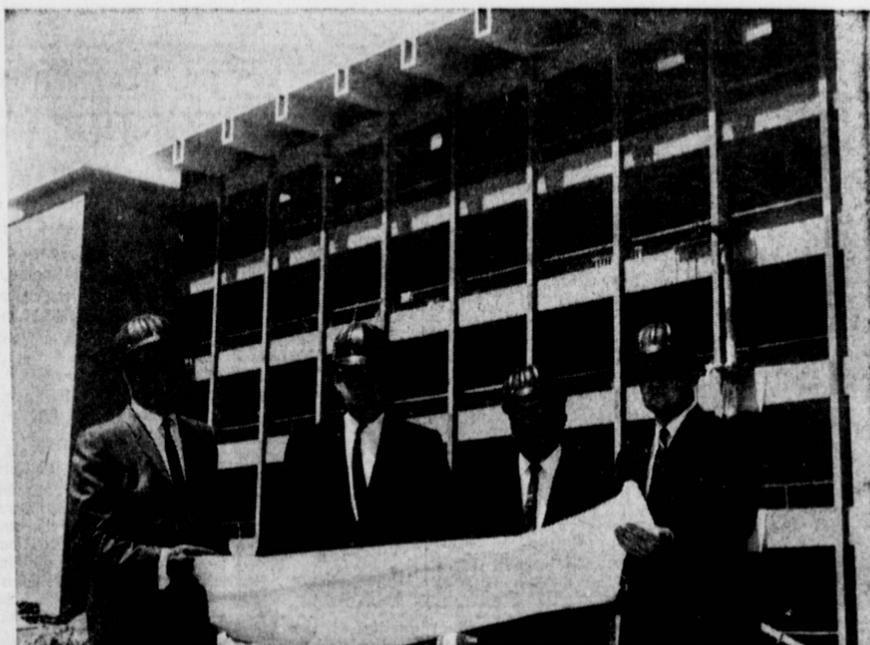




**ROOFTOP VIEW . . .** Supervisor Burton W. Chace scans the rapidly growing Torrance area from rooftop of Torrance-South Bay County Building, 825 Maple Ave. City of Torrance provided five acres of land and

County of Los Angeles provided \$4.4 million to construct the five story facility. Chace made an on-the-spot inspection of the project this week as the building passed the 60 per cent completion mark.



**MEN IN CHARGE . . .** Four men who figure prominently in construction of the Torrance-South Bay County Building (background) check plans for the structure. They are (from left) Supervisor Burton W. Chace, who led fight for the facility in the Torrance-

South Bay area; G. E. Lefler, executive vice president of S. Patti Construction Co.; Robert E. Latham, president, and Reed M. Wright of architectural firm of Adams, Latham, Kripp and Wright.

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**RODEO BOOSTERS . . .** Four of the candidates for the title of queen of the Ranchero Days Rodeo here Aug. 13 and 14 pose in western garb with a friend at the Torrance Mounted Police stables. Girls from left

are Gayle Hegarty, 16; Sue Edlund, 16; Janice Lasaigne, 17; and Peggy Martin, 17. The winner will be selected on the basis of ticket sales.  
(Press-Herald Photo by Hal Fisher)

## Four Men Hurt In Plane Crash

Four persons suffered minor injuries Friday afternoon when a light plane stalled on take-off and crashed near the Torrance Municipal Airport.

The crash occurred about 3:30 p.m. when the aircraft, piloted by Louis F. Flores, 23, of Hawthorne, stalled at about 400 feet altitude. Flores banked the plane to the right in an attempt to land on the vacant field in the 3100 block of Lomita Boulevard.

Flores, a student pilot, and instructor Robert Hildago, 44,

### Burglars Hit Laundry Room

Residents of a 150-unit apartment complex at 135 Calle Mayor may have to wait a little longer than normal to do their laundry following the theft of a washing machine Friday.

Edward Petyak, 28, reported the theft early Friday. Police speculated the burglars lifted the machine onto a truck after disconnecting it

of 22603 Eastwood Court, were not hurt.

Four passengers were taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital for emergency treatment and released. They were:

Raymond Romero, 21, of Los Angeles.  
 James Burton, 20, of 15530 Normandie Ave., Gardena.  
 Tony Sandoval, 27, of San Pedro, and  
 Robert Roller, 25, of 1645 Crenshaw Blvd.

The six-passenger aircraft is owned by Ralph H. Struckman and Thomas L. Rothwell Jr. It was leased to a flying service at the Hawthorne Municipal Airport.

Police said Flores had been at the controls for about 40 minutes and had made two touch-and-go landings at the Torrance Airport prior to the crash.

The plane sustained extensive damage to its wings and fuselage, according to police reports. The crash was witnessed by some 30 men in a construction crew. The group was working on a building adjacent to the crash scene.

## Police Find Pep Pills, Hold Barber

A 25-year-old barber was arrested Thursday on suspicion of possession of dangerous drugs following a tip from "a confidential and reliable source."

Arrested by Torrance Police was Rudy Valenzuela Torres, 1912 Nelson Lane, Redondo Beach. Police also seized several Dexidrine tablets as evidence.

The tablets were found in the attic of a Torrance barbershop reportedly owned by Torres.

Officers went to the barbershop after an informant told them the drugs were in the attic. Torres was not in the shop and police then went to his home. He returned to the barbershop with officers and told them they could search the shop.

The Dexidrine tablets were found in a brown paper bag above a false ceiling.

### Lawnmower Taken

A power lawnmower valued at \$130 was taken from the garage at her home, Mrs. Edna Caron, 20329 Madison Ave., told police Friday.

