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A Penny for your Thoughts

Watching the skies for col-
ding aircraft, THE HERALD
photographer asked a number
of persons in Torrance their
thoughts on restricting mili-
tary aircraft from the flight
zones assigned to commercial
airlines and received the fol-
lowing answers:

**Wesley Ward, Long Beach
airline officer:**
"The military
should be re-
stricted to
their own
areas for all but
emergency fly-
ing. Normal
flights should
not go into
commercial
airline patterns."

**Harold Suvers, 18709 Cren-
shaw, aircraft
mechanic:**
"There is no
reason why
military air-
craft should
not leave a
clear path for
commercial
airliners to
travel. They
definitely should stay out of
commercial traffic areas."

**Bill Brown, 1218 El Prado,
aircraft me-
chanic:**
"Service air-
craft should
use com-
mercial
airline
routes and be
under the
control of CAA
or some ag-
ency on cross
country training flights, other-
wise should not penetrate the
commercial line routes."

**Leonard Eosminger, 4302
Lemore, hos-
pital adminis-
trator:**
"Military
craft should
stay out of
commercial
zones. As long
as they are
in the air,
they should
comply with
CAA regula-
tions. The military obligation
is to protect the population at
all times, not only when on
the offensive."

**William Simpson, 700 W.
254th St., Ma-
rine Corps:**
"The service
has a definite
purpose in fly-
ing and if
they feel they
must fly in
areas also
used by com-
mercial air-
liners, they should not be re-
stricted."

**Jerry Harbin, Hawthorne,
Air Force in-
ductee:**
"If the mili-
tary did not
fly in the
areas they
needed to fly
in the areas
used by com-
mercial air-
liners, I don't
think they
would. Military craft must
know all of the terrain over
which they may be called to
fly."

Openings Still Available for Summer Camps

There still are openings in
the Torrance YMCA summer
camps for boys and girls, 9
to 12 years of age.
Some 125 boys are expected
to go to Big Pines July
3 to 12 for swimming, horse-
back riding, archery, handi-
crafts, campfires, hiking and
camping.
Reservations should be
made immediately at the
Torrance YMCA.



CITY CLERK HONORED . . . City Clerk A. H. Bartlett (right) and Mrs. Bartlett were honored Sunday as civic leaders and pioneer residents of the community gathered to pay tribute to Mr. Bartlett as he begins his 37th year as city clerk. Joining in on the tribute (from the left) were Councilman Nick Draie, Chamber President O. K. Trueblood, and Councilman George Bradford (behind Mrs. Bartlett). (Herald Photo)

Throng Jams Lodge Hall To Honor Albert Bartlett

Nearly 200 persons, many of them among the city's first residents, met to pay tribute to City Clerk A. H. Bartlett Sunday as he begins his 37th year in that office.
Meeting at the Moose Lodge Hall for a turkey dinner, they heard another old-timer, William Tolson Sr., former mayor of the city, recall many of the early day events which marked Bartlett's career here—including establishment of the volunteer fire department, the first insurance agency of the city, Torrance Athletic Club, service clubs, and the Chamber of Commerce.
Seated by her husband during the dinner meeting was Mrs. Jesse Bartlett while the couple's daughter and her family were seated at a special table in front of the head table.
Receives Plaque
Contributions of the veteran city clerk to the city's Chamber of Commerce were recognized by President O. R. Trueblood who presented a plaque to Bartlett from the Chamber.
Letters and telegrams poured in from many national leaders, commending Bartlett on his 36 years of devoted service to the city, and wishing him continued success.
Among those read by Councilman Nick Draie, who presided at the testimonial, were letters and wires from Gov. Goodwin J. Knight, Lt. Gov. Harold J. Powers, Assemblyman Vincent Thomas, State Senator Richard Richards, Congressman Cecil King, Senators William Knowland and Thomas Kuchel, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, and Burton V. Chace, chairman of the County Board of Supervisors.
Service Stressed
Councilman Willys Blount, who joined with Draie and Councilman George Bradford in the salute to Bartlett, pointed up the length of service of the veteran city clerk by ad-



BIG BROTHERS MEET . . . Prominent members of the Big Brothers of Greater Los Angeles, Inc., met today with 125 industrial and business leaders to acquaint them with the Big Brothers program to combat youth maladjustment. Photo (left to right) shows Meredith Wilson, playwright, composer; William B. McEwen, district attorney; and Edward D. Lyman, club leader. Wilson is president of the Big Brothers of Greater Los Angeles while McEwen and Lyman serve on the board of directors.

NIKES SAFE, LOCAL COMMANDER SAYS

Atom Missiles Hold No Peril

Operation of a Nike base at the Torrance Municipal Airport poses little threat to the city or surrounding residents, Capt. H. D. Mahoney, commander of the local installation, told members of the city council this week.

Plans to convert to atomic missiles will not increase the peril, he said.

"The people of this area have a right to know the safety factors of the Nike," Captain Mahoney said in explaining his visit to the council. The subject has been discussed throughout the country since a Nike site in New Jersey was struck by explosions.

Safety was a consideration in selecting the site to begin with, the officer said. He pointed out that isolated areas are sought, that missiles are stored underground, and that protected areas are used to process the missiles.

Damage in the New Jersey explosion was largely confined to the Nike site itself, he explained.

