



**THERE SHE COMES . . .** Little Nancy Jones, a local fifth-grader, and her physio-therapist, Miss Verla Bateman, wait by the window in the polio ward of the Rancho Los Amigos hospital for Nancy's mother to arrive for a weekly visit.



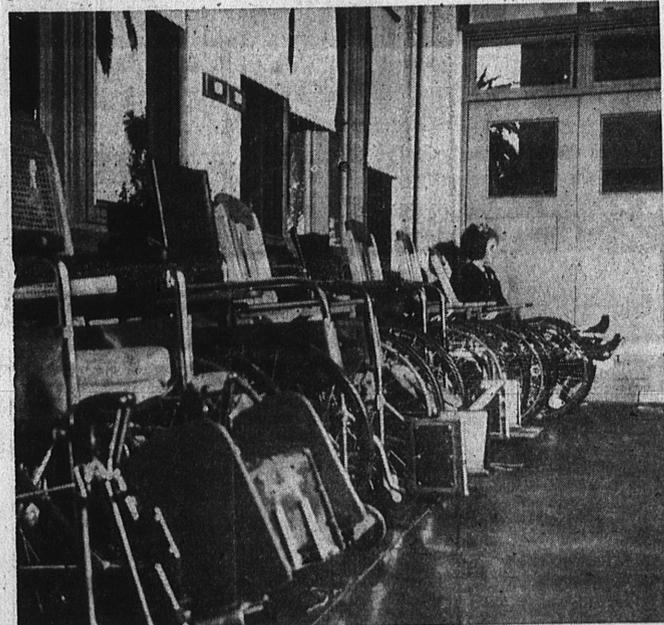
**LEARN AGAIN . . .** Nancy demonstrates for her mother how well she is learning to walk again after spending six months in an iron lung. Knee cage and parallel bars help the 11-year old girl overcome fear of falling while for the third time in her life she learns to walk.



**NO PLAYGROUND . . .** Swings used to exercise Nancy's legs back to health are far different from the ones at Torrance Elementary School where Nancy attended before she was stricken with infantile paralysis last July.



**GOODBYES ARE HARDEST . . .** After spending a week-end at home Mrs. C. L. Jones brings her daughter back to the hospital for another week of exercises, massages, and training. Leaving is the hardest part of the entire experience, says Mrs. C. L. Jones of 1612 Cota avenue.



**LONG WAITS . . .** Recovering from Polio is a series of long waits, little Nancy finds. Waiting for mother and daddy to come visit, waiting for supper time, waiting for her turn on the exercisers, and waiting for muscles to heal again. But Nancy will wait because for her it means her opportunity to walk again. —Herald photos.

# Dimes Would Be Dollars If All Could Visit Kid's Polio Ward

## Polio Like Sneak Attack Discovers Herald Writer

BY JACK O. BALDWIN  
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It should fall to everyone's lot, as it did mine this week, to visit a hospital polio-ward.

If this were possible, the March of Dimes would become the March of Dollars.  
As I walked from bed to bed and chatted with the small patients there, I had the same feeling come over me as it did the day I heard the news of Pearl Harbor.

"After I got over the initial shock of the news that day, I was mad—fighting mad. The same was true at the hospital. After I got over the shock of seeing youngsters sitting on legs that appeared to have knee and ankle sockets that would bend either way, and seeing a girl who nearly drowned in her own body fluids—I was mad."

Mad at how this peopled world, with its inventiveness, its scientific know-how had let the "Great Crippler" reap its toll among the living—especially children.

And a terrible toll it is, too! Take the Case History No. 31183. She is 11-year-old Nancy Jones, of 1612 Cota avenue, Torrance—one of our own. Nancy, a fifth grader at Torrance Elementary School, is the oldest of three daughters of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Jones, a printer. All three of the Jones children were mowed down by polio like stalks of wheat before the cutting edge of a scythe. Sally and Patricia recovered after short stays in the hospital.

Nancy spent three months with her leg dependent upon the never failing slush pump of an iron lung. With a spirit that only a child seems to have, Nancy responded to treatment and was released from the lung. Then started the long, tedious road to recovery. She was doing fine. Receiving the encouragement of all those around her. Then . . .

A relapse. Back into the iron lung. It was another three months before Nancy could once again breathe outside the mechanical lung.

Doctors completed their examination and called the Joneses into a conference. "I don't believe," said the doctor, "that Nancy will ever be able to walk again."

But what the doctor could not foresee was the fighting spirit, the will to walk that would make itself evident in this little girl.

While most of us are forced to learn to walk only once in a life time, Nancy this week was starting on her third try in 11 years.

In fact we told her we came to take her picture because she had taken her first step by herself since last July when she was stricken with polio. Constantly at the side of

## There Is Still Time! Reminds Fire Captain

"It is not too late," reminds local fireman, "to purchase tickets to tonight's March of Dimes Benefit Dance at the Redondo Barn."  
"If you can't use the ticket yourself," suggests Captain Gordon Northington, who spearheads the local Fire Department-Polio effort, "buy one and send it to a friend—back east."

Tickets, money from which will be used to bolster the local polio fund, may be purchased at the main fire station, or from any fireman.

In addition to dancing, six acts of vaudeville will be presented. The dance starts at 8:30 p.m.

Nancy helping her regain her strength, and the use of her legs, are two physiotherapists. Hours of encouragement, of exercises with springs, swings, and muscle-building apparatus are given Nancy— and 87 others like her at the Rancho Los Amigos Hospital near Downey.

Paying for this attention, the iron lung which was Nancy's world for six months, the serums, the medicines, and a hundred other incidental expenses is the National Infantile Paralysis Foundation. Last year the foundation in Los Angeles County alone—\$1,375,568.

