

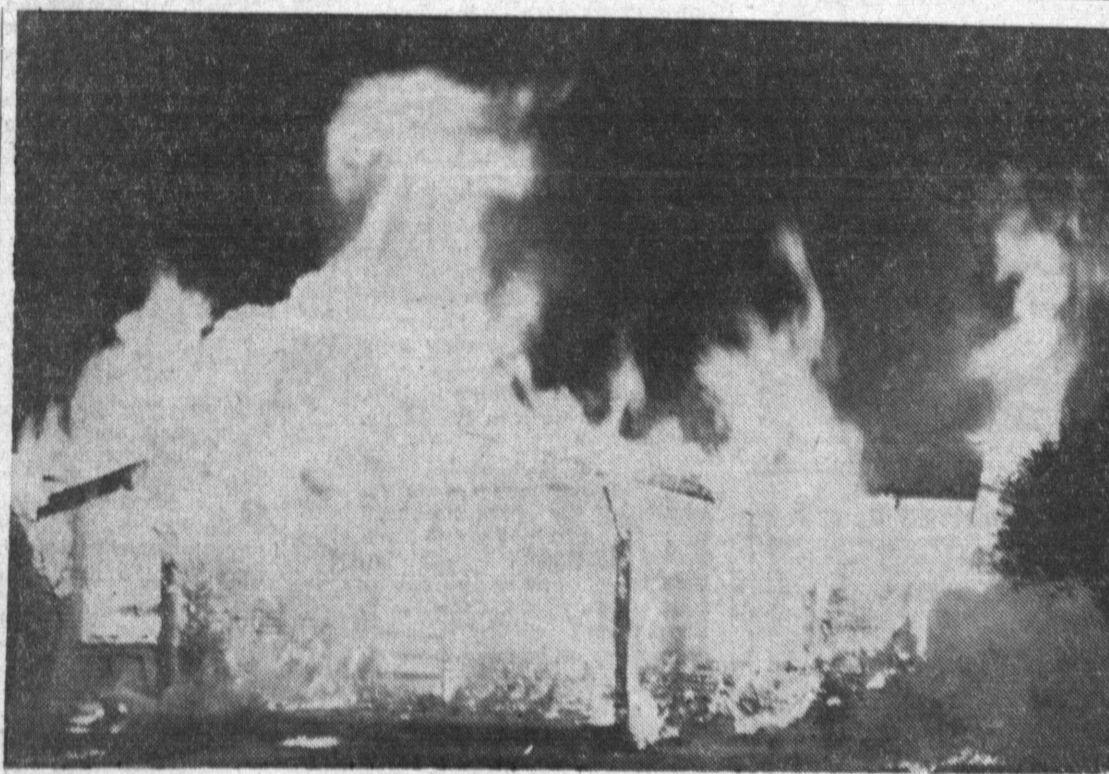


LET ME LOOK—Robert Miller waits impatiently for Robin Bingham to finish with book on space, so that he can read something more interesting than fairy tales, while fourth grade teacher Arlo Sullivan of Torrance Elementary School looks on. The youngsters attended exhibit of new books at Torrance Elementary School. —Press photo

Youngster Saved from Pool Death by Alert Clubwoman

Tot Saved from Pool by Woman

A smartly dressed club woman who dove into a swimming pool fully clothed, was credited with the rescue of a 5-year-old Torrance youngster. The boy, Mike Domenici, crawled under a fence in a La Mirada home Thursday, and fell into eight feet of water. Hours Sirens Anguished screams by another, unidentified tot, caught the attention of a neighbor, Mrs. La Vina O'Hirok, who saw the youngster on the bottom of the pool, whose owner was away. Mrs. O'Hirok, who is suffering from heart trouble, summoned another neighbor who called the county department. A third neighbor, in turn, broke into a meeting of the La Mirada Woman's Club which was holding a bridge tournament in a member's backyard and asked someone able to swim, to come to the rescue. Mrs. Mary Louise Crothers, 28, jumped from the bridge table and rushed to the pool. Although almost out of breath from the run, she dove into the pool fully dressed. She managed to grab Mike by his suspenders and pulled him out of the pool in an unconscious condition. Neighbors applied artificial respiration until relieved by firemen. The youngster was taken to Caroll Hospital, Norwalk, where he regained consciousness. Visiting Friend Mike's mother, Mrs. Albert Domenici, 23, of 20016 Tailman ave., Torrance, said she was visiting a friend in La Mirada, six hours down the street from the pool. She said she had been searching for Mike for some time and saw the cluster of people at the rescue scene. The owner of the pool was not home. Deputies cited him on a violation of the fencing law.



