

# Crossing Guard Receives 'Good Neighbor' Award



**'GOOD NEIGHBOR' HONORED . . .** YMCA officials congratulate Mrs. Verda Hansen upon being named Torrance's Good Neighbor at the YMCA Breakfast Saturday morning. Shown are Ralph Morris, chairman of the YMCA board; Mrs. Hansen; the Rev. John L. Taylor, and G. S. "Bill" Evans.

## Mrs. Verda Hansen Wins YMCA's Honor Selection

Mrs. Verda Hansen, one of the city's earliest residents, yesterday was named as the "Good Neighbor" of 1956 at the Torrance YMCA Breakfast.

After her selection was announced, Mrs. Hansen told a full house at the Civic Auditorium: "Just remember to keep a smile on your face, whatever you do."

A resident at 2063 Carson St., Mrs. Hansen was nominated for the "good neighbor"



**TARTAR QUEEN . . .** Mary Yoshioka flashes her winning smile as she waves to crowds along the line of march during Homecoming Rally here Friday. She was crowned at the Torrance-Ingewood game Friday night along with her princesses, Diane Cook, Sally Reed, Gwen Chaffin, and Wanda Cook.

## Lomita War Hero, 2 Other Men Arraigned for Forgery

A Lomita war hero who is being considered for the country's second highest award for valor—the Distinguished Service Cross—and a Torrance man were arraigned in Ingewood Municipal Court on three counts of forgery Thursday.

Jack Hayes Neathery Jr., 23, 2221 Lomita Ave., Lomita, is accused of issuing \$2000 worth of fictitious checks. The holder of two Bronze Stars and a Silver Star for bravery in action, Neathery and two companions were picked up in Salt Lake City, where police were attracted by a "spending spree" of the trio.

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Neathery also is accused of burglarizing Lorraine Ceramics, 18901 S. Vermont Ave., in September with Johnnie Leon Kendall, 20, 716 Amapola Ave., Torrance; and Robert Frank Ash, 22, Redondo Beach, according to Ingewood police.

Ingewood Detective Lt. Robert J. Goodyear said the three men are being held in the Ingewood jail after their arraignment in Municipal Court. They were held on \$2500 bail. When apprehended in Salt Lake City, he reported, the men had \$800 in cash and a collection of liquor.

**Checks Stolen**  
According to Goodyear, the trio are believed to have obtained a book of 300 blank checks at the ceramics firm. These were passed with the aid of a check protector obtained elsewhere in the amount of about \$2000, police said.

The penalty for issuing fictitious checks is one to 14 years if convicted on each count.

### Good Deeds Cited

"This gracious lady, widow of one of our pioneer business men, resident of Torrance since 1921, occupies her time by doing good for her fellow men," the letter stated. "She spends the better part of the days of her advancing years at a crossing guard at Arlington and Plaza del Amo and has done so for the past eight years.

"Through her diligent attention to the care and safety of her charges, she has not only endeared herself to the children but to the many adults who daily cross at her intersection.

"In my opinion, no individual through the years has earned for herself the high position of respect and gratitude as has Mrs. Verda Hansen—always ready with a smile, a word of cheer, or a good deed."

**Mother of Chamber Official**  
Mrs. Hansen is the mother of Fred Hansen, former president of the local Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Others nominated for the "Good Neighbor" award were Mrs. Olga Brown, Mrs. Eloise Enger, Mrs. Virginia Stoddard, and Miss Catherine Chisholm.

The award was presented by the Rev. John L. Taylor, Master of ceremonies for the event was G. S. Evans and music was furnished by the Torrance Area Youth Band, directed by James Van Dyck.

Gil Derouin and Bill Speck, co-chairmen of the breakfast, reported that more than 2000 people attended. Bicycles were awarded to three boys who sold more than 100 tickets each. Proud owners of the bikes are Rodney Simpson, who sold 177 tickets; Roger Billingsley, who sold 155; and Barry Tipton, with 127 ducats.

### Waste Pile Burns

Torrance firemen battled flames in a waste pile at American Rock Wool Corp., 401 Arlington Ave., Friday, for 30 minutes before bringing them under control. Cause of the fire is unknown.

### Next Council Meeting Set For Nov. 7th

With several members of the City Council attending the annual meeting of the League of California Cities this week and the presidential election date falling on a Council meeting date next week, both sessions of the Council have been canceled.

The next meeting of the Council will be Wednesday evening, Nov. 7, at 5:30 p.m.

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# PAIR DIE IN AUTO FIRE; HIT-RUN DRIVER SOUGHT

## Car Flips, Two Caught in Fire

Two women were killed in a flaming automobile and a Harbor City man was struck and killed by a hit-and-run auto during the week end as the toll of traffic victims in the area continued to rise.

Police in the Harbor City area were seeking a hit-and-driver who struck and killed Robert A. Nanney, 46, as he was taking some clothes from his car in front of his home, 1350½ W. Anaheim St., Thursday night.

Nanney was dead on arrival at Wilmington Receiving Hospital, with a broken neck and other injuries.

**Unloading Clothes**  
Mrs. Helen Marie Nanney told police that she and her husband had just returned from a drive at about 7 p.m. She preceded him into the apartment, she said, while he was unloading some clothes from the car, parked at the curb.

The hit-run driver apparently hit Nanney while he was by the side of his car. Paint scratches from the hit-run vehicle were found on the victim, as well as chrome strips and broken glass near by, police said. Ironically, police said that the driver might not have been held, had he stopped, because the site of the accident is so dark.