Last year we in Torrance fell \$611 short of the goal. We collected \$3638.12.

There were six children living in Torrance who were stricken with polio last year.

A talk with the head of the polio ward revealed some facts which were not too complimentary to Torrance. For instance, she pointed out that the average cost of caring for a polio patient is \$1254. Torrance had six polio victims. This represents an expenditure by the Foundation of \$9924 to care for the polio victims from Torrance alone. Not only did we fall short of our goal, we fell \$3285.88 short of caring for our own.

Maybe we can do better this year.

After all, just how much is a child's life worth—five dollars, a buck, a dime?  
What do you think?

## Beginning Baton Twirling Class To Start at Once

In response to many requests for a beginners group in baton twirling, arrangements were completed this week by the newly-elected executive board of the All-Girl Baton Corps to start such a class immediately.

All girls from Torrance and the surrounding Harbor area, between the ages of 7-15 years, interested in learning to twirl a baton and who would like to become members of the present Corps may appear for registration at the V.F.W. Hall in Torrance on Tuesday evening, January 24, at 7:00 p.m. Registrations will be closed after Feb. 6, and as the number of new applicants to be accepted is limited, it is urged that those really interested be there on the above date.

Classes will be conducted under the direction of a competent instructor and as the girls become adept at handling a baton they will be promoted to the Corps itself, and will appear in the numerous parades planned in various Southland cities throughout the year. Highlight of last year's activity was the Santa Claus Lane Parade in Hollywood.

Further information may be obtained by calling Mrs. Earl Wells at Torrance 630-R, or by writing the All-Girl Baton Corps, P.O. Box 548, Torrance, Calif.

Recent organization of the Baton Mothers was culminated in the formation of a governing board and the following persons were placed in office for the coming year: president, Mrs. Earl Wells; vice-president, Mrs. Carl Larkins; secretary, Mrs. Clyde Butterfield; treasurer, Mrs. Clyde Moore; and Mrs. Elga Green, board committee-man.

## TEEN DANCE TO RESUME

After remaining "dark" the past several weeks, the weekly Teen-age Dances held in the VFW Hall will be resumed tonight. It was announced this week by Ralph Jakubowski, one of the adult sponsors, "Due to the holidays, the weekly affairs were postponed but will reopen tonight with free movies scheduled to be shown by Leo Wagner between dances."

**HAIR THICKNESS**  
The average human hair is about three and one-half thousandths of an inch thick.

## RAY DARBY TO SPEAK AT ANNUAL CHAMBER MEET

Raymond V. Darby, suggested as a candidate for the governorship of California, will be the chief speaker at the Annual Chamber of Commerce banquet to be held in the Torrance Civic Auditorium February 20, it was announced this week by Dean L. Sears, chamber president.

Theme of this year's meeting will be "Transportation."

According to Blaine Walker, executive secretary, reservations for tables of eight are now being accepted. He indicated a crowd of 400 was expected to attend.

Members of the Adult Symphony Orchestra will provide musical entertainment for the affair.

## Musician In N.Y.

For TV Program  
Frank L. Lawver, son of Mr. Ruth C. Lawver of 2212 Gramercy avenue, arrived Sunday New York City, where he accompanied Texas Jim Lewis and his Musical Group.

Lawver, a Torrance High School graduate, is accorded with the group, which was scheduled to open Tuesday.

## CHARLEY SAYS:

Don't forget folks to support the MARCH OF DIMES CAMPAIGN. Your donation, whatever it may be, will be greatly appreciated. Above all some unfortunate person will be aided in the curing of that dreaded affliction, Polio.

## Be Sure To Try Charley's Mule Train Luncheon Special

## GUESTS OF HONOR

—for the following week are:

- THURSDAY, JAN. 19—  
Mr. and Mrs. Emil Platsha, 2603 Arlington Ave.
- FRIDAY, JAN. 20—  
Mr. L. K. Moore and Guest, 1648 Juniper St.
- SATURDAY, JAN. 21—  
Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Watson, 213 W. 220th St.
- SUNDAY, JAN. 22—  
Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Pitts, 220 Club, Torrance
- MONDAY, JAN. 23—  
Mr. and Mrs. Millard Ward, 1616 220th St.
- TUESDAY, JAN. 24—  
Mr. and Mrs. Claud Crowell, 1524 Acacia St.
- WEDNESDAY, JAN. 25—  
Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Davis, 1515 215th St.

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## Trio Proposed For Toastmaster

Three new members were proposed for membership at the meeting of the Torrance Toastmasters Club Tuesday evening in the Smith Bros. Fish Shanty in Walteria.  
They were: Parke Montague, deputy toastmaster; Leo Pinkas was the Table Topmaster.

## Redondo I.O.O.F. To Install New Officers

William E. King, Jr., district deputy grand master of District 48 and a member of the Redondo Beach Lodge No. 195 I.O.O.F., announced this week that public installation of officers of the Redondo Beach Club will be held tomorrow night at the Women's Club of Redondo Beach beginning at 8 p.m.

A. P. Anderson, district deputy grand master of District No. 98 and his installing team of 27 members of the Compton Lodge No. 247, will install the new officers.

Those to be installed include: Gilbert Williams, noble grand; Ed Peters, vice-grand; Walter Tibbett, recording secretary; Carl Greenfield, financial secretary; and Charles Tibbett, treasurer.

King installed the Compton Lodge officers last Wednesday, January 11 in a trade installation with Anderson.

All Odd Fellows and their friends are urged to attend.

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## Vandals Smash Windows

Eight new homes under construction on Amie street suffered a loss of some 17 windows, the owner told police this week. Damage was believed caused by vandals.