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### Road Raised 5 Feet By Major Earthslide

Underground pressures which already have brought about the raising of a 200-foot section of new Crenshaw Blvd. and forced a landslide which covered the road with massive rock and earth deposits have County Road Department officials in a feverish sweat.

A lengthy stretch of the unimproved roadbed has been raised from five to eight feet buckling the crushed granite crust like a flimsy egg shell. Huge concrete blocks used in an underground drainage system were turned and broken like a disarranged picture puzzle.

The strange transformation, located one-quarter mile south of Palos Verdes Dr. North at its terminus with "new" Crenshaw Blvd. was noticed first only two weeks ago.

At that time, a large portion of the hillside had slipped away, leaving a 9-foot bank some 250 feet above the base of the canyon.

Evidently, road men theorize, underground water deposits are being lowered, reducing pressures in earth structures which

bring about minor changes in the earth's crust. Heavy deposits then slip downward, pushing up a portion of the road, which is at the very bottom of the canyon.

A giant power shovel and a bulldozer were moved into action to eat away at the loose hillside near the fault line in an attempt to prevent more slippage.

There is no immediate danger to homes or buildings at the nearby Chadwick School, it was indicated. The area is closed to the public because heavy equipment is working in the canyon.

Workers estimated that the upheaval would result in a considerable delay of the construction program on that 2-mile stretch of the Crenshaw Blvd. project.



STRANGE EARTH CHANGE . . . Gen. Stratton points to large fissures opening up in the surface of the roadbed as underground pressures force up the street some 5 to 10 feet on a stretch of Crenshaw Blvd. now under construction. Vernon Bonner stands on the new street elevation. A landslide covered most of the area with large deposits of rock. Both are County Road Department employees.

### See 'Jet Jeep'

## Top U.S. Officials Inspect New 'Copter

They pulled out all the stops to give the Army's newest midjet helicopter, the Jet Jeep, a real brassy dedication at Torrance Municipal Airfield Monday morning.

Secretary of the Army Frank Pace Jr. topped the list of military and civilian officials who swarmed over the airfield to view the latest in flying machines. Secretary Pace, who tossed away a prepared script in favor of some up-to-the-minute impromptu remarks, said he was "greatly impressed" with the flying wonder.

Viewing the little midjet with the Secretary were Congressman Cecil R. King; Lt. Gen. Joseph Swing, commanding general of the Sixth Army; Lt. Gen. E. W. Rawlins, commanding general, Air Materiel Command; Maj. Gen. Ira F. Swift, commanding general, Fort MacArthur; Maj. Gen. Harry Bolon, commanding general, 4th Infantry; and a long list of brigadier generals, lesser military officers, local civilian officials, and 250 other interested persons.

Noisy Little Ship Manufactured by the American Helicopter Co. of Manhattan Beach, the Jet Jeep has been heard by most area residents in its practice warmups, but few have seen the shifty ship go through its paces.

Following remarks by Secretary Pace and Corwin D. Denney, president of American Helicopter, test pilot Ed Hartwig roared through its paces. Maneuvers included a straight up climb to 500 feet, a "look no hands" pass at top speed to the east, single engine pass to west (one engine turned off), slow right and left spirals, hovering, turns in all directions, and others which made the conventional 'copters parked on the field olive-drab with envy.

No Engines Even an autorotation move demonstrating the safe manner in which the Jet Jeep can land in event of engine failure was made.

Two 16-pound pulse jet engines, one on each tip of the rotor blade, power the 300 pound collapsible ship. Any type of fuel, gasoline, kerosene or diesel, can be used. A burst of air into the ignition chamber and a spark from a small spark-plug gives the engine its initial starting kickoff.

Dubbed the XH-26 by the Army, the plane was built by American Helicopter with assistance by the Army.

The Army asked that it be collapsible, capable of air drop to infantry units in rough terrain, and that it be capable of quick assembly for observation purposes, according to President Denney.

Tells 'Cooperation In his off-the-cuff message, Secretary Pace drewled in his Arkansas manner that the Army long ago saw the need of cooperation with the Air Force and the place of flight in today's military business.

He commended the company for its work with the military in producing exactly what filled the bill.

"In the field of aviation, the Army has directed all of its efforts toward the easier, more effective attainment of its mission as the ground force," Secretary Pace said. "We have in no way attempted to usurp any of the prerogatives or logical functions of the Air Force."

"Our aviation units, including helicopter reconnaissance, transportation and evacuation groups, have been created with one objective in mind, to enable the unit commander to accomplish his mission in a shorter time and at a smaller cost in lives and material," he concluded.

Reveal Statistics Other vital statistics of the XH-26, as told by Denney, are:

1. It is the only military pulse jet powered helicopter in the United States today.

2. The XH-26 carries only one man.

3. The craft is being developed for the Army, under a contract administered by the Air Force.

4. Top speed of the Jet Jeep is 80 miles per hour. It can reach with ease heights attained by conventional helicopters.

5. It is the lightest and smallest helicopter ever procured by the Army.

6. The ship stands six feet high, carries a load of 600 pounds, including a small two-way radio.

7. Flight time is 1 1/2 hours before refueling is necessary.

8. It can be folded into a 5x5x14-foot container and dropped from a parachute or carried on a trailer.

9. Fuel is housed in the lower fuselage under the pilot and is pumped through the rotary seals into the leading edge of the blade to the engine.

10. The tip-mounted engines are free swiveling and assume a horizontal position when started. Pitch of the blade can be changed without altering the position of the engines.