## Burglars Get Coats From Store

Burglars who apparently worked over a four-day period have made off with nearly \$2,000 worth of coats from a Torrance department store.

The coats were reported missing Friday by White Front Stores, Inc., at 21250 Hawthorne Blvd. Store officials said the missing coats are worth \$1,939.82.

The store received a shipment of 154 ladies coats on July 13 and discovered eight of them missing during a routine inventory last Monday.

Subsequent inventory checks Tuesday and Wednesday revealed eight more coats missing and an hourly check was begun by store officials. The thefts apparently were halted until Friday, when two more coats disappeared.

### Television Taken

Theft of a portable television set from his home was reported Friday by Edward Bebeck, 38, of 17104 Van Ness Ave. Bebeck said the television set is worth \$125.

# Shot Victim Dies; Police Hold Mate

## Opening Set for Complex Supervisor on Inspection Tour

The Torrance-South Bay County Building, for years just a dream, will be a reality in March, 1967.

This word came from County Supervisor Burton W. Chace after he toured the unfinished facility and conferred with builders and architects this week.

The \$4.4 million structure in Torrance Civic Center is more than 60 per cent complete, with occupancy scheduled for mid-March, Supervisor Chace said.

"Not only will it be a beautiful structure — it will be one of the most functional facilities of its kind," said Supervisor Chace. Chace, chairman of the Board of Supervisors, led the fight for location of the facility in Torrance.

THE FIVE-story building will house 11 superior courts and 4 municipal courts when completed. Total area of the structure is 148,350 square feet.

Other county departments to be included in the facility are county clerk, law library, marshal, municipal court clerk, juvenile traffic, district attorney, and sheriff.

The five-acre site, provided by the City of Torrance, includes a parking area for 244 cars plus Sheriff's buses.

THE BUILDING is constructed of reinforced concrete with decorative stone paneling on the front side and white concrete sun screen on the rear side.

Chace toured the structure with G. E. Lefler, executive vice president of the S. Patti Construction Co., general contractors; and Reed M. Wright and Robert E. Latham of Adams, Latham, Kripp and



NEAL DONNELLY  
New Hospital Aide

## Memorial Hospital Gets Aide

Neal Donnelly of San Pedro has been named assistant administrator of Torrance Memorial Hospital by Leonard A. Ensminger, administrator.

Announcement of the appointment was made Friday by Ensminger, who said Donnelly was bringing many years of accounting and hospital administration into his new post.

The new aide comes to Torrance from San Pedro Community Hospital where he has been serving as controller.

AS ASSISTANT administrator at Torrance Memorial Hospital, Donnelly will be the coordinator of general services and business affairs.

He also will assist in the final preparation of the application which will be submitted to California State Department of Public Health, Bureau of Hospitals, for construction grants for a new Torrance Memorial Hospital now projected for a site on Lomita Boulevard near Hawthorne.

The Torrance Memorial Hospital board of directors and the board of directors of the Riviera Community Hos-

## New Charges Due In Clerk's Death

A Torrance man arraigned Friday on a charge of assault to commit murder faces a new court date — this time on a charge of murder.

Joseph Raymond Murphy, 43, was to be rebooked yesterday at the Torrance Police Station following the death early yesterday of his wife, Mrs. Betty Murphy, 34.

Mrs. Murphy, shot early Thursday morning at her home, died shortly after 2 a.m. Saturday. She had been in the intensive care unit at Little Company of Mary Hospital since the shooting.

Mrs. Murphy, a communications clerk at the Torrance Police Department, was shot once in the head about 3 a.m. Thursday. Her husband reportedly telephoned the police and told them, "I just

shot my wife. Please send an ambulance."

Police booked Murphy Thursday on the assault charge. He was arraigned Friday in Division 3 of the South Bay Municipal Court and ordered to return for a preliminary hearing Aug. 1.

Police said yesterday Murphy would be rebooked and arraigned on the murder charge.

Mrs. Murphy was found in bed at her home, 4746 Deelane St., with a massive wound in the head. Police said a .22-calibre rifle was found on the floor near the bed. A spent shell and a live round of .22-calibre ammunition were found under the bed.

She had been employed as a switchboard operator at the Torrance Police Department for about 18 months.

## Suspects Held in Slaying . . .

Two teenagers have been arrested on suspicion of murder following the death of Charles F. King, 90, of Harbor City, Wednesday night. The youths, Robert Taylor, 17, of Compton, and Frederick Spewell, 17, of Wilmington, are accused of robbing and beating King in a Harbor City hardware store Tuesday. King, who was known as "Mr. Harbor City," died Wednesday night in a Harbor City hospital. Taylor was arrested Wednesday and Spewell turned himself in at the Harbor Division Police Station.

## Fire Damages Apartment . . .

An estimated \$1,000 in damages resulted from a fire in a Lomita apartment Friday. Los Angeles County firemen were called to the scene at 24818 Eshelman Ave. about 9:20 a.m. John Lewis, occupant of the apartment, had tried to extinguish the blaze with a fire extinguisher. Firemen said the blaze apparently was started by youngsters playing with matches.

## Rehearsals Under Way . . .

Rehearsals for the 1966 Torrance Recreation Department musical, "Bye Bye Birdie," are under way at the Torrance High School auditorium. The production will open Friday for a two-night run. Tickets, priced at \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children, may be purchased at the Joslyn Recreation Center or at the door. Featured in the cast of 125 Torrance teenagers are Klair Bybee as Albert, Sherrie Schneider as Rose, and Michael Newman, who will be seen as the guitar-strumming, Army-bound Conrad Birdie.

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