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# BANDIT HITS DOWNTOWN OFFICE

### A Penny for your Thoughts

"Do you think professional boxing will ever again reach the peak it held in the Jack Dempsey and Joe Louis time?" This question was asked five people met in Torrance. Their pictures and answers follow.

**Roy Yancey Smith, Torrance heavyweight boxer:**

"I think boxing is on its way back to the high it once held. I think the lack of amateur fight clubs has cut the number of boxers entering the pro field. We need more Golden Glove and C.Y.O. type competition."

**Mrs. Jack Means, 208 Calle Miramar, housewife:**

"I have never been to a professional boxing match, but I have seen a few on television while my husband was watching. I do not know if the matches were better, or worse, at that time, but now I think they are dull and one-sided."

**L. G. Martin, Los Angeles, truck driver:**

"Pro boxing needs a good house cleaning and a top commissioner like this Purvis, who knocked subsidization out of college football. Get rid of racketeers in the business end of boxing and it will come back to the position it held in the good old Dempsey and Hudkins days."

**Bob Weeks, Long Beach automobile salesman:**

"Boxing taught in schools and clubs such as the YMCA would add more interest and bring out a larger and better crop of fighters for the professionals. I think more amateur clubs would help bring it back."

**Sid Glassman, 18926 Fonthill aircraft personnel office:**

"I think professional boxing should be abolished altogether. I think it is brutal with too many ex-fighters walking around the streets on their heels. Three round amateurs with big gloves is fine."

### To Build New Bank

Ground will be broken next Tuesday morning for a new Bank of America Building at the southeast corner of Carson St. and Main, bank officials reported yesterday.

## Cardinal, Top Officials at Hospital Rite

Industrial, civic, medical and church leaders of all faiths joined yesterday afternoon in the dedication of the new \$3,500,000 Little Company of Mary Hospital here. More than 800 enthusiastic persons attended the dedication ceremony of the newest hospital in the county.

It was held on the hospital grounds with His Eminence James Francis Cardinal McIntyre, Archbishop of Los Angeles, officiating, and Atty. James E. Ludlum as master of ceremonies.

The Cardinal was assisted by the Rev. James A. O'Gorman, Redondo Beach, and the Rev. Joseph K. McArdle, Torrance.

In his dedication comments Cardinal McIntyre declared that "the hospital and the sisters would make a permanent and seriously needed contribution to the health and welfare of people of all faiths throughout the South Bay communities."

**INDUSTRIALIST** Philip S. Magruder, executive vice president of General Petroleum Corp., stated that the building of the new 150-bed ultra-modern hospital "was not accomplished by one company, one industry, one organization, one person, or one group. It took the combined efforts of a public spirited community," he declared.

Supervisor Burton W. Chace, who represents the 4th supervisorial district, where the hospital is located, said "this beautiful new hospital will reduce the need for people to go outside the South Bay area for proper treatment."

**OTHERS TAKING** part in the ceremony were Robert I. Plomert Jr., and Sam Levy, co-chairmen of the 24-member hospital advisory board; Mayor Albert Isen of Torrance; Gordon L. Cummings, state hospital director, representing Gov. Edmund G. Brown; and Dr. John A. Wilson, hospital chief of staff.

Dr. Wilson will head a staff of 175 physicians one of whom will be on duty 24 hours a day

### Decision on Bond Issue Postponed

The question of a bond issue to raise funds for improvement of Torrance airport was deferred again at a session of the city's airport commission this week. Plans to put an issue before the voters next spring have been discussed at several recent commission sessions.

in the hospital's complete emergency section.

Hospital board co-chairman Sam Levy, Torrance merchant and philanthropist, headed the fund raising campaign effort which realized more than \$500,000 from donations and pledges. Federal funds, but no bond issues or taxes, contributed to building the hospital.

**ALSO AT THE** ceremony was Mrs. Frank H. Forester, Little Company of Mary Hospital women's auxiliary president. Women from the more than 400 membership auxiliary acted as hostesses during the afternoon.

Entertainment at the event included music by the Torrance Youth Band, Tiny Little Orchestra and the presentation to the hospital of an American flag by Boy and Girl Scout units from the Nativity Church parish school of Torrance. The flag will be the first to fly from the hospital standard.

The new Torrance institution is the first major hospital to be built in the southern section of the county in many years. It is a five-story, four-wing, reinforced concrete building, that is engineered to allow for the addition of three more floors. This will double the present capacity to 300 beds.

**THE HOSPITAL** will be operated by the Little Company of Mary sisters, a nursing order, that presently operates five hospitals in this country and 38 other units throughout the world. Mother M. Patricia is the hospital administrator here.

The hospital site at Torrance was originally part of a land grant known as the Rancho de los Palos Verdes, which was given to the pioneer Dominguez family by the King of Spain. Later, through inheritance it passed into the hands of the Del Amo family and from that estate to the hospital.

Following the formal dedication ceremony those in attendance were invited to tour the hospital, which is located on a slightly raised, completely landscaped 10-acre site at 4101 Torrance Blvd. First patients will be admitted to the hospital about Jan. 1.