ABLAZE—This dramatic photo shows home of Sam Ward, 2229 W. 230th st., enveloped in flames which broke out Wednesday night shortly after family left. Picture was taken before arrival of firemen. Damage was estimated in excess of \$5000.

FIRE GUTS HOME OF FIREMAN'S FAMILY

Fire of undetermined origin completely destroyed the house owned by the family of a Torrance fireman. The blaze broke out shortly after 7 p.m. Wednesday after owner Sam Ward and his family left the residence at 2229 W. 230th st. to pay a visit.

Ward is the step-father of Fireman Carl Hanni, who was off-duty that night, but responded to help salvage the family's valuables.

Firemen estimated loss at in excess of \$5000. Three fire companies under Battalion Chief Eugene Walker responded to the call turned in by a neighbor. The house was termed a complete loss.

Among the rubble firemen found \$30 in coins, a \$10 bill and a rare coin collection. Hanni said that he was at home when he was notified by a neighbor that his family's home was ablaze. He rushed to the scene to help carry belongings out of the flaming house which was completely gutted.

Press Ad Sells Car on First Call

One call was all that it took to sell his 1952 Ford, A. J. McCoy, of 20315 Denker St., Torrance, reported.

That call was the result of a classified ad he had placed in the Torrance Press Thursday.

McCoy said that the first party who inquired about his car, bought it.

If you have something to sell, buy or rent, call a courteous ad-taker at the Torrance Press, FA 8-2345, for best results.

Attorney Election Sought for Primary

City Attorney Stanley Remelmeyer was assigned to find out if a charter amendment, to make his office elective, can be placed on the June primary election ballot.

The North Torrance Civic Improvement Association originally requested that the measure be placed to a vote in the municipal election, but Remelmeyer ruled that the request came too late.

Mayor Albert Isen announced that even if it is legally possible to place the charter amendment to a vote, the council will first have to decide if it wants to change the city attorney's post from an appointive to an elective office.

Boost Plant Backlog

Longren Aircraft Company, Torrance, has announced the award of a contract in excess of \$1,300,000 from Boeing Airplane Company to produce the wing ribs for the Boeing 707 Intercontinental Jet Transports.

The wing ribs for Boeing's 707 Jet Stratoliners and the U.S. Air Force's KC-135's have been in production at Longren for more than 18 months. This latest award extends Longren's 707 backlog well into 1960.

Tax Shift Charge to Be Aired

The tax burden is being shifted from industry to home owners, John J. Barton, president of the South Torrance Democratic Club charged today.

He said that his organization has invited six candidates for city offices to answer these allegations at a meeting March 25 at 8 p.m. in Waveria Park Recreation Hall.

Barton cited as examples of the alleged shift in tax burden the direct levy on garbage collection on householders and the formation of a lighting assessment district.

Cost of these functions was formerly charged to the general tax of which industry pays a substantial part.

"We don't want industry to escape from its fair share of taxation," Barton declared. "We're pretty hot on this thing."

The club has invited Mayor Albert Isen, Councilman Nicholas Drake and four council candidates, J. A. Beasley, Jim Thompson, Muri Reeves and Thirvin D. Fleetwood to speak on the subject.

New Oil Wells Banned

An ordinance which will prohibit the drilling of any new oil wells on both sides of Hawthorne Blvd., between Del Amo Blvd. and 230th st., has the approval of the Planning Commission and will be forwarded to the City Council.

The law prohibits sinking of new wells within 300 feet of the center line of Hawthorne Blvd.

Pet Bird Leads to Shooting

A Lomita man was recovering today from a gunshot wound he received as result of a chance conversation about parakeets.

Olin Webb Jones, 44, of 2322 W. 254th st., was shot in the stomach Wednesday afternoon while examining a .32 caliber revolver at the home of a woman he met earlier on a shopping trip.

Offered Bird The victim told deputy sheriffs that he accepted an offer of a parakeet from Mrs. Ruth Tatom, 44, of 26010 Eshelman ave., whom he had met earlier that day in a market at Western ave., and Lomita Blvd.

Jones said that Mrs. Tatom gave him her phone number, and he called her up to pick up the bird.

The victim told detectives that when he arrived at Mrs. Tatom's home, they had several drinks and the conversation drifted to rocks, pets and guns.

Gun Fired Mrs. Tatom showed Jones her revolver, and during inspection, the weapon accidentally discharged, firing a bullet into Jones' abdomen.

Benstead Hits Fire Hose Bids She drove Jones in his own pickup truck to Harbor General Hospital, where his condition at first was listed as critical.

Benstead asked him why he did not select one of the lower bids received.

The chief said that the lower offers had not met city specifications.

