

Final Rites Held for Victims of Airplane Crash

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A Penny for your Thoughts

Everyone likes to dream, so the Pennies photographer asked five shoppers to dream a little this week and answer the question: "What would you consider an ideal vacation if time and money were not limiting factors?"

Their pictures and answers appear below:

June Boucler, 5161 Skylark Dr., Huntington Beach:
"I consider a nice vacation one with a pool in the backyard where I can relax and enjoy myself. I would like to eat special dishes — mind you, no cooking, it would have to be served to me — and just relax and not have to worry."

Mrs. Laura Harned, 3522 Emerald St.:
"There are so many things that one could do. I think I would just travel around the United States. I've lived in Torrance most of my life, so I'd like to see all of my own state of California first, then the rest of the country."

Mrs. G. L. Wade, 815 Kornblum Ave.:
"I would like to go to Mexico City. I have only been just across the border into Mexico, so I'd like to go much farther into the country and learn something about our neighbors while having a good time."

Ann Goldstein, 3516 Garnet St.:
"I think I would consider a trip around the world ideal. I would travel by boat and I would especially like to see England again, since that is where I came from."

Mrs. George E. Finnell, 29832 Halldale Ave.:
"I consider an ideal vacation one where one can just get on a boat and enjoy living for awhile. I think boats are a vacation in themselves. Of course, I would have to go to Europe, especially England, France and Germany."

Carson Lights Get Approval

Approval of street lighting on Meyler Ave. in the Carson area was granted by the County Board of Supervisors this week. Plans are now being prepared by the County Road Dept.

Installation work will be done by the Southern California Edison Co. The district will be part of the Athens Lighting District.

Realtors Of SoCal Due Here

Summer meeting of the executive council, California Real Estate Assn., will be held at the Jump 'n Jack here tomorrow, it was reported yesterday by the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors.

Officers of the association from an area including Bakersfield on the north and San Diego on the south will attend the meeting.

On tomorrow's agenda will be discussions of multiple listing problems under the direction of Jack Pontius, executive vice president. Also to be discussed will be the CREA convention to be held in Los Angeles Oct. 1 to 5.

Board performance ratings of various realty boards in Southern California has also been listed as a discussion topic.

A banquet will conclude the sessions tomorrow evening.

Car, Truck Crash Hurts One Driver

Cloyce Hilsinger, 25, of 1314 W. 188th St., suffered lacerations on his hand and knee Tuesday morning after his pickup truck collided with the rear of one driven by Emery James Crandall, 34, of Orange.

The accident occurred about 7:30 at the intersection of Sepulveda Blvd. and Hickory Ave. Crandall said he was making a left hand turn at the time of the accident.

In another accident, James Claude Wetzel, 19, of 23841 Madison Ave., was taken to Harbor General Hospital Monday morning after his car ran into a utility pole near Carson St. and Flower Ave. Wetzel told police he "must have fallen asleep." He complained of pain in his chest and back.

County Gives Approval to Carson Park

Preliminary plans and specifications for the development of Carson neighborhood park, located on 214th St. near Main and Carson, were approved by the County Board of Supervisors this week.

The board instructed architect Edwin H. Ripperdan to proceed with plans for the recreation-activity building and site planning.

Estimated cost of the 1300 square-foot building is \$31,878. The park will provide basketball and volleyball courts and other needed recreation facilities. Also included are a picnic area and landscaping. Total cost of the project is about \$110,000.

Surfboard Stolen

Theft of a surfboard was reported to Torrance police Tuesday by Robert Fluke, 14, of 133 Via Colusa. Fluke told police he left the board in front of a life guard station at Torrance beach and when he returned shortly afterward it was gone.

FAA to Probe Crash

Federal Aviation Agency officials and the Civil Aeronautics Board have begun an investigation into the cause of a light plane crash in which three persons were killed. The crash occurred about 10 p.m. last Friday in a field near the intersection of Lomita and Hawthorne Blvds.

Apparently diving out of a low fog, the plane crashed into the open field, killing Carolyn R. Farmer, 21, of 3122 Dalemead St.; John P. Stretch, Jr., 41, of 21513 Linda Dr.; and the pilot, Stephen Elmer Starkey, 39, of 886 Avenue B, Redondo Beach.