11. Thirty seconds from the time the pilot jumps into the seat he can be on his way.



HAND OUT . . . Although John Mallonee cooks right well himself, he's always around when Helen Bickford takes cookies from the oven at Cookery Carnival.

### Psychologist For TUSD Takes County Position

Resignation of Dr. David H. Fils, psychologist for the Torrance Unified School District, to take a position with Los Angeles County was approved by the Board of Education Tuesday night.

Dr. Fils was responsible for the testing of many children and for consulting with those who in the opinion of the teacher may have had certain problems.

A person trained in psychology must be employed by every school district, it was indicated. No person has been named to fill the post to be left when Fils officially leaves, Sept. 26.

"Hurt?" his mother asked. "Gosh, couldn't you hear me?" Timmy replied.

"We weren't supposed to touch him. We could not touch anything. The bed. The chair. Nothing! When we signed a release for the doctors to perform a tracheotomy we rested our hands on a clean paper towel and used a pencil that had been submerged in alcohol.

Just before midnight the nurse called us to her desk. She addressed her remarks toward my wife.

"We have the lab report back now, Mrs. Baldwin." Then more slowly she added, "I think we'll have to keep him for a few days."

That was the news we had been waiting for, but praying against.

"The results of the spinal tap were positive. I'm sorry," the nurse said in a tone as comforting as she could make it.

They think he already is over the hump. At least he is not confined to an iron lung like so many others we saw.

Glenn hangs pretty heavily around our house these days, and maybe that's the reason I just don't feel like being funny today.



TREASURE CHEST . . . Lovely Sally Beck is wearing a pretty smile and a Captain Kidd's costume in preparation for the annual Kiwanis Club-sponsored Treasure Hunt slated for Friday and Saturday, Sept. 26 and 27. Tickets are on sale now.



SEEK VOLUNTEERS . . . Mrs. Edward Schwartz, at left, Community Chest residential chairman, gives Mrs. Marian Rudnick and Mrs. Paul Roettger, division chairmen, a supply of cards so that they can help recruit 250 volunteer solicitors for the forthcoming Red Feather fund appeal. Torrance went over its quota in the campaign last year.

### Chamber President Busy As a Bee With Tax Meets

Robert I. Plomert Jr., President of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, is certainly a busy man.

Being head of the Property Tax Department of the General Petroleum Corp., responsibility necessitates frequent trips up and down the coast to inspect their numerous properties in local, state and nationwide tax committees, which requires his attendance at locations throughout the United States.

Not being satisfied with the work involved in these projects, Plomert finds time to participate on the board of governors of the Torrance YMCA, and he has just been chosen president of the Lelmont Park Property Owners Assoc. of South Los Angeles.

Plomert leaves by plane Friday night, to represent his company at the National Association of Assessors conference in Detroit, Sunday, Sept. 21, to Thursday, Sept. 25.

Arriving home Friday, Sept. 26, his plans call for a plane trip to the State Assessors of California conference, to be held at Hobergs, in Lake County.

During his absence Dr. Gerald Eastham, of 1321 Cravens Ave., first vice president of the Chamber of Commerce, will be acting president and any matters may be directed to him or Dale Isenberg, executive secretary of the Chamber.

### Chest Volunteer Workers Sought For Fund Appeal

The search for nearly 250 volunteers to act as residential solicitors for Torrance's 1952 Community Chest campaign is now in full force, residential chairman Mrs. Edward Schwartz announced yesterday.

Before the residential campaign will get under way in November, Mrs. Schwartz and her two division chairmen, Mrs. Paul Roettger and Marion Rudnick, must recruit 241 Red Feather volunteers to handle the campaign assignments.

Last year Torrance was the first city in the entire Los Angeles Chest area to meet and go over its quota. The complete residential job was completed in one day.

The one-day job marked the first time in the history of the Los Angeles Chest area that such a plan had been used successfully.

Where's the Fire? Torrance Fire Department responded to the following calls:

FRIDAY 12:49 p.m., 1754 Abalone Ave., grass fire.

SATURDAY 11:35 a.m., 16th Stand Taylor Ct., grass fire.

TUESDAY 9:46 p.m., Carson St. and Manuel Ave., wash down gasoline.

### Tyke Puts Daddy To Real Test

Five-year-old Sandra. Sue Cook put her daddy on the spot this week.

Her father, Sgt. D. C. Cook of the Torrance Police Department, was on duty at the desk at the station when he received this phone call.

"Someone stole my tricycle from the front lawn, and if you can't find it, daddy, you are not a very good policeman."

He commended the company for its work with the military in producing exactly what filled the bill.

### Tartar Teen Talk

By SALLY HICKMAN

The Debs, sophomore "Y" girls, Joan Leech, Babs Hazzard, Bob Hopkins, Jerry Farrar, Eddie Powell and Bob Carroll.

We hear Sally Sprout also had a slumber party Wednesday night. Mike Silver, Charlene St. Martin, Lynn Saine, Silvia Reed, Nancy La Duke, Julie Rhone, Betsy Shaw and of course Sally were "really sleeping."

Saturday night dance at the civic turned out to be rather exciting with an extra large turnout. Everybody had a wonderful time.

I would like to remind everyone about ASB Cards are on sale now at THS. The freshmen seem to be leading in the contest, so if you would like to see your class win that nice trophy let's back this drive all the way.

Tomorrow night Torrance plays the first football game of the season with Point Loma. We would like to see a lot of kids out to support our team. Let's give them a boost and win the game.