DA 6-6478, South Bay Area residential chairman.

"Every Memorial Crusader will have the deep satisfaction of knowing that his three hour memorial may help to save at least one life from cancer," Jahn stated.

Honorary Memorial Crusade chairman for the county is Mrs. Jean Hersholt, whose husband, the famed actor, died of cancer last year.

# Adult School Plans Class In First Aid

An advanced first aid class will be offered by Torrance Evening High School and Torrance Chapter, American Red Cross, beginning Monday.

The class, to be held on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7 to 10 p.m., Room 11, North High School, 182nd and Yukon, will be taught by Mrs. Marguerite Ferguson.

Attendance at four meetings is required for an advanced first aid certificate. Anyone who has completed a standard first aid class within the past three years is eligible to take this training.

Persons interested may register the first night of the class, Monday, March 11, Room 11, North High School.

George Powell, assistant director of Civil Defense for the city, reported that this is the first chance many have had for some time to participate in advance courses.

# Douglas Management Club Names Officers

Ren Briggs, plant safety analyst and a Marine Corp. combat artist during World War II, has been elected president of Douglas El Segundo Management Club.

Briggs lives at 718 Camino Real, Redondo Beach, and his wife teaches a second grade class at Sepulveda School here.

Named program chairman of the club was Francis R. Fowler, 5405 Paseo de Pablo, Torrance, a member of the Douglas public relations staff.

# Imperial Museum to Get Zamperini Book

World famous Louis Zamperini, who went from a job as carrier boy for the Torrance HERALD to become one of the world's greatest athletes, has been notified of another achievement, he told the HERALD this week.

His book, "Devil at My Heels," which is his autobiography and relates his experiences from early manhood in Torrance to his athletic triumphs at SC and as an Olympic star, has been accepted for the archives of the Imperial War Museum in London.

Book Requested

In a letter received recently from Robert B. Coombs, librarian for the world renowned museum, Zamperini was asked to present the museum with an autographed copy of the book.

"The Imperial War Museum is the official Department in this country responsible for the collection of the records of the wars since 1914 in which the Armed Forces of the British Commonwealth and Empire have been engaged," Coombs wrote to Zamperini.

Runs Boys Camp

"The extensive records contained in the Library, the greater part of which have been donated, are available to the public of this and other countries by personal visit, post, or telephone," he added.

Zamperini, who was a hero of the war in the Pacific during World War II, and who was a prisoner of the Japanese for many months, is currently operating a boys camp to which he devotes his energies and proceeds of his book. The book is on sale locally at Schwartz Men's Store.

# Youth Band, Singer To Appear Saturday

Adele Gebr, young, vivacious and beautiful coloratura soprano will be the featured soloist in a joint concert with the Torrance Area Youth Band to be held in the Redondo Union High School Auditorium this Saturday night.

The Youth Band will play the first half of the concert and Miss Gebr will perform during the second half. This is the third in a series of Artist Concerts sponsored by the Youth Band-Artist Concerts Assn.



From Europe

Miss Gebr is a comparatively newcomer to the American stage, having recently moved here from Europe and South America. She received most of her training in the leading opera companies of those countries. Music critics predict a "bright" future for this young and talented girl.

Miss Gebr's program will include arias and selections by Mozart, Britten, Oubradors, Schubert, Paladine, Musorgsky, de Falla, Rossini, and Hageman. She will be accompanied at the piano by Raymond McCreeters.

Program Set

Selections to be performed by the Youth Band include "Agüero, paso doble," the "Die Fledermaus" overture, "Finlandia," "Bathsheba," and "Cowboy Rhapsody." Soloists featured on the band's share of the program include Mae Denton, violinist, Jimmie Butterfield, bassonist, and Dale Reubart, pianist.

Admission to these concerts is by season ticket, however, some seats are available to persons wishing to purchase individual tickets at the box office. The concert begins promptly at 8 p.m.

# LOCAL MAN HEADS NEW EL CAMINO KIWANIANS

Charter ceremonies for the El Camino Kiwanis Club, organized at 12:01 a.m. on Jan. 1, 1957, will be held tomorrow night, March 8, at a dinner at the Western Club Cafe, Gardena.

Officers of the new club are Leo M. Christian, president, Morris E. Lusk, vice president, John Donnelly, secretary, and Joel Necessary, treasurer. On the board of directors are Van Caputo, Don Crowell, Paul Tsukahara, Henry Larson, Howard Cook, Chester Wolfe, and Karl Ransom.

El Camino Official

Christian is assistant director of student personnel in charge of registration and records at El Camino College. He has been at the college for five years. He is a member of the Phi Delta Kappa, California Teachers Assn., National Education Assn., and Pacific Coast Registrars and Admissions Officers Assn. Pomona Kiwanis Club claimed his membership for three years. He resides in Torrance at 23022 Kathryn Ave., with his wife, Harriet and children, Neil, 14, and Jean, 9.

Some 300 Kiwanians and guests of the 18 Kiwanis Clubs in Division Nineteen will honor the 48 El Camino Kiwanis charter members and their guests. They will be welcomed by Thomas W. Mills, president of the Gardena Kiwanis Club, the sponsoring unit.

Limits Told

The territorial limits of the El Camino Club will extend from 190th St. in Torrance on the south, Hawthorne Blvd. and Hawthorne city limits on the west, El Segundo Blvd. on the north, Western Ave. to 135th and Van Ness and Arlington Blvd. on the east.

