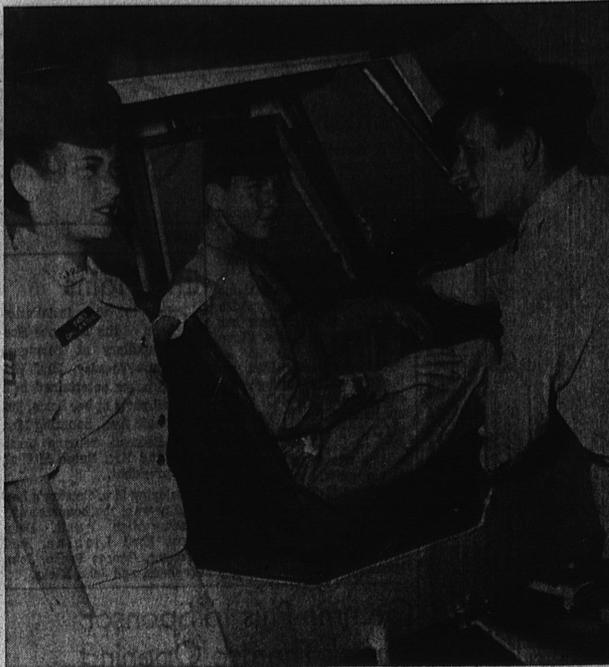




**COCKPIT CHECK** . . . a phase of cadet orientation flights is one item studied by Civil Air Patrol cadets on their orientation flights. Procedures in starting an airplane engine are being observed by cadets, from left, C/Sgt. Gwen Hull, flight leader, 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Hull, 2476 Winlock Dr.; Pvt. Lanny Harris, 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Harris, 27401 Rainbow Ridge, Rolling Hills, and 2nd Lt. Marlin Resinger, pilot, 1953 187th St., Lomita.



**TECHNIQUES FOR OBSERVING WRECKAGE FROM THE AIR** . . . are being studied here by, from left, Capt. Mary C. Pinkney, 361 Paseo de Gracia, squadron public information officer; M/Sgt. Dorothy M. Brown, 3254 229th St., and senior member Dorothy Gorley, 1900 W. 174th St. This is only part of the valuable information studied during a practice session of the Civil Air Patrol.

## Got the Flying Bug? ... Then CAP Is the Answer

By ELEANOR GILBERT

An opportunity for the young people of high school age to further their interest in aviation is being offered now by the Civil Air Patrol through their cadet training program. Participation in the senior program is also offered to men and women in the South Bay area.

Cadets are given the opportunity of learning general aviation information, participating in practice search and rescue missions, and building and flying model airplanes.

Although Civil Air Patrol does not give flight instruction, cadets receive thorough indoctrination in actual flight and learn the fundamentals of aviation through the various ground training subjects such as navigation, weather, traffic control and flight regulations.

CAP cadets are not expected to join the Air Force, although it is an official auxiliary of the USAF and is semi-military in nature. But those who are interested and complete the cadet program are entitled to enlist in the USAF as Airmen 3/class.

The "Big Three", referring to the extracurricular activities of the CAP program, includes two-week summer encampments at U. S. Air Force bases near here, for both male and female cadets, drill competition and the possible chance of representing their wing in the National CAP Drill Competition, and the International Cadet Exchange, set up to foster good will and understanding in the different countries through the mutual interest in aviation.

In recent years two cadets from the local unit have been selected to participate in this exchange. They are Michael Regan and Lerow W. Thompson.

Any U. S. citizen, 14 to 18, and in good physical health may join the CAP cadets. The uniforms which the cadets wear are Air Force uniforms, except for the CAP insignia and shoulder patches. Each cadet is expected to furnish his own uniform and pay a minimum charge for insurance during his CAP activities.

The cadets meet each Monday night at the squadron headquarters at the Torrance Municipal Airport. They also receive military training and discipline. After passing a rigid test on their training, they are awarded a Certificate of Proficiency, the diploma of the CAP cadets. Besides obtaining the rank of Airmen 3/class should they enter the Air Force, normal basic training is also waived.

### 11th ANNIVERSARY

The local CAP unit, South Bay Squadron No. 43, which will celebrate its 11th anniversary this year, was reorganized five years ago by Capt. Betr Pinckney, of Palos Verdes. From a mere handful of members, the organization has grown into an active unit of 40 seniors and 45 cadets.

Organized "to promote aviation in all its phases, civilian and military", the training given also "serves as preparation of civilians to serve in disciplined units in time of emergency, such as missing aircraft, lost people, and relief work in any disaster. Cadets are not allowed to fly on any hazardous missions."

