

### Torrance to Vegas Race Set in July

A "Lucky Seven" cross country airplane race from the Torrance Airport to Las Vegas will be held July 13 and 14 under the sponsorship of the Exchange Clubs of California District 20 and of Las Vegas.

The planes will start at Torrance, flying to Las Vegas via Yucca Valley and Needles, and returning the following day by Daggett. The pilots and passengers of the craft, ranging from 65 to 300 horsepower, will stay overnight in Las Vegas.

A. D. Wiweke, MTW Electric Co., Torrance is handling details for the local club. Some 30 planes already have entered, and 10 to 12 more entries are expected before the June 29 deadline.

Trophies and prizes will be awarded to the winners of the race.

#### MATCH WOOD

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### Donald Mitchell, Frank Ford Graduate at Annapolis

Two local men graduated Friday from the U. S. Naval Academy Friday in colorful ceremonies held at Annapolis, Md.

The pair were Donald L. Mitchell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Mitchell, 1317 Acacia Ave., and Frank R. Ford Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Ford, 16714 Cherry Ave. Both received commissions as Naval ensign and will report for duty aboard destroyers.

Mitchell entered the academy on a congressional appointment after graduation from Torrance High School and attending El Camino College.

He was married in a traditional Navy ceremony at the Academy Chapel yesterday to Ruth R. Gensley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Gensley, Hermosa Beach.

Also entering the academy on a congressional appointment, Ford graduated from Anchorage High School, Anchorage, Alaska. He won a junior varsity letter in soccer at the academy, serving as team manager.

The graduation rites followed the traditional "June Week" ceremonies at Annapolis. Both men received bachelor of science degrees in addition to their commissions.

### Local Disease List 'Spotty'

The disease picture in Torrance and Los Angeles County still is spotty. Measles still is on the rampage.

During the two-week period ending June 1, 33 cases of measles were reported in the Torrance Health District, 18 of them in Torrance. Total number of cases of measles in the county this year is 12,684, six times as many as last year, but still behind the five-year median of 14,406.

Other diseases reported in the area include scarlet fever, 9; tuberculosis, 5; epilepsy and syphilis, each 2; and hepatitis, mumps, and tubercular infection, each 1.



SET FLIGHT . . . First Lt. Porter Thompson is currently receiving instruction in flying the Air Force T-33 jet training aircraft at Craig Air Force Base, Alaska, in Craig's Jet Qualification Course, an intensive flying training program to qualify pilots in the operation of today's modern jet planes. Lt. Thompson is a former resident of Torrance.

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