Woman Cracked Over Head in Post Office Holdup Attempt

A Harbor City postmistress was pistol-whipped by a robber during an unsuccessful holdup attempt Saturday morning. Mrs. Helen Hudson, 58, who struggled with a bandit who was either a woman or a man disguised as a woman, was taken to Wilmington Receiving Hospital in a state of shock.

The attempted holdup occurred in a post office station located in a variety store at 25304 Bell Porte ave.

Mrs. Adie Newman, 67, of 1434 W. 253rd st., Mrs. Hudson's sister, was behind the postal counter when the suspect, who was wearing black slacks and a bandana, walked in.

The suspected waited around until other customers left and then asked for a money order. She fumbled in her purse, and suddenly produced a gun.

"There is one thing you can do for me. Give me all the money," she demanded.

Mrs. Newman balked, but her sister who resides in the rear of the store, ran out and struggled with the bandit.

She was knocked down once, but again chased the holdup-woman to the front of the store, where she was cracked over the head with the gun.

The suspect dashed out of the store without getting any money. Mrs. Alta Collins, Harbor City postmaster, said.

Not Guilty Plea in Gee Case

Trial for Jack Gee, former Torrance warrant server, will be held in Los Angeles Superior Court April 21.

The defendant, formerly under contract with the city to collect delinquent taxes, pleaded not guilty to eight counts of embezzlement of public funds at his arraignment before Superior Judge Albert Wheatcroft Wednesday.

Six of the charges have been pending for several months while two additional counts were chalked up last month, when Torrance police nabbed him in swank Beverly Hills apartment.

Gee, 42, is charged by the district attorney's office with pocketing money he collected on court warrants.

On the most recent charges, Gee was accused of collecting bail, keeping the money, and returning the warrant to the court as "unserved."

Midget Race Track Being Sought

A committee of the Planning Commission has been assigned to study the possibility of locating property where a quarter midget race track can be constructed.

Planning Director George Powell reported that efforts have been made for the past six months to find a location.

The official said that similar tracks for youngsters to race these small cars have proved successful and that this type of entertainment has the approval of the Torrance police juvenile bureau.

Council Rejects Damage Claim for Accident

A damage claim for \$42,000, filed by a man who claimed he was shot in an accident at the Torrance pistol range, was denied by the City Council and referred to City Attorney Stanley Remelmeyer.

Compensation is being sought by Edward V. Wilson, of 3809 Hill st., Huntington Park.

He said he was hit by a bullet because there was an insufficient barrier between ranges.

Deny Paint Permit A permit to paint house numbers on curbs was denied by the City Council by a split vote.

Junior Books on Display at Local Elementary School

More than 600 new and recent books for students from kindergarten through high school, are on exhibit at Torrance Elementary School, 2005 Martina ave.

The display will be held daily in room 16, from 10 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 4:30 p.m. through March 12, according to Mrs. Lynn J. Shidler, curriculum librarian for Torrance Unified School District.

The 32 subjects covered by the books include adventure, aeronautics, animals, biography, classics, fairy tales, sports and numerous other subjects.

The purpose of the exhibition is to make available to schools and libraries a complete representative collection of junior library books in organized exhibit form, Mrs. Shidler explained.

PTA librarians will serve as hostesses at the display.

Check Suspect Faces Hearing

Preliminary hearing will be held Monday in South Bay Municipal for a man who surrendered to Torrance police on check charges.

Walter H. Tirschwell, 22, of 1642 W. 203rd st., will be charged with five counts of passing worthless checks. Police said the suspect collected between \$100 and \$250 by cashing the checks, two in Torrance stores.

Bail for the commercial photographer was set at \$500.

Checks Stolen

Several blank checks were reported stolen by Edward H. Evans, 1928 Reynosa Drive, Torrance police reported.

Addict, 20, Gets Long Sentence

A 20-year-old Harbor City youth with a \$50 a day dope habit started on a one to 14-year prison sentence this week.

Fredrick Francis Arsenault, of 1681 W. 251st st., was convicted of bad check charges in Long Beach Superior Court and told the judge he preferred incarceration in order to "kick the habit."

Sgt. Mickey Fischer, Torrance detective, said that the suspect was captured here more than a month ago when he attempted to cash a worthless check at a local market.

The detective estimated that Arsenault had passed between \$2500 and \$400 of checks for which he had no bank account since last May.

Fischer said the suspect started on his cash checking spurt in Stockton, and worked his way to the Torrance area.

The investigator said the suspect told him it cost him \$50 a day to keep him in heroin. The youth, who listed his occupation as a merchant seaman, said he had used drugs since he was 14.

