

RETRO PARK PLANS DANCE NEW YEAR'S

A New Year's eve dance for youngsters in the Hollywood Riviera vicinity has been planned for Dec. 31 at El Retiro Park.

Play director Sharon Stewart is the event to bid farewell to 1959 is scheduled for 2 p.m.

Punch will be served at five o'clock.

Industry, Civic, Church Leaders Join to Dedicate Company of Mary Hospital

Industrial, civic, medical, and church leaders joined Saturday in the dedication of the new \$3,500,000 Little Company of Mary Hospital, 4101 Torrance Blvd.

More than 500 persons attended the ceremony. James Francis Cardinal McIntyre, archbishop of Los Angeles, officiated. Attorney James E. Ludlum was

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, said the 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 fourth supervisorial district, 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 L. Plomert Jr. and Sam Levy, cochairmen of the 24-member hospital advisory board; Mayor Albert Isen; Gordon L. Cummings, state hospital director, representing Gov.

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 in the hospital's emergency section.

Hospital board chairman Sam Levy, Torrance philanthropist, headed the fund-raising campaign effort which realized more than \$500,000. Federal funds, but no bond issues of 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 auxiliary were hostesses during the afternoon.

Entertainment 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, which 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 originally was part of a land grant known as the Rancho de los Palos Verdes, 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 dedication, those in attendance were invited to tour the hospital, which is located on a slightly raised, completely landscaped 10-acre site. First patients will be admitted about Jan. 1.

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Torrance area telephone users who wait until the last minute this year to place holiday long-distance calls may find that busy lines cause unforeseen delays, Pacific Telephone Manager Dick Pyle said today.

He said it may be possible to complete calls faster and to avoid disappointments if callers keep the following three tips in mind:

1. Call before Christmas Eve or after Christmas Day.
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