

# Pupils Increase from 1600 to 19,000, Schools from 4 to 24 in Nine Years

## Instruction Flying Available

Vegas Airways, located on the Torrance Municipal Airport (west of Crenshaw, facing Pacific Coast highway) is the only CAA approved flight school on the field and is also a veteran approved flight school, according to David B. Stewart, president and administrator.

Stewart, a captain with United Airlines, established Vegas Airways three years ago. The school offers courses in all flight training, private pilot, commercial pilot, instrument course, multi-engine course, and flight instructor course.

Vegas Airways also offers single and multi-engine air taxi and charter services anywhere anytime, Stewart stated. Charter pilots have instrument ratings and airline transport ratings. An air ambulance service is also offered.

Acting as secretary-treasurer of the firm as well as registrar and office manager is Stewart's wife, Elizabeth S. Stewart.

Stewart himself has been flying for 20 years and has in excess of 10,000 flying hours. A captain with United Airlines, he has been with them for 14

## Third High School Ready in Fall 1957

Torrance's spectacular growth can be traced in many ways. One of the most dramatic is through a look at the city's school scene.

Torrance residents decided to have their own independent school system and in 1947 broke away from the Los Angeles City School District to form the Torrance City School District including all grades Kindergarten through the eighth.

At that time there were four schools in the district with a combined enrollment of slightly more than 1600 pupils.

As of April 10, 1956 the local school district numbered a little more than 16,000 students. By the end of the year that figure is expected to reach 19,000 and there will be a total of 24 schools in the district.

The schools which were originally in the Torrance City School District include Torrance elementary, Fern, Walteria, and Perry.

In 1948 the Torrance City School District became a unified school district and Torrance

years. Previously he was with Alaska Airlines in Anchorage. Stewart has had experience in all phases of the aircraft industry.

Edison school (14 classrooms, 2 kindergartens, and a multipurpose unit); Anza school (same); West Torrance school (same); Parkway school (12 classrooms, 2 kindergartens, and a multipurpose unit).

Multipurpose units at Hillside, Wood, Perry and Carr schools will be under construction within a month and are scheduled for completion in December.

A third high school is also being planned. Bids for grading and site development at South high school will be opened on April 27. Construction on the first unit of that school will begin during the summer and is

The greatest problem faced now by local school officials is anticipating the city's growth and providing educational facilities for the constantly increasing school population.

Seven More Schools At present there are 16 elementary schools and two high schools with seven schools scheduled for completion this year. (The present Meadow park school will be rebuilt).

Scheduled for completion and occupancy by September, 1956 are:

Sepulveda school (14 classrooms, 2 kindergartens, and a multipurpose room);

Arlington school (12 classrooms, 2 kindergartens, and a multipurpose room).

Under construction and scheduled for completion in November is the Meadow park school (15 classrooms, 2 kindergartens, and a multipurpose room).

Proposed to be under construction in a few weeks and scheduled for completion in De-

scribed for completion by September 1, 1957.

Estimated Enrollment Estimated enrollment for all schools by February 1, 1957, is as follows, according to figures released by the Torrance Unified School District.

Anza, 694; Arlington, 811; Carr, 996; Crenshaw, 815; Edison, 798; El Nido, 294; Fern-

Greenwood, 912; Hillside, 614; Madrona 697; Meadow Park 867; Newton, 660; North Torrance elementary, 1198; Perry, 847; Parkway, 529; Riviera, 660; Seaside, 1143; Sepulveda, 694; Steele, 808; Torrance elementary, 816; Walteria, 749; Wood, 873; West Torrance elementary, 524; Torrance high, 1454; North high, 1709; Total 20,162.

Elected Officer Miss Patricia Mellen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold F. Mellen, 21326 Caroldale avenue, Torrance, has recently been elected treasurer of Laurel Hall at the University of California, Santa Barbara college. Laurel Hall is one of the Las Casitas residence hall systems on the new Goleta campus.

