



POPULAR WITH WORKERS—Miss Virginia Hall, 18, of 2107 Gramercy ave., is the first 'Miss National Supply' ever to be chosen by fellow warworkers at the Torrance plant.

The first girl to be hired by the National Supply Co. in the timekeeping department of the machine shop, Miss Virginia Hall, has been employed there for the last six months. In honor of her election as 'Miss National Supply,' she was honored recently at a dinner party at the Coconut Grove of the Hotel Ambassador in Los Angeles.

Service Flag Dedication Set for Sunday Here At Civic Auditorium

Brief but impressive ceremonies have been arranged for the dedication of the Torrance community service flag honoring the men and women of this city who are now in the armed services and the five boys who have died in the service of their country next Sunday afternoon, Feb. 21, at 3 o'clock in front of the Civic Auditorium.

Postcard invitations were mailed early this week to 2400 residents asking them to attend and the Torrance Auxiliary Police, sponsors of the service flag, cordially invite every one in the city to be present for the dedication.

The principal speaker will be Major James R. Helms, post chaplain at Camp Haan, near Riverside, who accepted the Auxiliary Police unit's invitation to give the address.

Present Gold Star Mothers. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by the entire assembly. 'Star Spangled Banner' by the Torrance high school band. Invocation by Rev. H. Wesley Roloff, president of the Torrance Ministerial Union.

Unveiling of the Service Flag by Auxiliary Police officers. Benediction by Rev. Father Joseph L. Bauer, pastor of the Catholic Church of the Nativity. Adjournment by Chairman Findley.

Flag Committee Named. The large silk service flag, bearing one blue star inscribed with the number of Torrance men and women in service and five gold stars in memory of those from here who have given their lives while in service will be framed behind glass in the large standard erected at the corner of the Auditorium. The white numerals on the blue star will be changed frequently to keep pace with the number entering service, while the gold stars will be added as casualties are officially reported.

1500 More Home Priorities Sought For Local Area

Coincident with the petition addressed to Kelvin C. Vanderbilt of the National Housing Agency in Los Angeles to establish a zone for which at least 1500 additional buildings are to be programmed in the immediate future for the Torrance industrial area by the Torrance War Industries Committee, plans were announced for the proposed erection of 500 single family dwelling units here.

Col. William Evans of Los Angeles has obtained the 'go ahead' signal from the Dominguez Estates Co. to develop the southerly 100 acres at the corner of Western ave. and 190th st. into the first 500 homes, according to Pat MacDonnell, city housing coordinator. He said Col. Evans now has engineers surveying the property, architects are preparing the plans and specifications for the homes and estimates are being made for installation of the utilities.

This large scale housing development has the endorsement of the War Industries Committee, MacDonnell declared. The housing coordinator also announced that Arthur W. Wright of Los Angeles has received priorities for construction of 100 single family homes to be erected on 220th st., in the Shoestring strip and is in line to receive 20 more for the same locality. The sale of the lots was handled by Gene Hamilton, MacDonnell reported.

Based on Workers' Needs. The resolution of the War Industries Committee proposes that the 1500 additional priorities zone be bounded 'by a circle with a two-mile radius, centering at approximately 208th st. and Western ave. on the boundary line between the city of Torrance and the city of Los Angeles.

This resolution, the committee said, 'is based upon the need to employ approximately 4500 additional war workers in this zone before the end of the current year. It is also based upon the realization that if priorities were allocated to the

Kiwians and Public Invited to Hobby Show Event at El Segundo

Members of the Torrance Kiwanis club have received a special invitation to attend the El Segundo Hobby show on 'Kiwanis Night,' Monday, Feb. 22. An elaborate program, consisting of orchestra, swing band and chorus numbers as well as specialty acts, will start in the high school auditorium at 7:30 o'clock to which the general public is invited. Time will be allowed for looking over the hundreds of exhibits in the recreation building at 220 West Palm ave.

The sixth annual Hobby Show will be opened Friday morning at 10 o'clock. The doors will be closed at 10 p. m. each night. Sunday the show will not begin until 1 p. m.

Steel Expansion Here Unlikely, Board Head Says

Because of the enormously expanded steel manufacturing installations in other parts of California and Utah, the United States Steel Corp. has no immediate plans for enlarging its Columbia Steel plant in Torrance, Irving S. Olds, chairman of U. S. Steel's board of directors, told The Herald this week. Olds with a party of high-ranking corporation executives was taken on a two-hour tour of inspection of Columbia's plant Tuesday by O. A. Kresse, general superintendent of the local mills. Others in the party which visited Torrance included J. H. Ismers, general assistant to Board Chairman Olds; Edward H. Hart, New York attorney and long-time friend of Olds; and W. A. Ross, president of Columbia Steel Co. Department executives of Columbia's plant and Grover C. Whyte, publisher of The Herald, accompanied the big steel top men on their trip through the plant which is humming with war orders.

