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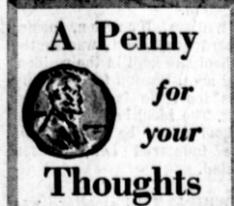
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MAYOR FLAYS MTA TAX MOVE



"What do you think about the postal rate increase?" the Pennies inquirer asked.

Mrs. John Mathews, 18220 Yukon Ave.:
 "I'm all for it. Where else can you get so much for a nickel? I don't mind postal rates going up because I think it's worth what we are paying for. For 5 cents I can communicate with relatives on the east coast."

Mrs. Richard Marsh, 18201 Yukon Ave.:
 "It's all right. It's cheaper to pay bills by mail rather than traveling around to the various business offices. The government has to pay its bills and we can't run in the red."

Mrs. Paul Dopp, Harbor City:
 "It won't affect me much because I don't use much postage. I think that's one area where they have neglected raises for a long time. I think the boost in rates is ok."

Dave Tait, Inglewood:
 "Actually a penny doesn't mean much individually but it means a lot to the government as a whole. I don't think the raise in postal rates will hurt individuals."

Mrs. Philip Bader, 417 Via Los Miradores:
 "I don't think we have any choice. I don't like the raise but we have to live with it. I'd like to see the postal department become a little more automated."

Victims Nab Man At Door

A 21-year-old Torrance resident was arrested on charges of robbery and violation of the state narcotics law Tuesday after he attempted to hold up a drug store on Torrance Boulevard.

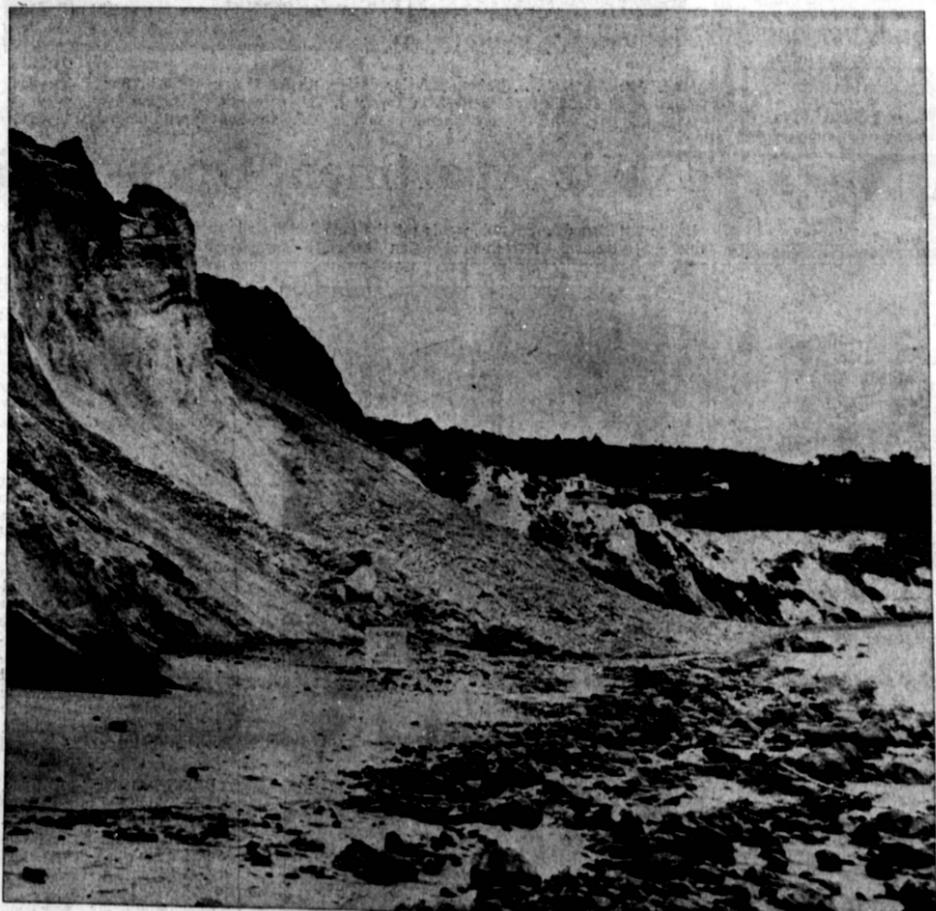
Booked at the city jail was Robert Eugene Anderson of 1747 Andreo Anderson was thwarted in his alleged robbery attempt when he apparently became confused on which way the swinging door swung as he attempted to leave and was disarmed by a pharmacist.

CARL E. SCOTT, owner and pharmacist of the Professional Pharmacy at 2055 Torrance Blvd., told police Anderson entered the business establishment about 12:30 p.m. and said he was looking for a foot powder. Anderson then went behind the counter through the wooden swinging door and yelled "This is a stickup. I want dilaudid. I want morphine."