"The only thing we can't do," said Capt. Pinckney, "is help the police track down criminals."

During the winter of 1956, when Torrance was stricken with floods, the CAP used an amphibious DUK (duck) which had been donated to help evacuate persons from the flooded areas.

Another dramatic incident occurred when the CAP learned of a young woman, who with her family was marooned because of the heavy snows at her father's home in the Tehachapi Mountains. She was momentarily expecting a baby, and she had not infant clothing or provisions. The local unit of the CAP, upon hearing of the situation hurriedly gathered together a supply of clothing and equipment and by means of airlift, dropped the items in time to avert a crisis.

### ADVENTURE

Another time, a former squadron commander and his companion were rescued from sure death by exposure after their plane crashed. Within six hours the two men were found by the local CAP unit and on their way to a military hospital.

One of the newer members of the senior group is Dorothy Gorley, 1900 W. 174th St., who within the two months of CAP work has participated in three actual searches for missing aircraft. She logged 10 hours 20 minutes as observer time. During one search mission, she flew the entire search after having received six hours 30 minutes of instruction on search-pilot technique.

Mrs. Gorley has had her private pilot's license since Oct. '56, but didn't join CAP until March '57, which she did because of her husband's interest. She is also the mother of two little boys, Paul, 8, and Craig, 6. The whole family, including her parents in the east are proud of "Mom".

Increasingly, women are coming into CAP. They participate in all phases of the program. These include administrative work, communications, the medical section as well as in the search and rescue work. As observers, they must train many hours in actual flight, with corresponding hours of ground training in aeronautical subjects.

Other feminine members of the CAP, besides Capt. Pinkney and Mrs. Gorley, are M/Sgt. Dorothy M. Brown, 1st Lt. Evelyn Shirley, 1st Lt. Patricia Weaver, M/Sgt. Gertrude Brooks, M/Sgt. Jessie Martinez, Pilots Ona Luscombe, and Margaret Brian. New Members are Nadine McHugh, Dorothy M. Fisher and Perri Fitch. Miss Fitch began as a cadet and transferred to the senior group. She has recently joined the armed forces, serving in Air Traffic Control. All the ladies are residents of the South Bay area.

Further information about the CAP activities and program may be obtained from Capt. Pinkney (Mrs. Robert Pinkney), 361 Paseo de Gracia in Hollywood Riviera. Interested organizations may call on this CAP unit for programs by contacting Capt. Pinkney.

## Mrs. Jackson To Organize New Chapter

Mrs. Winona Jackson, executive field secretary for International Epsilon Sigma Alpha sorority, will attend the International convention to be held in Nashville, Tenn., on June 22. Mrs. Jackson, who has been affiliated with the sorority for the past 10 years, has organized the present chapters here and will conduct the first three

meetings and appoint officers for the new chapter, Delta Delta Epsilon Juniors Unit 16, on June 18 at the YWCA. Invitations have been extended only to those who have been recommended by prominent Torrance people. All chapters of Epsilon Sigma Alpha and all members-at-large from the southern section have been

invited. The new chapter will cover four branches, music appreciation, interior decoration, travel and philanthropy. After attending the convention in Nashville, Mrs. Jackson will go to Washington, D. C., and New York City. Later, she plans a trip to Dawson Creek, British Columbia, and back through Idaho, Utah, and Nevada.

## CPF Circles Soroptimists Will Install New Officer Panel June 21

Circles of the Christian Women's Fellowship of the First Christian church will meet as follows:

Mary and Martha Circle, Mrs. Rita Lindoin leader, with Mrs. Iva Livada, 249 W. 233rd St. Tuesday, June 18, at 7:30 p.m.

Esther Circle, Mrs. Mayme Stock, leader, with Mrs. Holthaus, 1310 Manuel Ave., Tuesday, June 18, at 1 p.m.

Rachel Circle, Pauline Smart leader, with Mrs. Frances Marshall, 18802 Haas, Tuesday, June 18, at 7:30 p.m.

Business and Professional Women's Circle, Mrs. Elva Conrad leader, in the Fireside Room at the church, Wednesday, June 19, at 7:30 p.m.

Tabitha Circle, Mrs. Natalie Ray, leader with Mrs. Gretchen Groves, 112 Via Estrellita, Redondo Beach, Thursday, June 20, at 8 p.m. A pot luck supper for members and their husbands will close the year.

