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Cardinal McIntyre to Dedicate New Hospital Here on Saturday

New 150-Bed Hospital to Open Jan. 1

Newest and most modern hospital in Los Angeles County is the new \$3,500,000 150-bed Little Company of Mary Hospital at Torrance, which is to be dedicated Dec. 12.

Formal dedication ceremonies will be held on the hospital grounds at 2 p.m. with His Eminence James Francis Cardinal McIntyre officiating. First patients will be admitted to the hospital about Jan. 1.

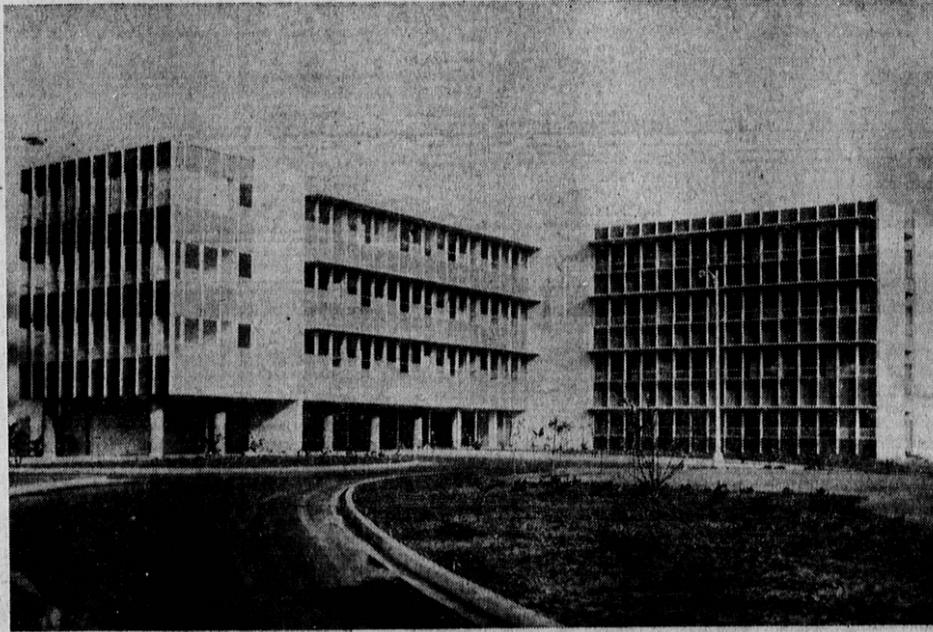
The five-story hospital building is designed to permit the future expansion of three more stories which will double the present capacity. The expansion will start within the next few years to meet the anticipated population growth in the area, stated Mother M. Patricia, hospital administrator.

SITUATED ON a slightly elevated 10-acre site located at

Torrance Blvd. and Earl St., the hospital affords quiet privacy for patients complete relaxation and comfort.

The total project is landscaped and has an automatic lawn sprinkling system. Construction was started on the project in December, 1957.

According to Mother Patricia, every medical and surgical facility is designed for achieving maximum efficiency in providing the best possible patient care.

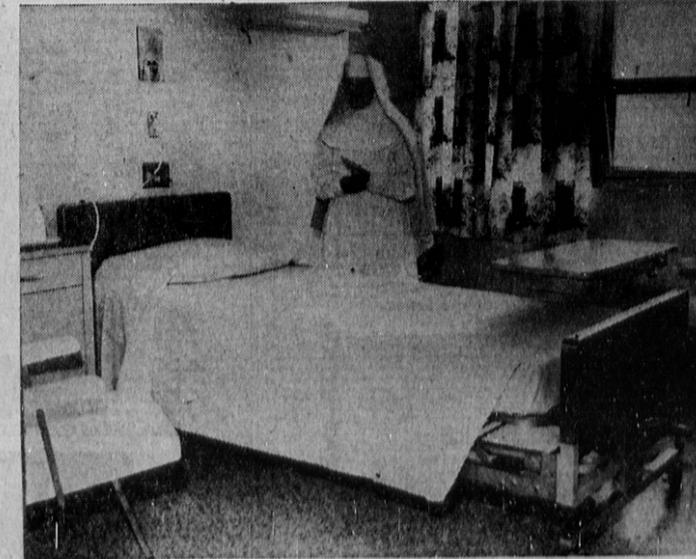


NEW HOSPITAL . . . New \$3,500,000, 150-bed Little Company of Mary Hospital, Torrance, will admit first patients about Jan. 1, according to Director Mother M. Patricia of

the Little Company of Mary sisters. Located on a landscaped 10-acre site, the hospital is designed for a three-story future addition, which would double its capacity.



LOBBY . . . Spacious lobby of the new \$3,500,000 150-bed Little Company of Mary Hospital at Torrance lends a feeling of untrammelled beauty to the entrance. Patients are to be admitted about Jan. 1.



TYPICAL PRIVATE ROOM . . . One of the typical private patient rooms at the new \$3,500,000 150-bed Little Company of Mary Hospital at Torrance. Sister Mary Peter is inspecting the room for the admission of the first patients about Jan. 1.

THE BUILDING has a center core from which four wings extend perpendicular to each other.

Each nursing floor has a nurses station located in the central core. This facilitates overall supervision of all four wings.

Bright airy rooms are created by continuous aluminum windows separated only by vertical aluminum mullions at interior room partitions.