Anderson then hit Scott with an object in his right hand he had covered with a white handkerchief. Scott said that as he fell to the floor the suspect said "Don't get up from there or I'll kill you."

THE SUSPECT demanded that the cash register be opened. As Scott opened the register Anderson began taking out paper currency and jammed it into the register.

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CLIFF CRUMBLES . . . A huge section of the cliff above Torrance Beach crumbled shortly after 10 a.m. yesterday, sending hundreds of tons of earth cascading onto the sand and into the tide below the 600 block of Paseo de la Playa. City Manager Wade Peebles had reported Tuesday that the

slide had accelerated and that bench marks showed the slippage had reached a rate of an inch each 24 hours. The slide threat was first reported to the city on Dec. 27 and a New Year's Eve attempt to dislodge it with water jets failed. (Herald Photo)

Claims Local Taxpayers to Get 'Nothing'

A proposal to authorize the Metropolitan Transit Authority power to levy a tax on Los Angeles County property at a rate up to 15 cents per \$100 of valuation was blasted by Mayor Albert Isen this week as an expansion program which would offer no benefit to the taxpayers of Torrance.

A 15-cent tax on Torrance property would cost local taxpayers \$375,000 the first year, City Manager Wade Peebles told members of the City Council Tuesday night after Mayor Isen ripped the proposal.

The MTA plan calls for taxpayer subsidy of a 58-mile "backbone" rapid transit system which would connect Westwood, the San Fernando Valley, the San Gabriel Valley, and Long Beach with downtown Los Angeles.

"THE CLOSEST it would come to Torrance is Compton," Isen said. "It won't benefit taxpayers of Torrance one iota," he added. He asked the Council to consider formal opposition to the plan.

"I'm predicting the hue and cry you'll hear on this will echo clear up to Sacramento and back," Isen stated. Councilman Ross Sciarrotta immediately backed Isen's move and Councilman Ken Miller indicated his disfavor of the proposal when he said it

"would be only a beginning."

THE PROTEST of Isen and other local officials came on the heels of a sound denunciation by several members of the Board of Supervisors at their meeting Tuesday.

Growth of Torrance Leads Area

Torrance growth figures prominently in the first report ever prepared on the growth and economic structure of the "South Coast Area" made public yesterday by the Security First National Bank.

With only 6 per cent of the land area, Torrance contributed more than a quarter of the total population gain in the area which includes Long Beach, San Pedro, Wilmington, Lakewood, Rolling Hills, Palms Verdes Estates, Rolling Hills Estates, Avalon, and Signal Hill.

The report, which will be made available free of charge at all Security Bank branches in the area, was presented at a luncheon meeting in Long Beach by Arch D. Hardymont, who supervises the material. Guests were welcomed by Frederick C. Larkin Jr., president of Security Bank.

Hardymont will make detailed presentations of the survey, with appropriate charts at cities throughout the area. He will appear at the breakfast meeting of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce Jan. 29.

Hospital Medical Staff To Install New Officers

Dr. Edward W. Knutson of Torrance will be installed as chief of staff of the Torrance Memorial Hospital at the annual banquet scheduled for the Palos Verdes Country Club Saturday.

For the past year, Doctor Knutson served as secretary of the hospital staff. He is vice president of the Crenshaw Sepulveda Corp., which recently erected the Crenshaw-Sepulveda Medical Center in Torrance.

Speaker of the evening will be Robert L. Curry, South Bay newspaperman who recently returned from a five weeks' overseas tour. He will speak on the topic "A Quick Trip Through Eastern Asia."

Other 1963 hospital officers

include Dr. Jesse H. Frank, vice president; Dr. James K. Lees, secretary-treasurer; and Richard A. Sullivan, assistant secretary-treasurer. Elected members to the executive committee are Drs. Jack R. Brocken, William A. Davies, and Joseph Nebolon.

Master of ceremonies for the

evening will be Dr. Gerald M. Eastham of Torrance. Dr. Fred Eric Ewens of Manhattan Beach will be the installing officer. Guests will include members of the governing board of the hospital.

A social hour will precede the banquet, and dancing will follow.



PREVIEW HOSPITAL . . . Supervisor Burton W. Chace (left); William Barr, County superintendent of charities (center); and Hospital Administrator A. L. Thomas look in on surgery room during preview look at new \$15 million Harbor General Hospital structure which will be dedicated next Monday. The hospital should be in full operation by Jan. 28, officials reported. It will have a rated capacity of 605 beds. (Herald Photo)



HOSPITAL STAFF . . . New medical staff officers of Torrance Memorial Hospital meet to discuss installation Saturday night at the Palos Verdes Country Club. In front, from left, are Dr. Jesse H. Frank, new assistant chief of staff; Dr. Edwin W. Knutson, chief of staff; and Dr. Carlo A. Tabellario, outgoing chief of staff. Standing in the rear are Dr. Richard A. Sullivan, assistant secretary-treasurer, and Dr. James K. Lees, secretary-treasurer. (Herald Photo)

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