



**AWAIT START . . .** Aerial photo shows part of the 79 planes entered in the All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race at Torrance Port. All craft were impounded prior to start last Saturday of the 2,509 nautical mile race to Wilmington, Delaware. Pilots and co-pilots from all over the nation gathered in Torrance last week for the 14th running of the famous event.

### Summer Classes Designed for All Students

Summer school classes in Torrance are for everybody, no longer falling in the "vacation" or "dumbbell" variety. That was what Torrance school officials told members of the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee Monday at the group's monthly meeting. Topic was "The New Look in Summer Schools."

Today's summer schools are designed to help the bright, average, and slow students in subjects of interest or need, according to Mrs. Trudy Aldershof, summer school director. This year, about one-third of the students on regular sessions are enrolled in summer school.

**SUMMER CLASSES** are an extension of the regular school year, Donald Duncan, Riviera principal, said. The six-week sessions are designed to give

children the necessary skills, attitudes, and social ability to get along with adults. A good academic program generally will keep the attendance high, he noted, with children enjoying their learning.

Teachers also get a chance to try out new methods and varied programs during summer school, he noted, with many of these continued into the winter term.

**ON THE HIGH** school level, there are programs designed for students who need to make up work, for those who want to "explore" certain subjects, and for extra-bright students, Leonard Lifton and Willard Morgan, summer principals at Torrance and South Highs, reported.

In high schools in Torrance, summer attendance is up about 16 per cent over last year.

Some 2500 students were enrolled, representing about half of the regular school year attendance. Some 1225 students who will enter high school for the first time this fall also are enrolled.

**SOME 46 COURSES** are offered for high school students this summer, the principals reported. The libraries are open during the summer. Homework also is given.

Demonstration of the district science carts, used to perform science experiments for elementary school students, was presented by Ronald Hall, Riviera School eighth grade teacher.

Those attending got a demonstration of how a language laboratory works from Louis Bereskin, Torrance High School teacher. The language laboratories involve use of record-

### WWI Veterans Begin Conclave

The Veterans of World War I will hold their seventh annual convention in Long Beach with activities slated to get underway at 8 p.m. this evening. An attendance of more than 3000 representatives from all parts of the nation is expected to be on hand for the opening today.

The Torrance barracks will be represented by some 15 or 20 members, according to Art Hicks, commander of the barracks.

A parade is scheduled for Friday with Col. Connelly of Ft. MacArthur as grand marshal. The convention will conclude July 17.

ings and help the student learn pronunciation of foreign words and sounds.

### Leadership Subject of PTA Meet

Leadership training classes, closer communication among associations, ways and means projects, and counseling, were among the many subjects discussed by Principals and PTA Presidents of the Lomita-San Pedro Council at a meeting held at Fifteenth Street School recently.

Associations represented were: 15th St., 223rd St., Hall-dale, White Point, Park Western, Normont Terrace Harbor City, 259th Pl., Barton Hill, Bandini, Point Fermin, Crestwood, Southshores, Lomita, Cabrillo, and Leland Street Schools.

**ONE OF** the problems, that of communication between associations was discussed. This Council has under its leadership, seventeen school encompassing an area of San Pedro, Lomita, Harbor City, and Torrance, and because of the distance between schools, it is difficult for many members to keep in close touch. It was suggested that two central meeting places be selected, to which members could travel without too much time and effort. In the past, council meetings were held each month at a different school in each area. Time of meeting and type of educational or entertainment program were also discussed.

Mrs. E. Gambrell Croom, Harbor Regional Director for Tenth District PTA, and Past President of Gateway Council, gave pertinent information on District level, and expressed her views as to the best way for Council to service its members.

**AMONG THE** guests at the meeting were Mrs. Beatrice Woodbridge, Adult Division Instructor, and Mrs. Evelyn Pickarts, Supervisor of Parent Education, Adult Division of the Board of Education, who spoke on a leadership class which will be presented in the Fall. The purpose of this class will be training for leadership and will include practice in speaking and use of the microphone. Instruction will be given on the planning, selling, and publicity of programs,

### KC Officers Stage Annual Party Here

Officers and wives of the Los Crusados Council, Knights of Columbus entertained at their annual party, a luau, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle O'Hara on Fern Ave. last Saturday evening.

Coconut trees, colorful fish nets and sea shells were used effectively in decorating the family room, scene of the party.

Across the front of the bar was a sign inscribed "Lauloi—Wleakohoa" Hawaiian meaning "Have Fun—Be Merry".

Hors d'oeuvres, native to the islands, were served during the cocktail hour. The luau menu consisted of island food.

After the dinner, dancing was enjoyed.

Enjoying the affair with the hosts were Messrs. and Mmes. Joe Piatt, Paul Hogan, Howard Hood, Stacey Rodman, Jack Brislin, John McVey, John Borchorosky, Thomas Uribe, Dick Wurm, Jerry Tondre, Laurence Sargent, LeRoy Armstrong, and Mr. Fermin Montoya.

### Florida Trip

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Hakanson, 2720 Gramercy, have returned from a two weeks trip to Pensacola, Florida, where they visited their son, Cadet Gary Hakanson, who is participating in the jet training program there. The Hakansons visited 12 states on their trip and enjoyed a tour through the Ozark mountains.

### Entertain

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Oliver, 1814 Middlebrook Rd., entertained at cocktails Saturday evening prior to the Central Little League dance held at the American Legion clubhouse. Their guests were Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Laugus, Miss Barbara Gephardt and Gerry Houske.

and resources for materials for programs.

Senior Inspector Curry, of the L.A. City Fire Department was introduced and expressed his appreciation for the manner in which schools had cooperated in the Rire Prevention Program.



**LOOKING OVERSEAS . . .** Members of Miss Leah Jordan's class at Hamilton Elementary School are learning about foreign countries through learning about their children. Shown looking over dolls and books from other lands are Bobbie Faucett, Tommy Jauarez, and Miss Jordan.

### Students Learn of Other Lands in Summer School

Two globe-trotting teachers at Hamilton Elementary School, Torrance, are teaching their summer school students about foreign countries by teaching them about the children of other lands.

Misses Leah Jordan and Susan Mathews, who visited Europe a year ago, are teaching their first, second and third graders a bout foreign countries through teaching about children of their own ages.

So far, youngsters have been introduced to England, France, Italy, Norway, Greece, and Mexico and their children. The two teachers have brought many items that they picked up in Europe, and the children themselves have brought many items from home.

Miss Jordan's class Friday presented an assembly showing what they had learned.

The students are making notebooks about their "travels," gathering information from storybooks, magazines, and other sources. They learn where various countries are on the map. They learn short poems and sing songs of the other lands. They even learn some foreign phrases.

Main topics of discussion include habits of foreign children — what they eat, how they

### Leon Aiken Gets Degree

Leon James Aiken, of Torrance, is among more than 4000 graduates added to the alumni rolls of Indiana University at the recent 131st commencement ceremonies of the Hoosier state university.

A highlight of the annual commencement week-end program, attended by reunion classes, was the opening of the University's new Lilly Library in which is housed more than 100,000 rare books and some 1,500,000 manuscripts, which make up one of the major collections of the nation.

### Gem Society Meets

The Palos Verdes Gem and Mineral Society will hold its monthly meeting in the California Hall, 1932 Pacific Coast Hwy., Lomita, July 19 at 8 p.m.

The program for the evening will include slides shown by Mr. Luhrs titled "Desert" from the Federation Library. Door prizes and refreshments will conclude the evening.

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