Nanney operated a cleaning establishment in Harbor City.

**Women Die in Auto**  
A Torrance woman and a Redondo Beach woman were killed Wednesday night as the

car in which they were riding caught fire following a San Pedro traffic collision in which their car was hit from behind by another vehicle.

Mrs. Daisy Belle Padgett, 40, 20429 S. Vermont Ave., and Mrs. Ethel Harriet Brockman, 50, Redondo Beach, died in the flames, unable to escape from the car after it flipped over and began to burn, police reported.

**Driver Held**  
Police reported that Tony Raskusich, 20, Los Angeles, was arrested on suspicion of manslaughter. They said he was driving at a high rate of speed when his car hit Mrs. Brockman's.

The Brockman car skidded 100 feet on its side before the gas tank exploded, engulfing it in flames. Both women were trapped inside the burning vehicle.

Five-year-old Michael Newton of 18521 Amie Ave. suffered a possible fractured skull when he was struck by a car at 188th St. and Amie Ave. on Friday.

Police said that the lad dashed into the street and into the path of an auto driven by Felipe Perea, 47, of San Pedro.

**Cyclist Hurt**  
The seriously injured youngster was taken to Harbor General Hospital in Wright's Ambulance.

Motorcyclist David Riley Wright, 26, of 4409 W. Scott St., suffered a broken leg and possible internal hurts when his two-wheeler smashed against a truck parked in front of 19610 Ronald Ave. early Thursday.

Minor hurts were suffered by Shirley Clark, 25, of 4919 Jacques St., when her auto was involved in a collision with a car driven by Joseph Welsh, 64, of 18829 Crenshaw Blvd. The mishap occurred Thursday at Del Amo Blvd. and Hawthorne Ave.



**HALLOWEENIES . . .** Showing off the new masks which they made to celebrate Halloween this Wednesday night are the members of Mrs. Ruth Malone's third grade class at Torrance Elementary School. Getting ready to welcome the spoos, goblins and witches are (front) Roger Douglass, David Heflein, Robert Stewart, Billy Click, (back) Michael Dalton, Patti Perilwitz, Donnell Cook, Sharon Sorenson, and Rita Ellingsworth.



**SENATOR GREETED HERE . . .** On hand to greet U.S. Senator Thomas Kuchel during his brief visit in Torrance Friday were the two major Republican candidates in this district, Charles Franklin, GOP nominee for the 17th Congressional District, and Tom Brewer, GOP Assembly candidate. Left to right are Franklin, Senator Kuchel, Dorothy Harrison, Maxine Thomas Brewer, and Florence Sommers.

## Franklin Lashes Out at King Again on Mail Mess

Congressional Candidate Charles A. Franklin lashed out again yesterday at Congressman Cecil R. King's attitude on the bad mail situation in Torrance.

Referring to statements by the aging Congressman at a recent meeting that the bad mail service in the Torrance area is "unimportant," and "too trivial to bother this audience with," Franklin said that he had found the mail service important enough to

knows of conditions in his district other than at election time," Franklin said.

Franklin said he received hundreds of complaints from Torrance businessmen, letter carriers, and from postal patrons in the new home developments of the city.

"My complaint of mail that is delivered as much as a week late, of having different letter carriers almost weekly, of having their third-class mail delayed until it is too late to be effective, and of having mail delivered to the wrong address so often that people have taken to re-distributing their own mail," Franklin stated.

**Voters Switching**  
"Many of these complaints have come to me from people who have been extremely active in support of my opponent until this campaign, and they have told me that they cannot give my opponent their support this time," he added.

Franklin said there was no federal service or duty of a Congressman that touches people so often as the postal service.

"My opponent was told of the mess in Torrance in 1954 by a meeting of businessmen and civic officials and therefore cannot claim lack of

knowledge," the GOP candidate said.

The real root of the problem is that he takes Torrance in public office, Franklin said, and does not feel that he has to render any service to receive the votes here.

**Ignored Dedication**  
"This was shown once again when he was the only elected (Continued on Page 12)

**Lomita Chamber Chooses Benson New President**  
Werner Benson, attorney, was elected president of the Lomita Chamber of Commerce at a dinner meeting held in the Wayfarer's Restaurant, Thursday night. He succeeds W. C. Cowan.

Other new officers are Ra Ferrin, vice president; Dr. Warren Low, second vice president; Joan LaManno, secretary; and John Stanton, treasurer.

Members of the board of directors are Lin Chandler, Ke Garcelon, Tom Hincley, Glen Keith, Dr. Joseph Nebel, Lloyd Orr, and Gregg Doyle.

Featured at the election was a fashion show, followed by a dance. Styles from Lomita stores were modeled by Marcia Molek, Linda McReynolds, Ilean Hincley, Phyllis Redman, Bill Knocke, and Jim Flagg.

Dotty De Tomlin directed the program in which participants were Tommy and Diane Trujillo, Susan Johnson, Sunny Richmond, Eva Richmond, Ronnie Tomlin, Robin Yamamoto, and Jerry Ucheha.

### Temperatures

Temperatures during the past week, as recorded at the Torrance Fire Station, are as follows:

	High	Low
Sunday	78	51
Monday	73	55
Tuesday	69	59
Wednesday	72	48
Thursday	79	42
Friday	77	42