



**BEST WISHES**—Area democrats will honor Assemblyman Vincent Thomas Saturday night, as a tribute to his 21 years of service in the 68th Assembly District, with a testimonial dinner at the Mary Star of the Sea auditorium in San Pedro. Here Thirvin Fleetwood, chair-

man of the District Democratic Council, and Harmon Belcher, president of the North Torrance Democratic club, inspect inscribed plaque which will be presented to Thomas. Small brass tabs carry the names of dozens of Torrance well-wishers.

## Testimonial Dinner Honoring District's Assemblyman Scheduled for Saturday

Roving troubadours, special entertainment recruited from the ranks of the fishing industry and a surprise event will feature a dinner honoring Assemblyman Vincent Thomas Saturday night, Sept. 30, at 6:30 p.m. at the Mary Star of the Sea Auditorium, 800 W. 8th St., San Pedro.

The banquet, sponsored by the Commercial Fishing Industry, is being given as a special tribute to the 68th District assemblyman for his 21 years of legislative work in behalf of the fishing in-

dustry. Anthony Nizetich of the Fishermen's Cooperative Association; John Royal of the ILWU Fishermen's Union Local 33, and Joseph Monti of the Independent Fishermen's Union head the group in general charge of the testimonial event.

Donald P. Loker, canning company executive, will be master of ceremonies. A special Slavonian banquet is being prepared by Tony Perkov and Nick Oreb.

Delegations from Harbor City, Lomita, Torrance and Wilmington are expected

among the more than 600 who have made reservations for the event, according to Monti, Thirvin Fleetwood and Harmon Belcher head the Lomita, Harbor City, Torrance groups with James McDonald heading the Wilmington delegation.

Among dignitaries expected to join in the tribute to Assemblyman Thomas are California's Attorney General, Stanley Mosk; Supervisor Burton Chase; City Councilman John Gibson and Richard Nivens, member of the State Board of Equalization.

## El Camino Coach Norm Verry Still Listed As 'Serious' in Reno, Nevada, Hospital

Still in serious condition at Washo Medical Center, Reno, Nev., Coach Norm Verry of El Camino College was reported "improved" at 8:12 a.m. today.

The 39-year-old coach, stricken by a brain hemorrhage while flying with his team for Saturday night's football game in Boise, Ida., was rushed to the Nevada hospital following an emergency landing in Reno.

In a telephone conversation with President Stuart E. Marsee this morning, Mrs. Verry, who flew to her husband's bedside Saturday evening, expressed complete confidence in treatment which he is receiving in the Nevada city.

Given immediate attention by Dr. Anthony Volante, the team physician, when he was taken ill over Lake Tahoe, the coach later was attended by Dr. Robert Broadbent and a neuro-specialist, Dr. Charles Fleming of Reno.

**BACK BY AIR**

Mrs. Verry indicated that doctors plan to keep the grid coach in the Reno medical facility until Thursday, when they are hopeful of sending him to Los Angeles by air ambulance for an extensive series of tests. Doctors advised that these examinations be conducted nearer home.

Conscious, he shows no evidence of paralysis and suffers only from a severe headache.

With Verry, in addition to his wife, is a sister.

Within 10 minutes of the



**COACH NORM VERRY**  
... in Reno hospital

moment that his symptoms were detected aboard the chartered Western Airlines flight, the emergency landing was made at the Reno airport, where Coach Verry was removed from the plane to the medical center.

Ironically, the head mentor of the El Camino College team, an All American line-man for University of Southern California during his college days, suffered a concussion on Lake Tahoe while water skiing there several years ago and was treated in the identical center at that time.

Leaving the college party at Reno, Dr. Stuart E. Marsee, ECC president, and Merl F. Sloan, director of student personnel, remained at the medical center, notifying Mrs. Verry of her husband's con-

dition and making arrangements for her arrival later that day. The plane picked up the pair of college administrators for the return trip early Sunday morning.

College officials lauded airline and terminal officials for their swift action in assisting the grid coach, who led his Warrior team into the Junior Rose Bowl against Hines Junior College of Mississippi in 1954.

Just prior to takeoff from L. A. International airport on Saturday morning, Verry said, "This will have to be the year." He held high hopes for the current football squad, considered the most promising since 1954.

In Boise, stunned by loss of their coach, physically shaken by Idaho's 28-degree temperature (and playing without services of two of their coaches), the Warrior team fell 70-22 to the Boise Broncos, a powerful threat in junior college grid circles this season.

Veteran coach Doug Essick will take the reins for the Warriors for the remainder of the season, assisted by Coaches Don Jurk and Ken Swearingen, who assumed leadership of the team in Boise. A third assistant will be named this week.

Regarded as one of the outstanding coaches in junior college football nationally, Coach Verry is particularly recognized for his work with linemen.

## Annual Good Neighbor Breakfast To Be Hosted by 'Y' October 14

Dr. Rollin R. Smith announced officially today that the 13th annual Good Neighbor Breakfast of the Torrance YMCA will be held Saturday, Oct. 14, serving pancakes and sausage continually from 6 to 11 a.m.

Dr. Smith stated that if the turnout of Torrance residents of last year is repeated this year, the YMCA will serve breakfast to more than 3000 persons.

Purpose of the event, Dr. Smith announced, is to fete an outstanding citizen of the Torrance community by naming him or her the "Good Neighbor of the Year" and awarding the annual "Pop" Turner Good Neighbor trophy to the selectee.

Dr. Smith, as chairman of the annual event, together with other members of Torrance YMCA board of directors, invites nominations by the community in the form of letters for "Good Neighbor of 1961." The letters should be sent to Torrance YMCA, 2080 Washington Ave., Torrance. All nominations will be reviewed by the "Good Neighbor" committee and se-

lection made on the basis of outstanding contributions of the persons as neighbors and community service.

Hundreds of Torrance youth will be promoting the event by inviting the public to purchase tickets early to assure accommodations that morning for breakfast. Information concerning nominations and the annual breakfast may be obtained by calling the YMCA office at FA 8-1272.

## Drive Continues At Bible School

Climaxing a concentrated, month long Bible School attendance drive, the Redondo Beach Church of Christ, 6122 Pacific Coast Highway is expecting a record attendance in its Bible School this Sunday.

Under direction of Thomas E. Tucker, 26025 Matfield Drive, Torrance, the drive has been designed to coincide with the opening of the public school year. All classrooms have been refurbished, classes graded for all ages, and many other improvements have been instigated.

## Warrior Forensic Club Will Host Fall Workshop for 50 Colleges, Universities

El Camino College will host the Fall Forensic Workshop Saturday (Sept. 30) in the Campus Theater with over 50 southland junior colleges and universities represented.

Some 200 students will participate in the program scheduled to start at 9 a.m. and close at 4 p.m.

Experts on the debate topic, "Resolved, that labor organizations should be under the jurisdiction of anti-trust organizations," will form a panel to discuss the subject. The individual events contest will follow.

Competition will involve individual students participating in any one of four classifications: impromptu, extemporaneous, oratory and oral interpretation. Experts in each of the fields will offer critiques on the talks after each event.

### DEMONSTRATION

A demonstration debate in which a team from San Diego State College and one from Orange County State College will participate, will follow the individual contests. A

critique on this debate will be given by Dr. James H. McBath of the University of Southern California. Dr. McBath is president of the American Forensic Association, a national organization for all forensic coaches in high schools, junior colleges and universities, and a national spokesman for the profession.

Dr. McBath's critique will

include a study of what each team was able to achieve against the other's argument and an analysis of winners had the contest been judged.

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