Realtors to Hear Former Hillbilly

Jim Jones, former hillbilly and now an author, lecturer and businessman, will address the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors March 25 at the YWCA cafeteria.

Program chairman Jim Osborne said the speaker is author of the book, "If You Can Count Four."

President Bob Haggard will make several announcements of board activities at the meeting.

Science Students Use Trainer Plane for Study

STUDENTS 'FLY' TO PROVE CLASS STUDY

Six North High School students are passing up their lunch period to satisfy their hunger for knowledge.

The three boys and three girls were selected from physics and trigonometry classes for practical application of their lessons.

Trainer

The program evolves around a Link trainer cockpit which was purchased with the idea that students should have a practical way in which to apply their classroom studies.

The six weeks course is not designed to teach the students how to fly or navigate, but to acquaint them with theories of physical science and mathematics, explained J. M. Cummings, their instructor.

Twelve Hours

The class meets during the usual lunch period, and consists of 12 hours of intensive lectures, followed by three hours of flight time for each student.

The six enrolled in the course are Marie Akashi, David Couch,

Jane Holmes, Linda Jordan, Dan Martinez, and Ken Weeks. The Link was originally used by the U.S. Air Force, but is now obsolete in the jet training age. The district acquired it for \$75.

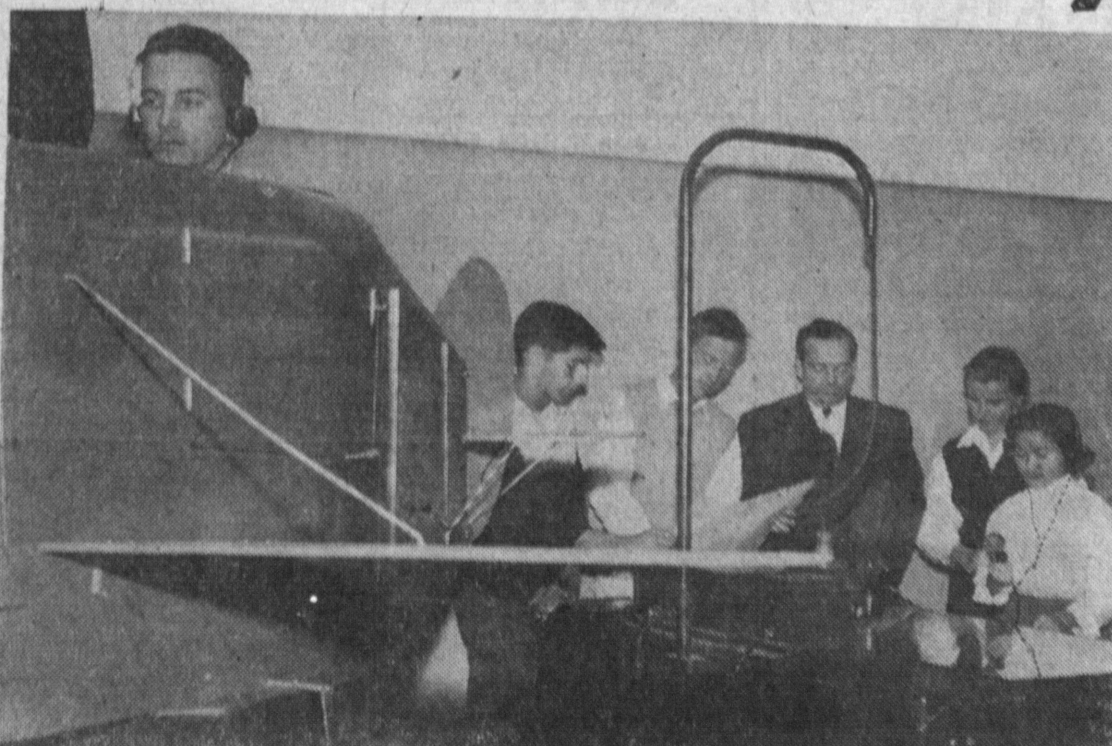
Wooden Model

It is a wood reproduction of a military plane and has the same instruments as a "flying" plane. It is possible to experience wind resistance, turns and dives and most other flying conditions.

"The students are exceptional. They were selected for their backgrounds, interest and ability, and they are living up to all expectations," said Cummings, a World War II Link instructor.



FLYING LOW—Advanced physics and mathematics students at North High School are using Link trainer in a special course in which classroom theories are applied with a practical purpose. In photo at left, student David Couch in cockpit of trainer plane, gets instructions from his teacher, James Cummings, over



earphones. In photo at right, Couch is in cockpit, while Dan Martinez and Ken Weeks study navigation maps. Linda Jordan and Marie Akashi work control panel. Cummings supervises "test flight" at right. —Press photo