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GOOD NEIGHBOR . . . Robert I. Plomert Jr. presents Mrs. Wilson Page with an orchid at the Good Neighbor breakfast after she had been named with her husband as the community's "Good Neighbor for 1952." More than 600 braved the rain to attend the flapjack breakfast at the Civic Auditorium.

Couple Win Title For Good Neighbor

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Page, of 735 Border Ave., were named "Good Neighbors" as more than 600 persons braved the heavy rains and high wind to have breakfast with the YMCA yesterday at the Y's annual Good Neighbor Breakfast.

The Pages, nominated by Mr. and Mrs. Ray Taylor, of 741 Border Ave., were named to the honor of the community's "Good Neighbors" by a three-man committee composed of Otto Kresse, Dr. J. H. Hull, and Stan Roberts. This committee went over the nominations and selected the winners from a field of eight.

In making the nomination, Mrs. Taylor wrote to the Torrance Herald and said:

Our Neighbor
"James J. Metcalfe describes 'The Pages' to a 'Y' and I will just copy his 'Our Neighbors' poem as I couldn't word it better, although it is in my heart. This is why I think they deserve the name of 'Good Neighbor.'"

OUR NEIGHBORS
They are not called the Joneses, but . . .

They are the folks next door. And every day in every way. We like them more and more. We do not envy them their home. Their car or any gem. And ours is not the common goal.

Of keeping up with them. They may have many times as much. Or less than we possess. But that does not annoy us when it comes to happiness. We simply like them for the friends. Who help us on our way. By being nice and taking time. To say hello each day. By keeping up and furthering

Fred Curler Killed Near Bakersfield

Killed in a highway accident near Bakersfield Thursday was 33-year-old Frederick Harold Curler, former Torrance resident who resided in San Ardo.

The son of Mrs. Luella Curler, of 2011 Gramercy Ave., Curler was a member of the Bakersfield American Legion and the Redondo Lodge of the B. P. O. Elks No. 1378.

Interment in Green Hills Cemetery followed final rites.

Columbia Union Official Dies After Operation

Joseph John McNally, 35, former chairman of the Grievance Committee at Columbia Steel, died Friday evening of complications following an operation performed Oct. 28.

Rosary will be recited at 8 p.m. Monday evening at Stone and Myers Mortuary. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 9 a.m. Tuesday. Father P. J. McGuinness will officiate. Interment will be in Holy Cross Cemetery.

McNally, long active in affairs of the United Steelworkers of America, Local 1414, died of a series of complications which set in following a gastric resection which was performed at the St. Mary's Hospital in Long Beach. He underwent surgery three times.

Surviving the youngish union official are his wife, LeVonne, of 1553 W. 216th St., and two children, Ronald Dennis, 12, and Sharon, 10.

He is survived also by two brothers, Richard, Francis of Torrance, Robert, Joseph of Leimona; three sisters, Mrs. Dorothy Lee Andrade of Torrance, Mrs. Marjorie Hyndman of Tacoma, Wash., and Mrs. Eloise Strinz.

The deceased's father, Joseph McNally Sr., a former member of the grievance committee at the local steel company, died last July 14.

McNally Jr. was a crane-man at Columbia until he entered the hospital.

He was a member of the Elks Lodge, 1378, of Redondo Beach.



CROWN PASSES . . . Pretty Shirley York passes the crown of Torrance High's homecoming queen to lovely Ellen Koehn at ceremonies held on the field before the Torrance-Ingewood game Friday night. With Queen Ellen is her court, one of whom is completely hidden. The girls in the court are Nancy Baird, Sally Cordes, Betty Peterson and Norma Quine.



QUEEN ELLEN . . . Ellen Koehn, queen of Torrance High's homecoming festivities Friday night, smiles winningly from the back seat of a convertible which circled the track alongside the football field before the Tartar-Ingewood game.

Mailman Stops Many Times at Iron Lung

The mailman stopped many times this week at Iron Lung No. 27469 to deliver letters and cards to little Judy Wixom, the lonely little Torrance polio victim.

"Torrance certainly showed its heart," Mrs. W. L. Wixom said about the flood of letters that poured in since a story appeared in Thursday's Torrance Herald. "Earlier doctors had more faith in the motor, gears and levers of Judy's iron lung than they did in her will to live. It was a mite weak because she was lonely and thought her school friends had forgotten her. No one had written to her in a long, long time. Her mother appealed to the Torrance Herald."

Flood of Mail
As of Saturday Mrs. Wixom had received 40 letters at her home at 1521 Date Ave. She placed them in a package to mail to Judy. The mail clerk had read the story about Judy and when she saw where the package was going she personally provided the stamps. She also crocheted a dress and a booties for a small doll which she hoped could be attached to Judy's iron lung at the Rancho Los Amigos Hospital.

It was exactly three months ago yesterday that doctors examined the little Fern Ave. Elementary School second grader and discovered she had polio. She was doing all right for a while but she began to slip. Finally doctors had to perform a tracheotomy, an operation where a hole is cut in the throat to prevent strangulation, and

she was placed in an iron lung. Smiles come a little difficult for Judy. First, because she is lonely, and secondly, because she is partially paralyzed in the face as well as in the leg, arm and shoulder.

