

YMCA Chairman Says 'Thank You'

Ralph Marzullo, chairman of the Torrance Family YMCA's 21st annual "Good Neighbor" breakfast, has expressed his thanks to the community in a letter directed to the Press-Herald.

Following is the text of the letter:
"To the People of Torrance:

"The Torrance Family YMCA's annual Good Neighbor Breakfast is over. We have honored a 'Good Neighbor' in Mrs. Clara Conner, retired post master of Torrance, as a tireless worker for the advancement of youth in this community.

"Literally thousands turned out to help cook, serve, and eat pounds and pounds of pancakes and sausage. We raised more than \$2,000 to implement the 'Y' youth program.

"As the chairman of this event, I humbly thank you all for your support. I know our town has the best of people.

"I have worked for ten years in the YMCA as an interested dad, club leader, campaigner, camp director, but have never felt better about the 'Y' and the people supporting it. I must admit that success taste sweet, but I also have to add that I feel pretty humble when I see how this town and its people can come out and support programs designed to back up youth in their efforts.

"Again, in behalf of myself and the Torrance Family YMCA, I ask you to accept a sincere 'thank you'."

Gratefully,
RALPH MARZULLO,
Good Neighbor Breakfast Chairman

Freeway

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Heights area. Instead it routes through a row of apartment houses.

The red route is the easternmost of the 12 proposed routes, cutting south from the San Diego Freeway along Anza Avenue, and turning southeast along Lomita Boulevard.

The cities of Torrance, Redondo Beach, and other neighboring municipalities

have endorsed the red route or a variation of it.

MRS. STEVE Lewis, wife of a "Community Action" founder, explained that group members question the efficiency of trying to channel four northbound lanes of Torrance freeway traffic into four lanes of the San Diego Freeway at their junctions in north Redondo Beach. That stretch of freeway is already a well-known bottleneck, she said.

Principal

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field of education, he was employed by private industry as a personnel manager for two years and was self-employed as a designer-manufacturer for seven years.

WHILE WORKING towards his doctorate, Dr. Ohme taught at Fairfax High School, Los Angeles; Westchester High School, Los Angeles; and Palos Verdes Unified School District. He served as vice principal of Culver City High School for the past three years, and received his doctor of education degree from USC last May.

Married and the father of three children, Dr. Ohme served this year as chairman of the Culver City Case Conference Committee, was second vice president of the Parent Teacher Student Association from 1965 to 1968, is a member of the Culver City Coordinating Council, and was recorder of the administrative section of the Culver City Teachers Association last year.

He holds a PTA honorary life membership. His professional affiliations include the California Association of Secondary School Administrators, the National Association of Secondary School Principals, the California Teachers Association, and the National Education Association, and Phi Delta Kappa.

Charter

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manager would have the power to appoint — and remove — department heads without approval of the City Council. The only restriction on the naming of department heads is that that must qualify through a civil service examination.

The city manager would not, however, be required to name the top ranking applicant and department heads would not be included under the civil service protection afforded classified city employees.

ALL ELECTED officials, members of boards and commissions, the city manager and his immediate staff, the city attorney and his assistants, and all department heads would be exempt from the classified service.

The draft charter also eliminates obsolete references, such as a city judge, and updates several technical sections.

Bowman, in his letter to the City Council, noted his committee has been at work for more than a year, hearing testimony from city officials, school officials, and the public.

THE PROVISIONS of the draft, Bowman added, are tentative and some provisions "are not the result of the unanimous opinion of the members of the committee."

"The committee believes, however, that all provisions reflect a thorough consideration by the committee of what should be the best working charter for the city of Torrance in the foreseeable future," Bowman wrote.

Bowman said key considerations in the formulation of the draft were:

- A belief that the number of elected officials should be limited so voters can "devote as much consideration as possible to the qualifications of individuals seeking office."

- A belief that elected officers should be concerned with formulation of policy under which administrators work and with monitoring of the work of administrative officials.

- A belief "that the actual administration of the city business be vested in a professional staff, subject to appropriate review, but with commensurate authority and responsibility, with such responsibility definitively assigned."

In a separate letter to community leaders, Bowman urged that all persons interested in the draft charter to attend the Nov. 4 hearing.

Copies of the document are available in the office of the City Manager and the office of the City Clerk for review.

Calculators, Typewriters Disappear

A total of six office machines were stolen from two Torrance businesses sometime over the weekend.

Three electric typewriters, valued at \$1,575, disappeared from Toyota Motors Distributors, 2055 W. 190th St. Police said no forced entry was apparent.

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RE-ELECT THOMAS ASSEMBLY

Award

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the Poor. Mrs. Conner is an active member of the Lutheran Church.

Her other activities include children's work through Nativity Catholic Church, annual support for Little Company of Mary Hospital, and some 40 years of contributions to the Boy Scouts of America and the Camp Fire Girls.

A member of the Soroptimist Club and the Torrance chapter of the Business and Professional Women's Club, she had led Community Chest and United Fund drives in the city and has worked for several years with the county probation department in providing jobs and counseling for delinquent boys.

THE GOOD Neighbor award was first presented to Al (Pop) Turner, then an employe of Mayfair Creamery, some 21 years ago. The perpetual trophy was named for Mr. Turner as a memorial following his death.

Friends who nominated Mrs. Conner for the award called her "an aide to all who need her" and praised her for a "young and beautiful outlook on life."

The letter of nomination continued, "(she) has used

her time, talent, and money to help all who she comes in contact with. She sells leaders of this community with the need to become involved in working in the many community projects that build. She had always especially been vocal in recruiting community leaders to work in drives to help children and youth gain better opportunities and develop responsibilities."

Board

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to Nov. 6 to meet with the Torrance Charter Review Committee to discuss proposals affecting the school district.

Among the proposals are the consolidation of city council and school district elections, holding of primary elections, and increasing the number of school board members from five to seven.

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