

Airport . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pride, and Mrs. J. Primrose. **Accidents Recalled** Attacking the statement made by proponents of an expanded and modernized airport that the

operations there will be safe, the Lomita homeowners stated: "Allow us to refresh the memories of those who have conveniently forgotten the two fatal plane accidents which narrowly missed the Narbonne high school, landing within a very few feet of people's bay windows on Eshelman st." "Allow us to return to the pitiful and disgraceful ruins left behind by the plane which crashed into Mrs. Nelson's home at 250 st. and Pennsylvania ave., leaving it burned to the ground and its contents of invaluable antique furniture left

in complete ruins," the homeowners continued. The statement also called attention to a crash-landing along 251st st. where the plane tore down high power lines, breaking windows in homes, cracking the plaster, and tearing holes on the roof of another home. **No Insurance Required** "The most deplorable and disgraceful part of it all is that not one of these pilots or planes carried a cent of plane insurance," the homeowners said. "As a consequence, not one single person suffering these serious losses received a single cent. . . ." Homeowners point out that there is no state law requir-

ing operators or owners of planes to carry insurance, even though the rates are considerably lower than auto rates. As a result, they went on to say, very few pilots carry insurance. "After fighting this serious problem over a period of years," they said, "and asking the cooperation of the State authorities in the matter, the local authorities finally agreed to define their so-called flight-pattern and restrict the same to light planes west of Pennsylvania ave. and to two-motored planes west of Cypress st. This agreement on their part, how-

ever, never developed beyond the empty talk and promise stage." Homeowners indicated that they would appreciate a meeting with the various officials and Chamber of Commerce in order to make their problems known. "Again we here in Lomita reiterate that if Torrance feels its airport is so indisputably safe and valuable, why not shift the so-called flight pattern north over Torrance's territory, thus sparing Lomita any further losses and discomforts?" the homeowners said.

Youth Meetings Held This Week

The Lomita Missionary church, 2043 Lomita Blvd., Lomita, is having a week of special youth meetings which began Sunday, February 24, and end Friday, March 1. The workers for the Crusade are from the "Tri-C" organization, a group dedicated to bringing spiritual help to teenage youth. Evangelist for the meetings is Rev. Louie Rhoden, 24, who is sometimes called the "Billy Graham of the Campus." The evening crusade meetings are held from 7:30 to 8:45 p.m. in the main auditorium of the church.

Nike . . .

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about eight acres for the control area and the rest for the launcher area. **ORGANIZATION** 1. Each battery is authorized six officers, two warrant officers, and 101 enlisted men. **GENERAL DESCRIPTION** 1. Essentially, the Nike system consists of two parts: an expendable missile, and ground-based launching and control equipment. 2. The Nike is a liquid-fueled about 20 feet long and about one foot in diameter, with two sets of fins for guidance and steering. The missile and booster weigh slightly more than one ton. 3. When launched, the missile is attached to a booster half the length of the missile. The booster accelerates the missile to supersonic speed, separates from the missile in a matter of a few seconds, and falls into a pre-determined booster disposal area. The Army is testing a supersonic anti-aircraft missile, self-destroying booster that will eliminate the need for a booster disposal area. 4. Speed, range, altitude and lethality of Nike are classified. Its kill potential has far exceeded expectations, and it greatly increases protection against attacking modern types of aircraft. Research work continues to improve its capabilities. 5. Nike is normally fired from almost vertical position. It can meet an attack from any direction. 6. Each battery is ready to fire at a moment's notice. Each is on duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Nike is never fired from its operational site except in event of attack. The personnel go to established Nike firing ranges for regular annual practice. **SAFETY** 1. A Nike guided missile installation constitutes no danger to the area nor to the personnel of the unit itself. It is as safe as a gas station. 2. The warhead is constructed to explode only in flight. It has a self-destructive feature so that it will not crash and explode. Safety precautions are taken for storage of explosives and volatile fuels. Assembled missiles are stored underground. Fueling areas are surrounded by high earthen revetments.

