

Plan Changes Holding Up Freeway Job

Delays in advertising for the construction of the Harbor freeway from 124th to 190th have been encountered, according to G. T. McCoy, state highway engineer.

"Some modification of the plans have been required and they have not been completed to date," he stated in a letter to the Torrance Chamber of Commerce in reply to a resolution passed June 19 by the Chamber's board urging action.

Completion of the freeway to 124th street is anticipated by fall of this year.

Lomitan Wins Recognition

Harbor College student Rosemary Searles Sawyer, 26751 Wilcrest, Lomita, has been notified that her poem, "Catalina," won the honor of publication in the summer anthology of the Pacific Coast Poetry Club.

When Mrs. Sawyer read a notice in the campus newspaper about the poetry competition sponsored by the association, she decided to enter her poetic impression of the Southern California island, "Catalina". Mrs. Sawyer explains that her love of nature stems from her early life in the wild, wooded country of northern Minnesota. She credits her daughter and two sons with providing the inspiration for her poetry.



VERTIJET DISPLAY... This full scale model of the Ryan X-13 "Vertijet" will be on display in Torrance during the "Ranchero Days" celebration. The X-13 is the only jet airplane which can take off and land straight up and down. It also can hover motionless or move sideways in either direction. Aircraft from the USAF Orientation Group Detachment of Norton Air Force Base, San Bernardino, will present the exhibit. (USAF Photo)

Vertijet Model On Display Here

A full-size model of the revolutionary Ryan X-13 "Vertijet" which can "do almost anything in the air but fly backward" according to airmen, is on display in Torrance during the "Ranchero Days" celebration. The X-13 will be on display in vertical launching position.

The X-13, still in the research and development state, is the only jet airplane which can take off and land straight up and down. It also can hover motionless, move sideways in either direction and climb or descend without forward motion.

All of these unusual maneuvers are performed in a highly unconventional tail-down attitude. When nosed over into normal flight position the Vertijet is capable of very high flight speeds.

The X-13, according to Air Force officials, presents an entirely new concept in jet fighter operation, with many interesting possible applications in combat. Civilian and military aviation experts have hailed the peculiar abilities as giving it great advantages in speed, maneuverability and mobility over other jet aircraft.

Lands with Cable
The unusual plane can be landed on or flown from a short length of cable stretched horizontally which it engages with a nose hook. This technique eliminates the need for landing gear, enabling design engineers to convert dead gear weight into the productive live weight of a more powerful engine, with resulting higher

speeds. It also does away with the need for long runways and vulnerable air base installations.

The X-13 is displayed at the civic center site by personnel of the USAF Orientation Group Detachment based at Norton Air Force Base, San Bernardino, California. Mounted on a flatbed trailer, it was trucked into Torrance yesterday for its appearance here.

Panel on the trailer explain and illustrate the operation and potential applications of the Vertijet which was developed and built for the Air Force by Ryan Aeronautical Company of San Diego and Torrance, California.

Dentist Joins Local Offices

Dr. Robert White, D.D.S., this week announced his association with Dr. Gerald Eastham and Dr. James Less, Torrance dentists. New dental offices for the group is located at 2275 W. Carson St.

Dr. White, who practices general dentistry, graduated from Pasadena high school, received his bachelor of science degree at Stanford University majoring in biological sciences, is a staff member of the University of Southern California School of Dentistry where he teaches periodontics.

Dr. White is married, is the father of a 10-month-old son, and lives in the Southwood area.



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