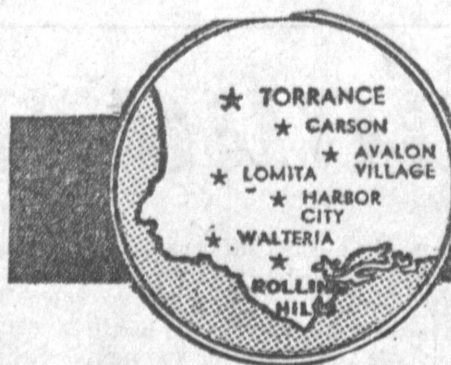


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TORRANCE BOY SHOT



TABLE TALK—More than 200 well-wishers and guests attended the open house Wednesday at the remodeled facilities of Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors, corner of Arlington and Sepulveda. Above, Del Vaughn, outgoing president, talks over board's program for coming year with past president Bob Haggard.

DECK THE HALLS . . .

Saxon Choir, Orchestra Present Annual Program

North High School's Saxon band and choir will present a Christmas program for parents, students and guests in the cafeteria, next Wednesday.

The hour-long concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. "Parents and friends of North High are cordially invited to attend the Christmas program. Our fine music department has always presented an enjoyable evening for audiences," Mrs. Harvey R. Johnson, president of the PTA, stated today.

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Plans Underway To Halt Erosion At Local Beaches

Expediting of plans and specifications to halt erosion at two local beaches was ordered this week by the board of supervisors.

Action came following a statement from Supervisor Burton W. Chace that buildings and service roads valued at \$100,000 in areas adjoining Torrance beach were being threatened by erosion. Chace pointed out that local concerns have offered free of charge approximately 100,000 cubic yards of sand. The county, however, will have to excavate, transport and place the sand on the eroded portions of the beaches.

The motion by Chace instructed the county engineer to expedite the preparation of the necessary plans and specifications for the project and that the chief administrative officer make necessary funds available.



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MEDICAL IMPERSONATOR . . .

District Attorney Will Seek Complaint Against Local Fraudulent Physician

District attorney's deputies Friday announced that they will seek a complaint against the son of a New York practicing physician who attempted to pass himself off as a doctor in this area.

Detectives from the Torrance police station and the Sheriff's office combined forces in a two day search for the culprit, later identified as Mark Robert Yarry, 21, before they found him, near death, in a Torrance apartment building Wednesday.

Yarry was discovered, unconscious from an overdose of nembutal and seconal, by another resident of the apartment building.

'DOCTOR'

Investigating officers alleged that the suspect had applied for a job as physician at a Lawndale medical center, stating that his name was "Dr. John W. Schermer" of New York, and that he was licensed to practice medicine in California, Alabama and New York.

He presented documents to authenticate his statement and was accepted into the firm as a physician by Dr. Robert Beiner, owner of the center.

Mrs. Beiner, wife of the doctor, stated that she had helped "Dr. Schermer" furnish his apartment and had loaned him her automobile.

Dr. Beiner, early last week, became suspicious of his new employee and attempted to check out the documents presented. California certificate and American Medical Association membership, as well as a state-issued narcotics certificate, traced through serial numbers, had been issued.

At this time Dr. Beiner contacted a New York hospital, where the suspect had said that he had served as resident physician. At the hospital they contacted the "real" Dr. John Schermer who said that he had worked at the hospital for more than ten years. He further reported



MARK ROBERT YARRY . . . MD Impersonation

ed that he had been held up on August 14, and his wallet containing all of his medical documents, was taken.

THREATS

Yarry, whose suspicions

Report Pact With Railway for Drain Crossing

County officials announced this week that an agreement has been reached with the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway in the construction of a storm drain project in East Torrance.

Work is now in progress on the drain which was approved by the Board of supervisors last August.

Officials said it is necessary for some work to be done on railway property and it has been recommended by the flood control district that construction of a trestle by the railway would be the most economical plan for the crossing.

"The cost is reasonable and an obligation of the flood control district by reason of the prior rights in the land held by the railway," they said.

Reimbursement of \$11,330 to the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway for the actual cost of constructing the trestle was authorized by the board.

were apparently aroused, at this point disappeared. A few hours later he called Beiner and said, "If you contact police I'm going to kill you."

Dr. Beiner then called both Torrance police and the Sheriff's Lennox office and a stakeout was placed on the suspect's apartment. Numerous leads were followed up before discovery of the unconscious suspect.

Yarry was given emergency treatment at Harbor General Hospital and then transferred to the prison ward of the County Hospital.

Father of the suspect, en route from New York, said that Yarry had been "in and out" of mental institutions most of his life.

Investigators said that they believe that he got his medical "know-how" from his close association with his father.

Still unconscious at General Hospital Yarry is unable to answer questions. A felony complaint will be issued against him.

Groundbreaking At Torrance HS Monday Morning

Groundbreaking ceremonies, starting the construction of the administration building at Torrance High School, are scheduled for 10 a.m. tomorrow.

"The awarding of the contract to build a new administrative building at Torrance High School and the turning of the first shovel of dirt starting the construction is a long awaited event at Torrance High School," Principal Carl R. Ahee said Friday.