Letters Help
The letters and cards that have poured in have helped kill the homesickness she has to see her seven brothers and sisters. The third graders at Walteria School all wrote Judy a letter. Most of them signed their letters with "Your Friend . . ."

The sixth graders obtained a second grade reader and used words from it to make a special picture book of letters for the polio patient.

Sixteen students in the third grade at Fern Ave. Elementary School penciled notes of encouragement to little Judy.

The mail was a doctor's prescription. The medicines want the treatment to continue, for it may be a long, long time before Judy sheds her iron shell. Letters should be mailed either to Judy Wixom, Ward 60, Rancho Los Amigos, Hondo, California; or to Mrs. W. L. Wixom, 1521 Date Ave., or to the Torrance Herald, 1619 Gramercy Ave.

Vote Under Way For New Chamber Board Members

Balloting to fill four vacancies on the Torrance Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors got under way this week with members of the Chamber selecting four from a slate of eight.

Appearing on the ballot mailed to the Chamber of Commerce were the names of incumbents—Dean Sears, Darwin Parrish, Charles T. Rippey, William A. Zoeller, and A. Don Wagen. Newcomers on the ballot are Jack Dabbs, John Ebbinghouse, and Don Armstrong.

The ballots must be returned to the Chamber of Commerce not later than midnight, Nov. 24, according to Charles Ver Jones, chairman of the election committee.

Holdover members of the board include Otto Kresse, Robert J. Plomert Jr., Reed Parkin, Grover Whyte, J. H. Paget, Henry W. Creeger, Dr. G. M. Eastham, Paul D. Loranger, Bob L. Haggard, and Fay Parks. The new board will meet to select the officers for the coming year after the members have been elected. Plomert is now president of the Chamber.

Services Pending for Korean War Victim

Military services are now being arranged to honor the late Cpl. J. E. Stevens, who died in Korea of hemorrhagic fever Aug. 24, and whose remains arrived in the United States Wednesday.

His mother, Mrs. Thomas S. Stevens, 207 W. 223rd St., said that the date of the services is uncertain, pending the arrival in Torrance of the body. It is to be shipped here from the San Francisco Bay area, but the date it will leave there or arrive here has not been disclosed.

Stevens, a truck driver with the 702nd Ordnance Maintenance Co., 2nd Infantry, had served

Lions Ready for Annual Brooms Sale Friday

Lions will be out in force next Friday with enough brooms to sweep down the decks from here to Azusa and back.

Plans for the "once-a-year" fund drive conducted by the Torrance Lions Club have been completed and the annual "Brooms for the Blind" sale will be held throughout the city next Friday, Nov. 21.

Conducted under the general chairmanship of Paul Diamond, the sale of house brooms, industrial brooms, whiskbrooms, and mops is the method the local club has to raise funds to help furnish corrective eye treatment for Torrance children.

"We are going to need more than \$1500 to continue the program during the next year," Diamond said yesterday.

The program of selling the high quality brooms made by a hole is cut in the throat to prevent strangulation, and

Herald Thanked By Finch for Fair Treatment

His thanks to the Herald for a "fair and objective treatment" during the recent Congressional campaign was sent to the paper's publisher this week by Robert H. Finch, unsuccessful GOP candidate for the 17th district.

"Please accept my thanks for the fair and objective treatment which was accorded me in the recent campaign. In my opinion a district is always benefited by a hard fought campaign for a Congressional seat, and your coverage of this campaign lent much to the healthy vigor of this contest. Please convey this message of appreciation to all the members of your staff."

Rain, Heavy Winds Lash Area

High winds and rain lashed the city yesterday morning, bringing a total of .70 of an inch of rain and flooding many of the city's streets and inter-sections.

Yesterday's storm brought the season's total to slightly more than an inch and one-half of rain.

Where's the Fire?

TUESDAY

4:42 p.m., 1700 Marinette Ave., car fire.

11:14 p.m., Cravens and Post Aves., awning fire.

WEDNESDAY

8:02 p.m., 3401 Torrance Blvd., structural fire.

THURSDAY

4:55 a.m., 213th and Bow Sts., railroad ties, 6:05 p.m., 2460 Torrance Blvd., incinerator.

FRIDAY

2:05 p.m., end of Madrona, transformer fire.



STORM AFTERMATH . . . Virgil E. Newman, 2732 Gramercy Ave., was driving along 242nd St. yesterday when he started to cross Hawthorne. He got as far as the edge of the pavement when it sunk under him. Rain had loosened the asphalt covering a pipeline being constructed on the boulevard, and Newman's convertible was stuck, but good. A few minutes later, Gary Day, Ward and 238th Sts., Wataja, attempted to cross the same obstruction and he too got stuck. Torrance Police Officer Bob Lewis helps driver Newman in attempts to jack up the Buick to get it out.