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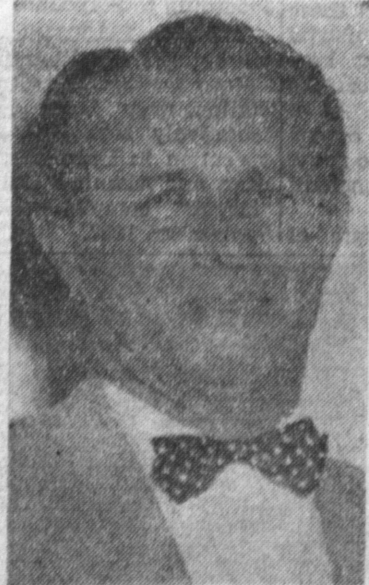
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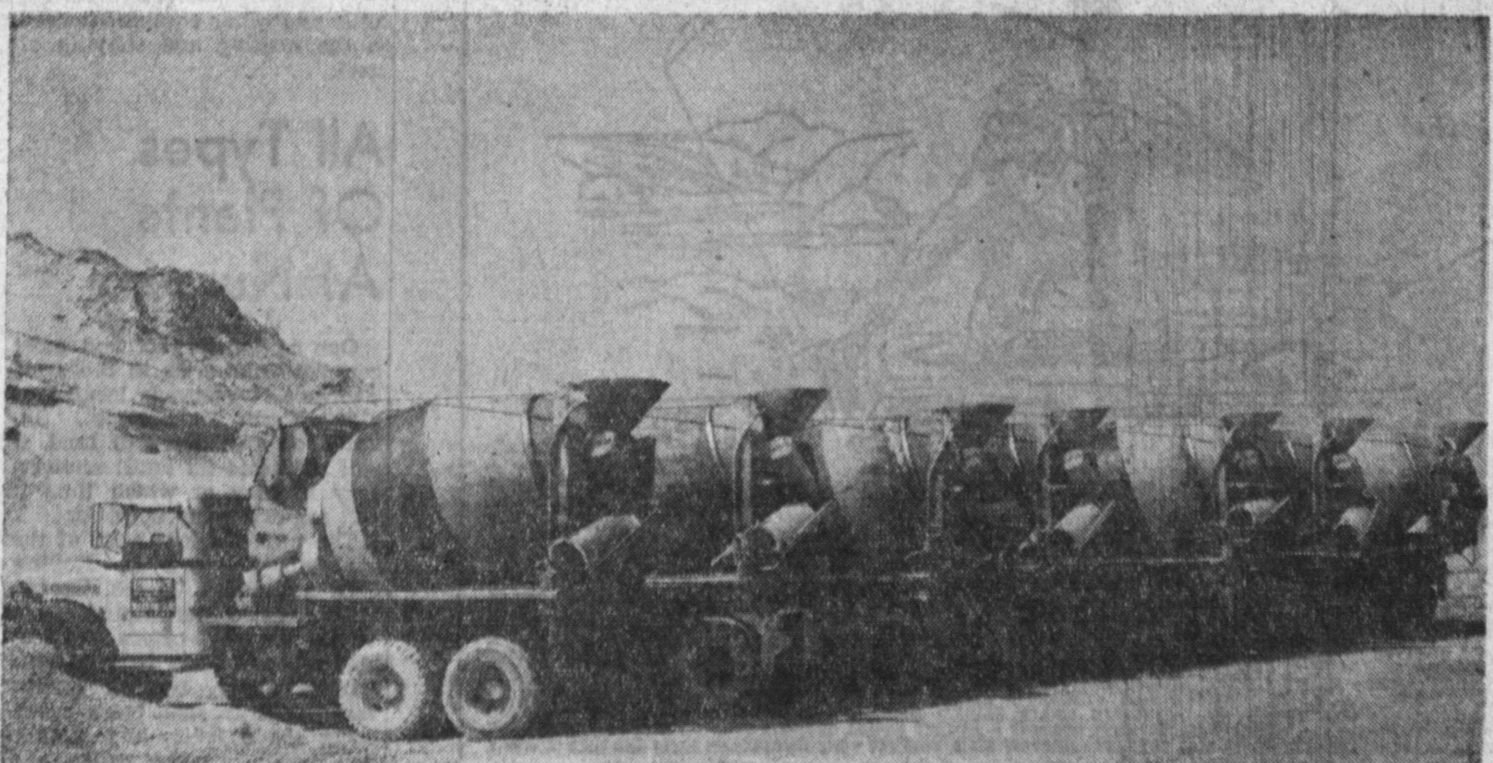


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