Construction of the administrative building is the first step in carrying out a master plan to double the capacity of Torrance High School through improvements to be made on long range plans.

Local Woman Wins \$600 Mink Stole At Store Opening

Comments on the roaring success of the recent opening of Big Ben Stores, corner of Pacific Coast Highway and Crenshaw are still coming in, it was reported yesterday.

Traffic was blocked on all of the main thoroughfares leading to the store for more than three days despite valiant efforts of local, CHP and county police as well as special officers.

J. Frank Holt, president of Arden Farms and guest of the City of Torrance at the opening, said, "I have never witnessed such a spectacular opening in my business career."

Mrs. Thelma Clark, 25912 Matfield Drive, Torrance, was the first lucky winner of Big Ben's hourly specials drawing. Mrs. Clark paid \$10 for a \$600 mink stole.

Eleven more Big Ben stores will be opened in Southern California, George Graziadio, president of Golden State Properties, announced.

BB CLINIC

The Torrance Recreation Dept. will conduct basketball clinics for boys 10-8 years at South High School gymnasium from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday Dec. 16, and Wednesday, Dec. 20.

Wounded in Attempt To Flee Questioning About RB Burglaries

A 16-year old Torrance youth, attempting to flee from police questioning, was shot down Friday morning by a Los Angeles City police officer.

Arnold Boyce Quinn, 5019 Marion St., was halted by a squad car in downtown Los Angeles when he attempted to retrieve articles, alleged to have been stolen, from a pawn shop at 508 South Main St.

First giving his name as Mike Adams and his age as 18, the 6-foot 165-pound youth later broke free from the officers and fled up the street.

Patrolman W. M. Lindsay reported that he pursued the youngster and called several times for him to halt.

When the youth continued

ued to run Lindsay said that he fired one shot, hitting him in the back. Quinn took two or three more steps and then fell.

The wounded youth was then taken to the prison ward of Los Angeles County Hospital and booked on juvenile burglary charges. His condition is listed by hospital officials as "critical."

STOLEN WATCH

Investigating officers said that the suspect had previously sold a watch at the pawn shop which later proved to have been stolen in a Redondo Beach burglary.

Pawn shop owner Herbert Kohn was asked to call the police if the suspect returned to his store. Friday morning when the youth returned he was recognized by Kohn who then contacted the police.

The boy, who first told police he was from Nevada, wore a 1926 class ring from Santa Cruz High School.

Redondo Beach police, contacted by the Los Angeles department, said that they had several "wants" for the youth. Investigators said that they expected to clear up several unsolved burglaries with the youth's arrest.

Hospital physicians reported that the bullet fired by the officer penetrated the boy's back and ranged through and lodged in the front abdominal wall.

Saying that they had listed his condition as critical the youth stated that he had about a "50-50" chance of surviving the wound.



ANNUAL DISPLAY—The live animal Nativity scene, shown above, erected each year on the grounds at Stone and Myers Mortuary, 1221 Engracia St., was opened to the public again Friday afternoon. Assembled each year at the same location the scene has become a hallmark of the Christmas season in Torrance. Here, Christine and Jim Saladin make friends with an affectionate calf, one of live animals in the scene.

HITS POCKETBOOK . . .

Shoppers Should Be on Lookout for Car Thieves, Shoplifters, Warn Officers

Torrance police officials this week warned early Christmas shoppers to lock their cars before leaving them, especially if there are parcels inside.

Lt. Donald Hamilton, head of the detective bureau and the auto theft detail, stated that the incidence of theft from parked automobiles goes up at this time of year, along with petty theft, shoplifting and till tapping.

"The period from now until Christmas is a rich harvest time for shoplifters," he said. "While thefts from stores are common throughout the year, the problem becomes much greater at this time because of two major factors."

"These are the extra-heavy inventories of merchandise on hand for the Christmas season, and the

great increase in the number of shoppers.

"The shoplifter's task is much easier when counters and shelves are loaded to capacity with merchandise and when store aisles are crowded with customers. The employment of temporary sales personnel, inexperienced in guarding against shoplifters, also provides an added advantage to the lawbreaker."

CALL POLICE

Hamilton stated that any shopper who observes anyone attempting to break into a vehicle or illegally removing objects from store shelves should immediately call the police station or contact the store management.

"Any citizen who believes that this problem does not affect him, but is a matter of concern only to the businessmen who own and operate the

stores, is very badly mistaken," he said.

"Because prices must be adjusted upward in order to make up for stolen items it is obvious that shoplifting hits directly at the pocketbook of the average buyer. It is also obvious that patrons of a store will be doing themselves a favor if they cooperate fully with the management in efforts to keep shoplifting at a minimum."

"It is good business on the part of the merchant to take every precaution against shoplifters and to cooperate fully with the police in the prosecution of offenders."

"It also is good business on the part of customers to report to store representatives any instance of stealing from counters, shelves or clothing racks that customers may detect."



ALMOST READY—\$70,000 fire station at Torrance Municipal Airport is nearly ready for its official opening, it was reported yesterday by fire department officials. Still to be installed are utilities and last minute

radio equipment. Station will serve Waverly and South Torrance as well as the airport. Officials expected the new facility to be ready for opening ceremonies within two weeks.