When asked by The Herald what effect the increased production of aluminum and magnesium would have on the demand for steel after the war, Olds said he 'was not worried over the future of the steel industry. We must remember that the production of aluminum rep-



CASUALTY — Arthur Thomas Parker of North Torrance has been reported killed in action in the South Pacific.

Young Marine Reported Killed In Pacific Action

A War Department telegram on Feb. 5 informed Mrs. L. E. Trucks, now of Wilmington and formerly of Torrance, that her son, Arthur Thomas Parker, 19, U. S. Marine, was killed in action in the South Pacific. As yet she has received no 'follow up' letter giving any details.

Marine Private Parker, a native of Bovina, Texas, enlisted Feb. 12, 1942 from Torrance while he and his mother were living at 2617 174th st., in North Torrance. The last letter his mother received from him was dated Jan. 20. At that time he wrote that he expected to be moved soon into a combat zone.

He was only 18 when he signed up with the Marines and begged his mother to give her consent. This she did reluctantly because he was so eager to get into service. He had attended a military school in Texas.

A memorial service in his honor is planned for next Sunday at his birthplace where his sister still resides, it was learned this week. The young Marine was a close friend of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Pitman and their daughter, Dora Jean, of 1451 Post ave.

Marine Private Lyle C. Mulhall, son of Mrs. Pat MacDonnell, (Continued on Page 6-A)

New Civil Service Rules Draw Protest from Municipal Workers

Notice has been given the Torrance Civil Service Board that municipal employees affiliated with Local 360, State County and Municipal Workers of America, are not satisfied with the amendments to the Civil Service rules proposed by the board. The city workers have asked the board for 'a further conference before any change in the rules and regulations is adopted.'

Point Rationing Just 11 Days Away

Registration sites will be announced in each community by the local War Price and Rationing Boards. For the most part, registration will be conducted at schools.

The procedure for obtaining War Ration Book 2 has been made extremely simple. One member of a family may apply for all by presenting each member's War Ration Book 1. In addition, the applicant must present a 'consumer declaration' properly filled out and signed. It is not necessary to have a separate declaration for each member of the family—one will cover all. Aside from the names of the persons for whom the declaration is made, and a place for address and signature, the consumer declaration sheet simply asks for the amounts of coffee on hand as of Nov. 28—when coffee rationing started—and of canned goods on hand as of Feb. 21—the first day of the 'freeze.'

The coffee Report. In the case of coffee the net figure arrived at by taking the total number of pounds on hand on Nov. 28 and deducting one pound for each person whose age is stated as 15 years or older on War Ration Book 1.

Housing Expert Reviews Efforts To End Shortage

Continuing his efforts to obtain all possible support from every source for increased housing facilities for present and future war workers, Pat MacDonnell, city housing coordinator, this week urged the reorganized Torrance member of Commerce to cooperate with his office and gave members of the Kiwanis Club an outline of his activities since his appointment Sept. 28, 1942.

In a letter to Chairman C. T. Rippey of the Chamber of Commerce, MacDonnell reported the work of his office to date and said: 'To insure results, it will be necessary to create every possible avenue of pressure that can be brought to bear and in order to accomplish this, I suggest that your organization immediately go into the problem of housing and set up a strong, powerful committee. This committee should have full authority to act and be equipped to carry out the fullest measure of cooperation with the program of additional housing thus far advanced.'

Addressing the Kiwanis Club Monday night, the housing coordinator, outlined the problem he faced on taking over his office, the obstacles to promotion of war housing such as lack of a unified program, labor difficulties, lack of subdivided areas, restrictions of the city's Land Use (zoning) ordinance and absence of conclusive information on the housing situation. (Continued on Page 3-A)

Garden Group Named to Aid Residents Here

Victory gardeners here are to get additional assistance and counsel with their food production as result of an informal meeting of four members of the city council and 35 interested men and women Tuesday night at the city hall. Suggestions for encouraging home gardens came from nearly every one present and now a citizens' committee, headed by James L. Lynch, has undertaken to draft a program that will include both municipal and school aid to all Torrance gardeners.

One of the first aids to home farming obtained by the committee is the formation of a special gardeners' class at Torrance Evening school. This will start Monday, March 1, with Harry H. Stone, high school vocational agriculture instructor, in charge. The class will meet every Monday night from 7:30 to 9 o'clock and every gardener is invited to attend. There will be no cost of any kind and practical demonstrations will be arranged in the proposed 'model' city garden which may be planted on the city lots at the corner of El Prado and Cravens (Continued on Page 3-A)



WINS WINGS—Lieut. William R. Stewart was commissioned and married to Jean Hathaway Monday in Texas.

Stewart Becomes Officer, Benedict On Same Day

Shortly after he was commissioned a second lieutenant fighter pilot at Randolph Field, Texas, on Monday, William R. Stewart of Torrance and Jean Hathaway of Lomita were married at the Field chapel by the post chaplain, it was learned here this week. The wedding followed a romance that began when they were students at Torrance and Narbonne high schools and the commissioning followed many weeks of arduous training for the noted athlete.