Among the procedures outlined by the missile battery commander which contribute to the safety factor of the installation include a policy whereby only one missile is modified at a time, personnel are hand-picked, servicemen and that a complicated series of procedures must be followed to fire each stage of the rocket, and that they cannot be fired accidentally by a chain of mistakes.

Design of the missile itself is such that the maximum safety factor is built in.

Sites Record
General Motors reported the safety of the missile when he reported that more than 2200 rounds had been fired during training sessions without a premature launching or explosion.

Conversion of the local missiles to the new Hercules, armed with an atomic warhead, will be made in the future but will pose no additional danger, he said.

Former Torrance Queen Finalist Hurt in Crash

Mrs. Shirley Witly, who was a runner-up in the Miss Torrance contest and later was Miss California, suffered a dislocated hip and leg cuts Monday in a two-car collision at Figueroa St. and Loma Blvd.

The 22-year-old beauty, who lives at 347 E. 210th St., was treated at Permanente Hospital as was her 9-week-old son, Bryan, who suffered facial cuts.

CHP officers said Mrs. Witly's car was southbound on Figueroa St. when it collided with a car going west on Loma Blvd. The second car was driven by Mrs. Phyllis Hughes, 29, of 23102 Delores St.

Mrs. Hughes, her daughter, Maria, 5, and her passenger, Marie Kuitl, 28, were treated for cuts and bruises at Harbor General Hospital.

The California beauty was married and the mother of a 7-month-old son David when she won the statewide title in 1956. She competed as Miss California in the Miss Universe contest before the rule disqualifying married women was adopted by the pageant officials.

Prior to that, as Shirley Garner, she had been a top contender in the "Miss Torrance" beauty contest.

PAIR ADMIT STEALING 83 ITEMS FROM FIRMS

Police apprehended two Torrance women who were charged with shoplifting Monday at five local stores. Officers discovered 83 articles in their handbags and in the car, none of which were paid for, the women admitted.

Arrested and booked on charges of theft were Margaret Irene Jaxon, 24, and Dava Lee Davis, 18, both of 1037 Jay St.

The two were spotted by Vern Lovelady, co-owner of a local hardware store, 1967 W. Carson St., who said the suspects were seen putting merchandise into their oversized handbags.

When they left the store without paying for the items, Lovelady stopped them and they fled for the police.

Officers found a bench vice, channel lock pliers, a refrigeration ice bag and a sharpening stone in their purses. In the car, detectives discovered the rest of the loot which included a watermelon, other items of food, clothing, and hardware materials.

Investigators said the women admitted shoplifting the items from three hardware stores, a market and a dress store.

The two women pled guilty in South Bay Municipal Court, Torrance Branch, Tuesday and were released on their own recognizance. They will appear July 22, 9:30 a.m., for probation and sentence hearing.

Tax Cut Voted in City Budget

A tax decrease of one cent per \$100 of assessed valuation is contemplated in the \$3,900,000 tentative city budget approved here by the city council this week.

As proposed for the coming year, the city's tax rate would drop from \$1.224 to \$1.214, which includes general fund, library, bond retirement, and employee retirement fund taxes.

Pleas of city workers for a system of longevity pay or a pay increase were referred to the city manager for study and presentation with the final budget in August when the assessed valuations of the city are determined formally.

The council delayed the matter until fall to permit the city manager to make a more accurate estimate of the anticipated revenues.

Charges that the fire and police departments were sorely undermanned were voiced by Al Salcido, representing these departments. Frouren Salcido said there were times when the city's huge aerial ladder truck went out with one man on the ladders, and times when the police department had but one car in the field for general calls.

Mrs. David Sokoloff, president during the past year of the South High PTA, asked the city to join the state and school funds in financing an additional school building at the school and Pacific Coast Hwy. The council approved a \$19,000 expenditure in the new budget with the condition that the state and school share in the \$49,000 project. The matter has been approved by the state.

The increase retroactive to June 16, will apply to all salaried personnel receiving less than \$25,000 a year base salary.

Northrop Pay Hike Revealed

Northrop Aircraft, Inc., today announced a five per cent general salary increase for approximately 6,000 employees in the company's Northrop, Northrop and Radioplane Divisions and in the company's general offices in Beverly Hills.

The increase, retroactive to June 16, will apply to all salaried personnel receiving less than \$25,000 a year base salary.

Salary personnel will also receive an additional paid holiday, which was announced for hourly personnel last May 19.

Junior Chamber to Install Bob Bartz

Bob Bartz, materiel man, Dick Florence, vice president, and Vern Smith, secretary, will be installed as president, vice president, and secretary of the Torrance Junior Chamber board of directors.

Saturday night's dinner-dance will highlight a current night as the organization holds membership drive which lists its 10th annual installation party at the Redondo Beach Elks Lodge.

Bartz will succeed Frank Dussel in the post as Everett the "get out the vote" campaign, past president of the pageant here during the spring California Javees' presides elections.

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Auto Agency Looted Here

Tools and tools, valued at more than \$3000, were stolen from the storage yard of a local automobile agency at 1653 Campbell Ave., police reported yesterday.

Thieves evidently entered the yard by cutting a hole in the wire fence and removed the loot to a waiting truck, officers said.

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