OFFICIALS say the plane apparently dove into the ground after emerging from the fog. Final determination of the cause of the crash awaits completion of the FAA investigation.

Final rites for the three victims were held Tuesday and Wednesday here.

Mrs. Farmer, a native of North Dakota, is survived by her husband, Boyd; a son, Darrell; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Anderson; a sister, Olga; and a brother, Ronald Anderson. All are residents of Torrance.

SERVICES were held Tuesday morning at 11 at the Stone and Myers Chapel with the Rev. Mr. Maynard Midthun officiating. Interment followed at Pacific Crest Cemetery.

Rites for Mr. Starkey were held yesterday at 10 a.m. at the Stone and Myers Chapel. The Rev. C. Gunnar Emanuel officiated.

Survivors include his widow, Eva; two daughters, Brenda and Carol; and two sons, Stephen and James. Also surviving are his father, six brothers, and four sisters.

HE WAS a member of the First Baptist Church of Redondo Beach, the American Owners Pilot Assn., Fraternal Order of Eagles, and the International Assn. of Forresters.

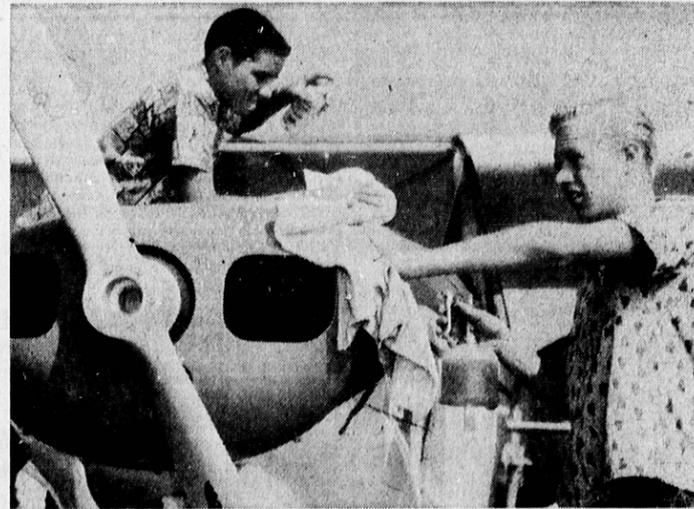
A native of Canada, Mr. Starkey served as a pilot in the Royal Canadian Air Force during World War II. Cremation followed funeral rites.

Powerless Mower, Tricycle Found

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UNUSUAL PROJECT . . . Steven Addington, left, and Lee Larson, members of the Torrance Air Explorer Squadron 377-A, wash an airplane at Torrance Municipal Airport. Youths in the squadron are washing airplanes in an attempt to raise enough money to buy their own airplane. (Herald Photo)

Cadets Work to Buy Plane With Plane Wash Project

By DARRELL MADDOX
Herald Staff Writer
School organizations and church clubs often wash cars to raise money but in Torrance a group of boys are washing airplanes.

They are members of the year-old Torrance Air Explorer Squadron 377-A. Their goal is \$1000 for the purchase of a used airplane.

"There's no secret to washing an airplane," says Squadron Senior Crew Chief Lee Larson of 204 Via Colusa.

"It is just about like washing a car except that we have to be a little more careful because the majority of small planes are fabric and if the fabric is old it could easily be punctured."

THE SQUADRON started washing airplanes when school let out for the summer vacation. So far they have washed about 50 airplanes and collected about \$300. "We hope to buy our airplane within a year but it depends upon how much money we make with the washing rack," Larson said.

Airport Tower Project Pushed

Construction of the city's new \$240,000 airport control tower should be completed by the first of November and in operation in another 90 days, it was reported here this week.

The new tower, financed jointly by the city and by the Federal government, will cost about \$140,000 to construct, and will take equipment estimated to cost another \$100,000 before it is put into operation, according to representatives of the Federal Aviation Agency, which is supervising the project.

