

Letters to the Editor

What is meant in last week's issue of a local newspaper by stating that the Optimist Club and others refused to stand by and see the Torrance Flight Field threatened is not quite clear.

No one here in Lomita is threatening or, ever has threatened in any way the operation of this field, nor yet have any such intentions or desires. All we homeowners here are asking is, that the operation of this field, the destruction and almost constant nuisance and danger created through its operation over Lomita be in the future confined to Torrance territory and thereby kept out of Lomita.

As has been reiterated several times in the past there has been several serious plane accidents here in Lomita and, all of these accidents were the direct cause of planes taking off or coming into the field over Lomita for a landing. Will the Optimist Club and other such organizations monetarily stand back of future damage and destruction caused by such crashes? No such action was ever followed in the past either on the part of the above mentioned organization, the plane owner causing the destruction nor, the field officials operating the flight field.

Who will be man enough to step forward and provide the family meals, a new home and clothing in case the provider of such a family should be killed and future homes are demolished along with all furniture and family belongings? Will the Optimist Club? Will the pilot responsible for the destruction? Will the City of Torrance? Will

the flight officials at the field? If so, let them step forward and be counted. None of these above mentioned showed their hand in previous Lomita crashes. Who was honorable enough and had the decency to step forward and build a new home and replace the household goods together with the thousands of dollars in antiques lost by Mrs. Nelson of 2450 W. 250th street?

As stated before this is only one of several plane crashes occurring here in Lomita over the past few years. Who is decent and honorable enough to reimburse Mr. Myer of west 251st street for the many chickens he loses every week due to low flying planes scaring them into a huddle thereby causing them to smother to death? Again, I say, let them step forward and be counted.

No, there are no plane violations here over homes in Lomita. There are no violations because there is no existing law stipulating or governing how high planes must keep in a flight pattern. Lomita is that flight pattern. Planes can rip your roof off and totally demolished your home and as long as they are in their so called flight pattern there is not a damn thing anyone can do about it.

Our quarrel is not with legitimate aviation pursuits, but rather with the irresponsible fellow who holds little or no regard for the people and their homes on the ground. We endorse and would like to see compulsory liability and property damage insurance placed into force for all people operating planes.

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