To help make the patients confinement as pleasant as possible, each room is furnished with a television set and each bed is provided with a radio. To minimize disagreement over television program selections and to assure maximum patient privacy, rooms are limited to no more than two beds.

ONE OF THE most important services offered by the hospital is the facility of an emergency department located in the west wing on the ground floor.

This department will remain open and fully staffed 24 hours a day to provide much needed emergency care to accident victims, critically ill, or injured patients. The X-ray department, deep therapy, cystoscopic and physical therapy departments are also located in this area.

IN ADDITION, the hospital has a complete pediatrics department, four operating rooms and recovery room, obstetrics and nursery department including two main delivery rooms, three labor rooms, one recovery room, plus one emergency delivery room that can be used as an additional labor room.

For the convenience of visitors and guests an abundance of parking space and adequate lighting for clear visibility at night is provided within the grounds. The open treatment at the entrance to the building, created by floor to ceiling glass walls and a garden that is continued into the lobby area, amplify a feeling of spaciousness and warmth.

"IT IS VERY gratifying to have experienced the enthusiasm and willing support of so many individuals and firms

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A Penny for your Thoughts

With petitions being circulated asking for removal of the parking meters from Torrance, the HERALD photographer asked several persons "Do you favor the removal of parking meters in downtown Torrance?"

Their answers:

Ruth Davis, 1331 El Prado, cosmetics shop owner:

"We Torrance merchants will profit by the removal of the parking meters and opening the streets to the public. There also are beautiful parking lots with a two hour free parking limit but people don't seem to use them."



Retains Present System

Efforts of Torrance firemen to have their union recognized as the bargaining agent for personnel by the department were rejected by the city council Tuesday evening.

In a decision following an informal hearing on the matter, the council turned down the request of firemen that the Firefighter's Union deal with the council on all matters involving wages and working conditions in the city's fire department.

Under the present procedure, the city manager is the personnel officer for the city and the civil service board can hear appeals from his decisions. A final appeal can be made to the city council on matters in dispute.

Under the system proposed by the union, the council would

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Torrance Link Set

\$42 Million Budgeted For San Diego Freeway

Acquisition of right of way and construction on the San Diego Freeway has been put at \$42,400,000 for the coming fiscal year in the budget adopted recently by the State Highway Commission.

Largest expenditure will be for right of way throughout the area from Studebaker Road in Long Beach area to the interchange at the Golden State

Freeway in San Fernando. Budgeted for this project is \$14,800,000.

Completion of the freeway through the Santa Monica Mountains with an eight-lane roadway has been budgeted at \$13,950,000.

Construction of an eight-lane link from a point 0.7 of mile east of Alameda St. to Carson St. will cost \$4,700,000.

This will include necessary grade separations.

A budget item of \$9,000,000 will finance construction of an eight-lane freeway from the Harbor Freeway through Torrance to a point just north of 174th St.

An additional \$150,000 has been budgeted for landscaping from Jefferson Blvd. in Los Angeles to Venice Blvd. in Culver City.

Car Dealers Slate Sale At Midnight

That midnight madness is on us again.

Torrance's three Cabrillo Ave. new car dealers — Vel's Ford, Paul's Chevrolet, and DeVon Plymouth—have scheduled a "Mad Midnight" sale to begin at 12 midnight, Saturday, Dec. 19 and continue until 3 a.m.

During this time, Eddie Lewis, promoter of the previous "Mad Midnight" sale here, will auction off five of the best used car buys from each of the three agencies, and the dealers will be serving coffee and doughnuts and champagne and cake.

"There will be no 'stop sale' prices, and the buyer can name his own price and terms, subject to credit approval," the dealers announced. Representatives of finance and loan companies are cooperating and will be on hand to assist buyers with finances if needed.

Officially, the sale will begin at midnight, but dealers will be open to "browsers" ahead of time.

The event will be publicized nightly on Tom Duggan's Channel 13 TV show, and the dealers will appear on the show Saturday before the formal opening of the event.



ON THE HOUSE . . . George Stevens, Torrance City Manager, and Betty Baker, Miss Torrance, look with approval on one of two signs the Security First National Bank put up on the site of their future Torrance location, on the northwest corner of El Prado and Cravens. One hour free parking is now available to Downtown Torrance shoppers and will continue until Feb. 1, when construction on a modern bank building will start. (Herald photo)

Mrs. Mae Wedborg, 3314 Raintree Ave., home products representative:

"I would like to park without paying, but I'm afraid that people would park there all day unless there was a time limit. I favor parallel parking and even though there would be fewer parking stalls, traffic might move more freely and faster."

Mrs. Al De Cigarin, 2721 Monterey St., housewife:

"I certainly think it would be to everyone's advantage to remove the meters. You go into a store and have to wait to be waited on and then come out and find a parking ticket. It is very inconvenient to shoppers. I'm sure many people will agree with me."

R. Corn, 3139 W. 182nd Street, retired service station operator:

"I believe I would like to see the meters removed. I have seen it tried out in different places and it seems to work out pretty well. The general public would appreciate their removal."

Stanley Jackson, 16926 Elgar Ave., laboratory technician:

"I think parking meters are a nuisance. I never can find a penny when I want to park. I really think the merchants will do much more business without them in every city."