DESIGN OF the tower was done by a Long Beach architectural firm. A San Marino contractor is doing the basic construction on his bid of \$115,000.

Financing of the project is being shared by the city and the federal government. The

Their wash rack is at the Torrance Municipal airport where the unit meets the second and fourth Mondays of each month for preflight instruction. "We can wash any plane that can fly into the airport which includes most prop airplanes and Electras," Larson said.

F. G. Sedgwick, advisor, said the youths plan on rebuilding and conditioning their airplane when they buy it. The rebuilding and conditioning will be done under strict supervision of licensed aviation engineer mechanics, he said.

THE YOUTHS are manning their wash rack during summer vacation from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday but when school starts it will be open on weekends and by appointment. Persons interested may contact Larson in the evening at PR 5-9900 or telephone DA 5-4422 during the day.

The squadron was organized about a year ago and includes 12 South High School students.

To qualify for membership youths must be 14 years old and in the ninth grade or 15 years old at any grade level.

MEMBERS HAVE heard talks by Federal Aviation Administration officials, jet aircraft specialists, commercial pilots, airport tower operators, and military aviation experts. In addition, they have participated in flights, glider flights and field trips to aviation industries.

They are planning a field trip to Miramar Naval Air Station near San Diego and a cruise aboard the naval aircraft carrier, USS Lexington.

State Plans For Artesia To Be Viewed

State plans to develop Artesia St. into a full freeway will be studied in depth by a city council committee it was decided Tuesday.

Councilman J. A. Beasley, chairman of the Inter City Highway Committee, asked for the committee study after reporting that his group had discussed the proposal at length at last week's meeting.

Beasley reported that the right-of-way for the proposed freeway had been adopted from Normandie Ave. eastward, and that any suggestions the city wished to make should be considered now.

HE SUGGESTED that the city might seek to eliminate plans for the freeway west of Normandie Ave., substituting the Artesia St. and Del Amo Blvd. expressways as feeders from the Torrance and beach cities areas. Members of the Inter City Highway Committee, including city and community officials of nearby areas, reportedly favored the expressway suggestion.

"Adoption of Del Amo Blvd. as a state feeder route would also save the city about \$3 million in development of that street here," City Manager Wade Peebles told the councilmen.

THE COUNCIL also endorsed Beasley's suggestion that the city lend its support to those seeking early completion of the Airport Freeway in the vicinity of Century Blvd.

"This freeway will be a vital part of the Southern California system," Beasley said. "It now (Continued on Page 2)

Eight youths, ranging in age from 18 to 24, kidnapped and criminally assaulted a 45-year-old Harbor City woman here Monday. The youths fled in their car when the woman fled nude to a near-by house.

Police broadcast an all points bulletin for the eight suspects.

Detectives said the youths forced the woman into their car in the 1300 block of 225th St. and drove to a deserted area behind 2134 Del Amo Blvd. Five of the youths tore off her clothing and assaulted her.

She told police she tried to get away, but she was again assaulted by all eight of the suspects before she was successful in her attempts to escape.

She fled to a house near-by and residents called police, but the youths escaped in their car.

Torrance Man Gets U.S. Post

Francis T. Fox, 5613 Via Del Collado, has been appointed deputy administrator of the Federal Aviation Agency by President Kennedy. He has been general manager of the Los Angeles International airport since 1959.

Fox confirmed he had been asked to accept the post, but said that an announcement as to whether he would accept it would have to come from the White House.

A NATIVE of Worcester, Mass., he came to Torrance in 1958. He was appointed assistant manager of the airport from a field of 500 applicants. He was promoted to the \$25,000 a year top post a few months later.

Fox is the father of five children. He is active in Torrance Little League affairs and was fund-raising chairman of the Riviera Little League this year.

He has served on the Inter-City Highway committee, and aided the San Diego Freeway project through his efforts.



TICKET SELLERS . . . Using their best sales techniques on Mayor Albert Isen are Carol Bailey and Carol Porterfield, two of the entrants in the queen contest being staged in conjunction with the annual Walteria Round-up Days event scheduled for Sept. 10 at Walteria Park.

See Back-to-School Values in Today's Torrance Herald