Logan Cotton of Hermosa Beach, governor of the California-Nevada-Hawaii District of Kiwanis International, will make the principal address and present the charter. He will be presented by Clyde Walker, Hawthorne, lieutenant governor of Division Nineteen, who will act as master of ceremonies for the evening.

Christian, president of the new club, will accept the charter and will respond by dedicating the El Camino Club to carrying out the ideals of Kiwanis International.

Presentation Set

Dr. Jules Beasley of the Southwest L.A. Kiwanis Club, secretary of Division Nineteen, will present the new club with its banner and other gifts in behalf of the Division. John Donnelly, secretary of the El Camino Club will accept and respond in behalf of his club.

Presidents of the Kiwanis Clubs of Division Nineteen who will head their representatives at the charter ceremonies include Donald B. Bowker, Lomita; John A. Barrington, Torrance; Charles Scott, Walteria, and Christian, El Camino.

In general charge of charter night arrangements are A.C. "Bill" Golden of the sponsoring club and Morris E. Lusk of the new club. Other committee members are Chester Wolfe, publicity, Charles McAfee and John Groot, arrangements, Bill Densmore and Bob McLaughlin, program, and Russ Miller and Clarence Floro, tickets.

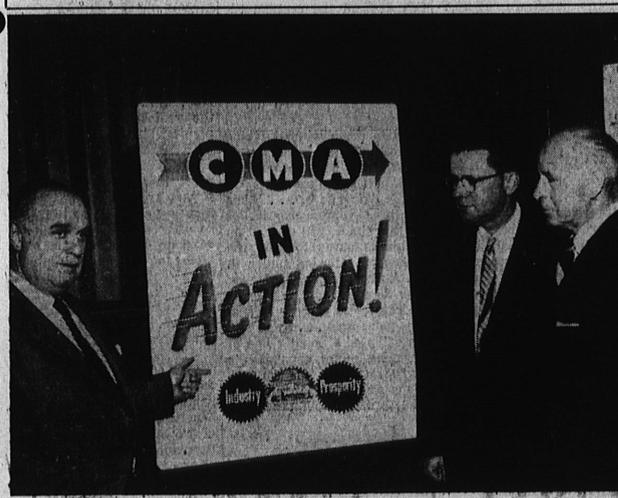
# Looter Gets Camera

A camera valued at \$65 was stolen from his car while it was parked in front of his home, police were informed Monday by William Kaps of 3151 W. 182nd St.

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MESSAGE ON ACTION . . . Stanley C. Gorman (left) assistant director of the California Manufacturers Assn., shows part of his visual program for stimulating interest in CMA to John E. Biby Jr., regional committee chairman, and Luther A. Nichols, executive vice president of CMA, during a luncheon meeting here last week.

# Changes in State's Economy Outlined for Manufacturers

The changes in Southern California's economy — from agriculture in 1926 to industry in 1956 — was traced for Torrance and Long Beach area members of the California Manufacturers Assn. here at a regional executive committee meeting.

Explaining graphically the value of CMA participation was Stanley C. Gorman, assistant director for public relations and membership service for the organization.

By using a series of large displays, Gorman emphasized that California's future depended on greater industrial

production, and said the manufacturers' strength in bringing about an orderly development of California industry lay in the combined efforts of all — big and small.

Activities Outlined

More than a score of top Southland industrialists at the meeting were told that the CMA activities included legislation, freight traffic, unemployment insurance problems, public relations, taxation, workmen's compensation, industrial waste, and the triple-headed matter of fuel, power, and water.

A commentary on the legis-

lative outlook for manufacturers was presented by Luther A. Nichols, executive vice president of CMA. He substituted for Thomas F. Knight Jr., legislative director of CMA, who was kept in Sacramento by heavy commitments.

Local Members

Local representatives at the meeting included Fred Mill of National Supply Co., C. C. Morgan, Columbia-Geneva Steel; Carl Schulz, Great Lakes Carbon Corp.; Reed H. Parkin, Doak Aircraft; J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools; and Dick Fitzgerald, manager of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

# TV WINNER TO DISCUSS 'WOMEN'

Speaking on behalf of the fairer sex on the "Natural Superiority of Women" will be Dr. M. Ashley Montagu who will appear at El Camino College at 8:15 p.m. next Tuesday.

TV viewers throughout the world witnessed Dr. Montagu reach the top bracket of the \$64,000 television show recently when he won the \$32,000 prize, declining to compete for the coveted \$64,000.

A teacher turned lecturer and author, Dr. Montagu was formerly instructor of anatomy at New York University and the Hahneman Medical College in Philadelphia. He was on the best seller list in 1953 with his book "The Natural Superiority of Women" and authored articles on the same subject appear in the "Saturday Evening Post."

Dr. Montagu is appearing as a part of the Associated Students' current lecture series being offered this semester at El Camino College.

Admission for the general public will be \$1 with tickets available in the student store on the college campus.



NEW WHITE OFFICERS . . . Top student body officers at the newly-opened Stephen M. White Junior High School were elected last week. First officers of the new school are Henry Ota, boys vice president; Gary Olson, president; and Judy Smith, girls' vice president.

# QUEEN FOR A DAY . . . Oramae Craig, of 21124 Budlong Ave., was recently crowned "Queen for a Day" on Jack Bailey's popular television show. She received a complete wardrobe, a whirl around Hollywood, and a cruise aboard the SS Nassau to the Caribbean for herself and husband, Richard, a Harvey Machine Co. employe.