**HOSPITAL BLESSED . . .** His Eminence James Francis Cardinal McIntyre, Archbishop of Los Angeles, blesses the first floor of the new Little Company of Mary Hospital prior to formal dedication ceremonies yesterday afternoon. Assisting him are the Rev. Fr. J. Augustine O'Gorman, pastor of St. James Catholic Church of Redondo Beach (left) and the Rev. Fr. Joseph McArdle, pastor of the Nativity Church of Torrance. (Herald Photo)

### Adult Education Principal Topic At TEAC Session

Adult education and Christmas will be the major concerns of the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee tomorrow in the group's monthly meeting at the Torrance Masonic Lodge Hall, 2426 Cabrillo, at noon.

Adult Education Principal Raymond E. Collins will present some of the facets of the night school program, while Christmas carols will be sung for the group by the school principals and school administrators.

New officers, elected at the last meeting, will be installed. These include the Rev. Milton Sippel, moderator; W. E. Bowen, alternate moderator; Mrs. Naomi McVey, secretary; and Robert Ellis, treasurer.

A school construction report will be given by Assistant Superintendent S. L. Waldrip.



**DOUBLE DUTY** — Donna Grady, 19, who will dance during the Sugar Plum Village presentation at the city plunge helps get ready for the affair by doing some painting around the place. The Christmas festival will open Tuesday evening and continue through Saturday.

### Two Students Hurt After Leaving Bus

Two parochial school children, returning from classes in Redondo Beach Thursday, were struck by an auto and injured just after leaving their school bus.

Police said Catherine Mileham, 11, of 20024 Ingram Way, and Bryan Rodman, 8, of 20028 Ingram Way, were struck by an auto driven by Patricia Bauer, 33, of Beverly Hills. The Mileham girl suffered a fractured left arm and possible

internal injuries. The Rodman boy received less serious injuries, including cuts about his left hand.

Investigating officers said the two youngsters were attempting to cross Halison St. at Ingram Way near their homes after alighting from the school bus driven by Gerald Hockey, 56, of 22503 Reynolds Drive. The youngsters attended school in Redondo Beach.

## Cashier Says She Dreamed Of Robbery

A bandit, believed to be the same one who took \$125 in two Lomita robberies earlier, held up a cashier in the Southern California Gas Co. office at 1340 Post Ave. Thursday afternoon and fled with \$28.

Mrs. Mary Lux, who told officers she had dreamed of being robbed the night before, said the bandit forced her at gunpoint to surrender the money from the cash drawer of the local office.

The bandit waved a chromium-plated revolver at her, she told detectives.

The night before a bandit struck twice in Lomita taking \$25 from Mrs. N. M. Bruner at her grocery store at 25004 Narbonne Ave., and \$100 from the R. & B. cleaners at 25507 Narbonne Ave.

In both Lomita cases, the bandit was described as slender, dark-complexioned, in his mid-20's, and wearing work clothing. He threatened both victims with a chromium-plated revolver.

### PUC Voids Dominguez Water Pact

An agreement between the city and Dominguez Water Co. whereby the city would acquire water rights in the Southwest Park homes area after 10 years was ruled void by the California Public Utilities Commission according to an order received by the city Friday.

Petitions for rehearing on the previous ruling filed by the city were denied.

It was indicated by several city officials Saturday that the city might consider appealing the decision to the State Supreme Court.

### All-Year Club Notes City Fete

The Torrance Rancho Days are going into the national limelight next year as part of the area's new tourist advertising campaign called "Southern California Spectacular '60."

The All-Year Club, which carries on the cooperative campaigns, announced that the Rancho Days have been chosen as one of the 200 or more events around which the 1960 campaign is being built.

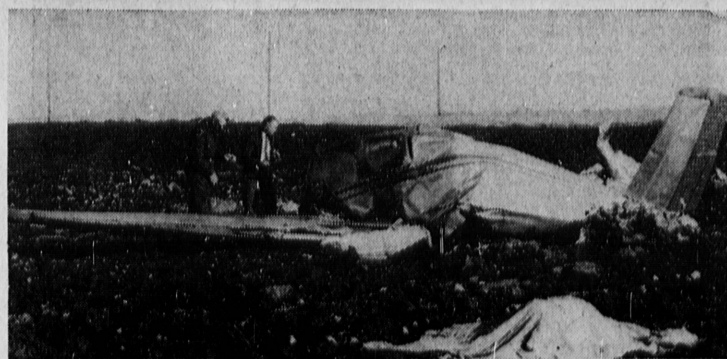
This is the 39th consecutive year of the Southland's campaigns to attract tourist dollars. It follows a record-breaking year when nearly four and one-half million vacationists spent nearly two-thirds of a billion dollars here.

Horace W. Brower, first vice-president, said the All-Year Club has made very effective use of the area's events in the past. But this is the first time, he said, that the major campaign theme has been based upon them.

### School Vacations Begin on Friday

Christmas vacation in the 31 schools in the Torrance Unified School District will run from Friday, Dec. 18, through Monday, Jan. 4, according to school officials.

There will be no change in the time schedule at any of the schools unless parents are notified otherwise, officials said.



**FATAL CRASH SCENE . . .** Captain Sewell Griggers of the Sheriff's aero squadron (right) and a deputy sheriff inspect wreckage of private plane that crashed into field near Rolling Hills Wednesday night, killing two Santa Ana men. The body of one of the two victims is covered by a blanket in the foreground. The plane apparently crashed Wednesday night but was not found until after daybreak Thursday.



**READY FOR EXHIBIT** — A final touch is added to the 1959 addition to Madonna Row by Rosemary Dumas. With other reproductions of famed nativity paintings, the most recent paintings will appear before the Administration Building of El Camino College throughout the holiday season.