Lydia Circle, Mrs. Barbara Parker, leader, with Mrs. Roberta Smith, 2214 Torrance Blvd., on Tuesday, June 25, at 7:30 p.m.

Phoebe Circle, Mrs. Grace Goad leader, with Mrs. Goad, 24718 Walnut, Lomita, on Tuesday, June 25, at 10 a.m. A pot-luck luncheon at noon.

**WILL ENTERTAIN**  
Mrs. D. Jones will entertain the Past Matrons of the Torrance Chapter of Eastern Star next Friday evening at her home, 3736 Newton St., Walteria.

**OREGON VACATION**  
Mr. and Mrs. Howard R. Altermatt, 1823 Hickory Ave., are planning a July vacation in Portland, Ore., to visit Mr. Altermatt's parents.

**AT SUMMER HOME**  
Mrs. John Melville and children left yesterday for Catalina to spend the summer at their resort home on the island.

**AT CONFERENCE**  
Attending the recent CWF conference in Pacific Palisades were Mrs. Gladys Pletschke, Ethel Mosley, Esther Walker, Betty Saine, Anne Thompson, and Laura Townsend.

## Soroptimists Will Install New Officer Panel June 21

Soroptimist International of Torrance and Gardena will install its new officers at a dinner meeting June 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Palms restaurant. Mary Lemberger will assume the duties of president. To be installed with her are Helen Parrish, first vice president; Mary Pagac, second vice president; Helen Rodgers, corresponding secretary; Frances Dimitri, recording secretary; Margaret Herron, treasurer; Edna B. Walters, director; and Margaret Neff, regional delegate.

Muriel Morse of the Los Angeles Soroptimist club will conduct the installation. At the regular luncheon meeting held June 10 at the Palms, Captain D. J. Horlander gave a most urgent warning to the members of the Torrance-Gardena Soroptimist International Club on Civil Defense and the necessity of survival training. He stressed that civilians should not put off learning what to do for their own and their family's protection in case of an atomic or hydrogen bombing. "If we are bombed we may not have any warning but at the very most, two hours. Our greatest danger could come from missile launching submarines," he said. He urged all to leave their radios turned to stations 640 or 1240 and to remain where other stations will be off the air of there is an alert. If the alert is red, the danger is immediate, if yellow, there will be a little before bombing. Every family should have a battery operated radio and extra batteries; a first aid kit; seven day food and water supply kit and if possible an adequate shelter. The Captain gave much credit to George Powell for all his efforts toward civil defense.

Master Sgt. W. H. Phelps showed a movie of what could happen in case of bombing and told of his experiences in connection with bomb tests that have been made.

Betty Douglas, a Soroptimist from Quincy, Calif. attended as a guest, and Dorthie Kirkpatrick won the door prize.

Mrs. Lola Stanley, a Long Beach Soroptimist and Parliamentarian for the Pacific Region of Soroptimist International, will be guest speaker at the next regular luncheon meeting June 17, at the Palms in Torrance.

The meeting was presided over by President Margaret Neff. Invitations to several Soroptimist installations were read by Helen Parrish and the speaker was introduced by Frances Dimitri, program chairman.

**Rebekah News**  
Torrance Rebekah Lodge held its business meeting Wednesday, in the Torrance Masonic Temple, 2326 Cabrillo Ave.

The report of the delegates, Mrs. Olive Veatch and Mrs. Amy Savage, to the recent Rebekah Assembly in Fresno was the highlight of the business meeting.

Special mention was made of the Initiatory Paegent that was demonstrated by the Torrance Rebekahs at this meeting. The following members wear in Fresno for this purpose:

Mr. and Mrs. George Jennings, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Powers, Leslie Walling, Mrs. Freida Shaffer, Mrs. Dorothy Rogers, Mrs. Eugenia Johnson, Mrs. Anne Collins, Mrs. Angie Disario, Mrs. Ruby Blackman, Mrs. Retta Nelson, Mrs. Maude Milburn, Mrs. Ruth Deems, Mrs. Patricia Young, and LeRoy Snow. Also present at this meeting were Mr. and Mrs. Snow Sr., and Mrs. Belva Brase.

Mr. and Mrs. Jennings, Mrs. Freida Shaffer, Mr. Leslie Walling and Mrs. Dorothy Rogers took advantage of the trip and visited the Old Peoples' Home at Caratoga and the Children's Home at Gilroy.

Plans were made for the initiation of six candidates at the June 28 meeting.

The meeting was conducted by the Noble Grand, Mrs. Maude Milburn.

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