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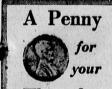
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"Do you plan to do your Christmas shopping early, or will you wait until the last minute?" This ..question was asked five people in Torrance and their answers appear be-

Thoughts

Carole Annia, Los Angeles,

jewelry clerk:
"I intend to
my Christmas shopping early and get it out of the way. I do this every Christmas. If I put it off until the last minute

M/Sgt. Fred Bratkowsky, US
Marine Corps,
Recruiting Station:
"I have done

"I have done my Christmas shopping and I a m broke. I think shopping early gives time to plan what present I want to buy and then I have a greater selection when I shop early than I would have during the rush." saving her life.

Mrs. J. F. Evans, 916 Sartori,

machine operator:
"I believe in doing my Christmas shopping early and I have done most all of it now. I usually get it done early and spend the rest

spend the rest of the time wrapping and decorating my packages."

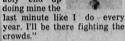
Mrs. Don Thompson, 1662½ W. 240th St., housewife:



their Christmas advertising early is to get customers into the mood."

ohn Wingrath, Lakewood,

er:
"I agree that
doing Christmas shopping
early is a good
plan for all
concerned, but I will probably end up doing mine the



Hospital Chaplain To Present Film

Chaplain John Penner of Harbor General Hospital will present a film entitled "More Than Medicine" at the Avalon Village Baptist Church tonight

Chaplain Penner has been assigned to Harbor General for e past 7½ years, and will resent many of his experi-rices through the 25-minute color film.

The day has been designated "Missions Sunday" at the church at 451 E. 223rd St. At Banquet

Little Debbie **Gives Thanks**

Halpern last night by more than 100 fellow doctors and guests at the annual banquet of the Southwest District of the Los Angeles County Medical Assn. in the Thunderbird International Hotel, El Segundo.

Special guest of honor was little Debbie Hodges, who was elecrocuted in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James C. Hodges, 21926 Ocean Ave.,

MRS. JANE FEIST and Arnold Frost, neighbors, rushed the child and her mother to the Kent Medical Center where Dr. Weber, young Torrance surgeon, boldly opened her chest and began to massage her heart while Dr. Halpern, Torrance, pediatrician quickly help from a number of other the Kent Medical Center where Dr. Weber, young Torrance put it off until the last minute I get caught in the rush. I have started shopping this week."

M/Sgt. Fred Bratkowsky, US

Marine Corps.

When Dr. Weber first av.

mouth breathing.

When Dr. Weber first examined the child there was no heart beat and her skin had turned blue. Debbie had been standing on a wet mop and had come in contact with a short in a vacuum cleaner and the shock had left her rigid and she appeared to be dead. The team work and fast action of the doctors is credited with saving her life.

IN PRAISING these two member physicians, Dr. Will-ian C. Casey, spokesman for the medical group, said: "The Southwest District wishes to salute Doctor Weber

"WE WOULDN'T have

effort. We received valuable help from a number of other doctors both in the office and in the Riviera hospital."
"Seeing Debbie well again is our big reward," Dr. Halpern added.
Except for the healed cheef

Except for the healed chest scar, Debbie shows no effects from her life saving experi-

ence.

American Medical Assn. representatives are anxious to present Debbie at its next convention. According to Dr. Claud E. Beck, pioneer heart surgeon, this is the first known instance that a chest has been opened and heart massage done successfully outside of a hospital.

100,000 Use Plunge

Nearly 100,000 swimmers used the city plunge during the past season, according to Rec-reation Director Harry Van



GOOD FRIENDS...Drs. Ray Halpern and Arthur Weber chat with Debbie Hedges, 4, prior to attending Southwest Medical Assn. banquet at Thunderbird International Hotel last night. Doctors were cited for emergency treatment that saved girl's life after she was electrocuted in home Nov. 7. (Herald Photo)

Plane Hits House; Local Pilot Dies

Final Plans to Dedicate New Hospital Completed

Final preparations for the formal dedication of the new \$3,500,000 Little Company of Mary Hospital in Torrance have been completed, Mother M. Patricia, hospital administrator, has announced.

Ceremonies will be held Saturday. Dec. 12, at 2 p.m., with His Eminence James Francis Cardinal McIntyre, archbishop of Los Angeles, officiating.

Sharing the platform with

Sharing the platform with the Cardinal at the ceremony will be Gordon L. Cummings, of Public Health, who will represent Gov. Edmund G. Brown.

OTHER PROMINENT guests on the program will be County Supervisor Burton W. Chace. Mayor Albert Isen of Torrance. and P. S. Magruder, General mony Chapter in the local area mony Chapter in the local area.

Barber Shop will be Gordon L. Cultilings, director of the Bureau of Hospitals. California Department Group Meets Weekly Now

and P. S. Magruder, General Petroleum Corp. vice president, who will represent industry in the local area.

Also participating in the ceremonies will be Dr. John A. Wilson, president of the new hospital medical staff; Robert I. Plemert Jr., hospital advisory board chairman, and Mrs. Frank H, Forester, Little Com-

Grand Jury Names Seven Before Raid

A series of raids which netted 21 persons in the area Friday night and early Saturday may have smashed a \$1000-a-day dope ring with direct connections to the Mexican border, sheriff's deputies reported yesterday.

Principal target of the raid was the Thunder Island at 2502 W. Redondo Beach Blvd., where 19 of the 21 persons were arrested.

Sheriff's deputies were joined by detectives from Torrance and Redondo Beach in making the raid.

of marijuana from members of the ring.

Sheriff's department officers said the group evidently had been dealing in narcotics pills, marijuana, and heroin.

Donald L. White, 28, of 21215 Avalon Blvd., the only suspect with a Torrance ad-dress, had been among those named in the grand jury in-dictments.

were arrested. Seven of those taken into custody had earlier been named in county grand jury indictments. Annex Try May Delay

making the raid.

Friday night's action followed nearly three months of investigation by the sheriff's narcotics squad. During this time, undercover agents reportedly purchased 15 pounds of marijuana from members of Estates officials to force annexation of Great Lakes Carbon Corp. and Grandview Estates areas to their city, a county spokesman said this

Officials of the recently formed city on the hillside ex-pressed concern over justify-ing expenditures outside their city limits.

dictments.

The bar at which most of the suspects were arrested was described as a hangout for narcotics sellers and users.

TO PAY BONUS

First Western Bank and Trust Company has announced it will distribute a year-end bonus to employees on Dec. 7, according to Mort E. McMillen, president.

City limits.

If the attitude continues, money set aside for that portion of the roadway might be switched to the Torrance end of the project, it was hinted. The county has \$285,000 budgeted for the Rolling Hills Esters from delayed county projects, might be made available to take the roadway to the Rolling Hills Estates city limits.



YULE DECORATIONS . . . Verne Christofferson examines some of the many attractive and practical Christmas some of the many attractive and practical Christmas decorations to be made by members of a special class at the Arts & Crafts Center in Sea-Aire Park, Groups will meet at 1 and 7 p.m. on Dec. 2, 3, 9 and 10. Registration remains open, according to the sponsoring Torrance



CHILDREN INJURED . . . Two Fern Elementary School children were injured Wednesday afternoon when they were struck by a pick-up truck driven by Harry W. Erwin, 62, of Long Beach as they were crossing Torrance Blvd. In a school crossing with a crossing quard. Shown in the foreground is Deborah Flemons, 9, of 804 Cerise Ave., and beyond her is Daniel Peterson, 10, of 811 Elm Ave. Both were treated at Harbor General Hospital and released. Police said the driver failed to stop for the Torrance-type traffic signal.