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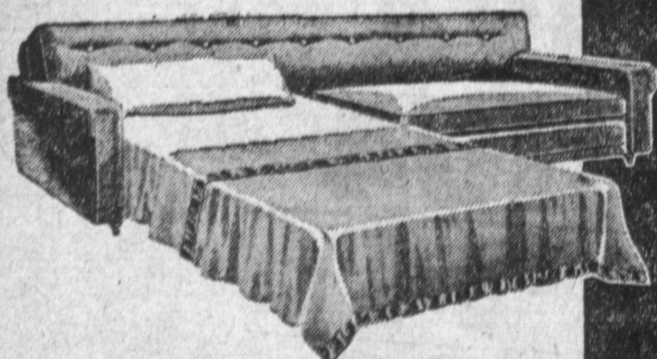
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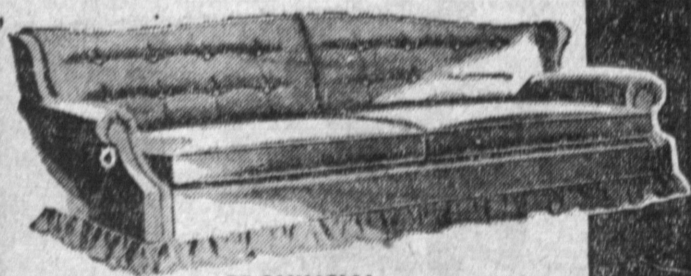
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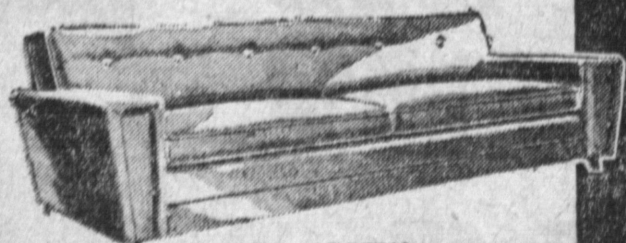
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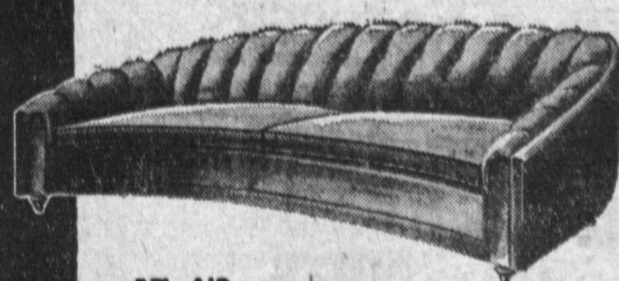
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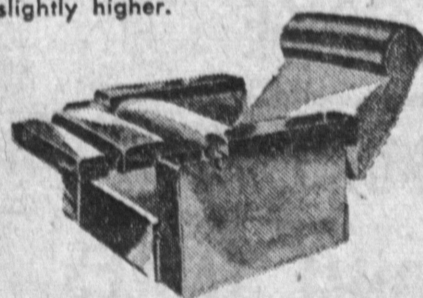
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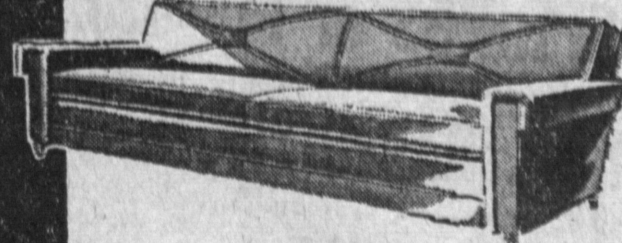
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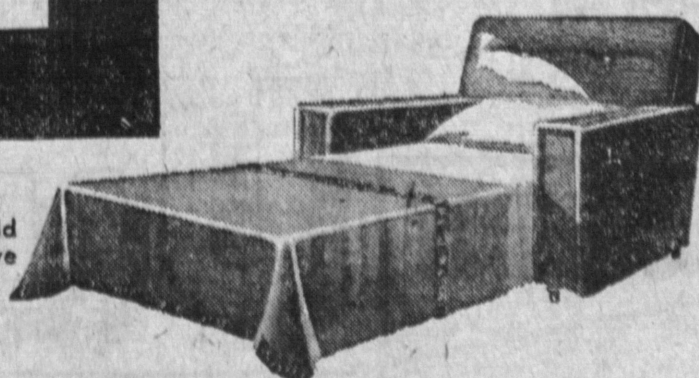
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School . . .

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I live by Torrance High school and the youngsters go by my house every day." He did concede, however, that the street is narrow and not "a fit street (for vehicles) to turn around in."

Charlton Mewborn, board president, said that this was a problem as to "which weighs heaviest—the interest of the people living there or the general interest."

Mrs. Grace Wright, board member, said she, too, lives near a high school (Torrance High) and had no problems.

Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, suggested that Schroeder explore the possibility of having residents on the south side of Marlon sell or deed eight feet from the back of their lots to the district for a fenced sidewalk.

The present sidewalk cannot be fenced because it must be dedicated to the city, as part of the original agreement for a parking site and shopping center, it was indicated.

The issue was postponed until next week for final action. The Board meeting will be held at 8 p.m. at 2335 Plaza del Amo.

Speaking on behalf of the homeowners, too, was Maurice Gorchester, 4906 Marlon ave.

Dog . . .

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dog supposedly damaged at the Riviera school where he was picked up.

Hinz refused to pay the \$15, on the grounds that this was a matter between him and the school and that the Humane society had no right to act as a collection agency.

He called the matter to the attention of City Manager George Stevens who contacted the Humane society right away, informing officials that they are not to act as a collection agency.

Stevens was told that all the animal pound was interested in was the \$5. The dog was subsequently released.

When asked by the Torrance Press whether anyone asked Hinz to pay \$15, Fallon said simply, "This matter is outside our area. That's a civil matter between him and the school."

School officials said that no direct request was made by anyone of their staff for the \$15. At the time the dog was impounded someone mentioned casually that damage to the balls amounted to about \$15. No request was made by school officials to keep the dog impounded until the damage was paid for.

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Stephens, Jr., of 353 West Carson, announce the birth of a daughter, Mary Loretta, weighing 7 pounds and 3 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred F. Donnelly, of 3820 W. 150th st., announce the birth of a son, David Michael, weighing 7 pounds.