



**ACCEPT KEYS . . .** Mrs. Vickie N. Beitman, 302 N. Catalina Ave., Redondo Beach, accepts the keys to a new Ford Mustang after being named winner of a contest celebrating the grand opening of Imperial Bank's new Torrance office. On hand for the presentation were Keith Pischel (left), manager of the bank office, and George Graziadio, president of the bank. The new office is located on the southeast corner of Torrance and Hawthorne boulevards.

## The Mail Ego

By Terrance O'Flaherty

"What does it mean when they give a Gold Record to a singer?"

Free publicity, mostly. The award is made by the Record Industry Association each year for single recordings which sell one million copies and albums which gross \$1 million to the manufacturer. It doesn't mean as much as it once did when only a dozen or so made it each year. Last year 74 albums and 45 singles qualified from the original soundtrack of the movie "The Graduate" to a single titled "One, Two, Three, Red Light" played by the 1910 Fruit-gum Company.

"I can't understand the title of the new film 'Krakatoa, East of Java.'" On my map Krakatoa is WEST of Java. Who's right?"

You are. But it's Bill Foreman's movie and he insists that East of Java sounds more glamorous. Don't forget that Hollywood is one town that retitled the movie "Freud" as "The Secret Passion" and changed "Rome Express" to "Sleeping Car To Trieste."

"Michael Caine has a flabby figure. Why do they allow him to be photographed in the nude?"

Maybe to make 50 million American men feel better by comparison. Otherwise no actor over 25 ever looked attractive toppers — except maybe King Kong.

"I'm still in my 20s and I

saw 'Blossoms In The Dust' an old MGM movie on television recently starring an actress named Greer Garson. She seemed to have more polish than stars like Joan Crawford. What is she doing now?"

She is one of the few stars who successfully leads a double life. As the wife of Texas oilman Buddy Fogelson she enjoys life in Dallas and takes part in the city's little theater action.

As Greer Garson she makes an occasional Hollywood movie like "The Happiest Millionaire" in 1967. She was born in Northern Ireland and educated in Switzerland. Her acting talents were polished on the London stage and in a British movie "Goodbye Mr. Chips" before coming to Hollywood as a major star. Local girls like Crawford came to movies in-the-rough and acquired their polish, film-by-film, before our very eyes.

"What's new for Beautiful Phyllis Diller?"

Would you believe a straight dramatic role in "The Adding Machine" with Milo O'Shea and Sydney Chaplin?

"Is it really true that 'The Graduate' was the biggest money maker of last year? I can't believe it!"

Not only was it the top money maker of 1968 (\$39 million) but it is the fourth largest box-office attraction of all time nestling between "Ben Hur" and "The Ten Commandments" — and that's no bad crowd to hang out with!

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