Lieut. Stewart was a member of the largest class of fighter and bomber pilots ever turned out at the huge Texas training center. The graduates were from the nine advanced flying training schools in Texas, Stewart from Ellington Field. All received pilots' wings.

Miss Hathaway, her mother, Mrs. A. L. Hathaway of 25606 Pennsylvania ave., Lomita, and Stewart's mother, Mrs. Cecily Stewart of Los Angeles, witnessed the graduation ceremony. It has not been reported where Lieut. Stewart will be stationed or what his Mrs. Stewart's plans are for the future.

Bride Is War Worker. Stewart enlisted on Christmas Eve, 1941, while a sophomore at U. S. C. and took his basic training at Wichita Falls, Texas. (Continued on Page 6-A)

'Yellow' Alert Lasts 22 Minutes Here; CD Leaders Warned

Torrance was included in the 22-minute alert last night when the yellow air-raid warning signal flashed from 9:08 to 9:30 p. m. The Fourth Fighter Command, which ordered the alert, reported that 'there was an unidentified target which later proved to be friendly.' The alert activated Civilian Defense leaders here but none of the operating personnel were summoned to their posts. The yellow is the preliminary warning preceding the blue and the final red signal which indicates a black-out and emergency period.

The question on canned goods is slightly more involved, since it will not be necessary for the housewife to include any cans, bottles and jars containing less than 8 ounces. She will be permitted to retain five cans of bottles of 8 ounces or more for each person in the family. This 'pantry census' must include all commercially canned fruits (including spiced) canned vegetables, canned fruit and vegetable juices, canned soups, chili sauce and catsup.

The following need not be counted or declared: canned olives, canned meat and fish, pickles, relishes, jellies, jams and preserves, spaghetti, macaroni and noodles, or home canned foods. Restaurants, hotels, hospitals, and other 'institutional users' of canned goods and industrial users will register for their allotments of processed foods during the first 10 days of March. Retail stores and wholesalers of the rationed foods are not required to register until April 1. At that time they will be required to report the amount of business done during the first month of operations under the point system and their inventories of canned goods as of March 31, 1943.

HOSTS AT DINNER. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert C. Allen entertained at their dinner guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Jim Matthews and daughter, Lois, of Los Angeles.

Schools Issue Ration Books Next Week

All elementary schools in this district today announced an alphabetical plan to divide the six-day registration period for War Ration Book No. Two next week which should prove a mutual convenience to residents and the volunteer registration staffs alike. Everyone is urged to follow this plan wherever possible to minimize delay and confusion at the schools.

Food Stores Will Be Closed on Monday, Feb. 22

All stores and markets whose clerks and meat-cutters are affiliated with the San Pedro local of the A. F. of L., will be closed all day Monday, Feb. 22 in observance of the Washington's Birthday holiday.

While all school children, bank workers and municipal employees will also enjoy the holiday, the schools will not be closed because Monday will be the first day on which residents may obtain War Ration Book No. Two. Housewives should plan to stock up Friday and Saturday for the two-day holiday which will find nearly every grocery, vegetable and meat market closed throughout the entire harbor district. The postoffice will close at noon Monday.

Veteran Postman Retired After 19 Years Service

A familiar grey-uniformed man who trod the sidewalks of the city for more than 19 years lugging a leather sack, covered his last mile as a postman Monday at Ellington Field. All received pilots' wings.

Wertz was automatically retired Monday, although he is still on the Torrance postoffice payroll and is now taking his regular vacation until Feb. 28. Ted, as he is known to hundreds here, is 63 years old and while everyone knows there's plenty more miles in his feet and his usual mail load, he nevertheless welcomed his retirement.

No Seat Polisher. Right now he has no immediate plans for the future but it's a safe bet that you won't find Ted Wertz resting in an easy chair. He'll be up and about as usual—whatever heard of a mailman polishing the seat of his pants?

He has had four offers of guard jobs at local war plants and he's going to take one of them—inaction would be worse than ill-health to him. Ted was born in Shawnee, Kan., and came to California with his bride of a year in 1910. Eight years later they came to Torrance and Ted got a job at the Columbia Steel plant. Later he worked at the National Supply, the shipyards and back at the steel plant. Then he went to the Pacific Electric shops and from there into the postal service.

Adopted Two Sons. Mrs. Wertz, his devoted helpmate who gave him a son, Bob, and helped him raise two adopted sons, Hubert and Theodore Luck, died in 1937. Bob Wertz is employed in the engineering department at the Douglas Aircraft plant and his son, Michael Kent, was born Jan. 6—making Ted a grandfather. Hubert Luck is now operating a photo shop and doing commercial art work in Salinas, while Theodore is in the Army at Fort Beeman, Ga.

Books for District. The local schools have received the following number of new ration books for distribution here, based on an estimated 16.4 per cent increase in population since the 1940 census: Torrance Elementary 7966 Fern Avenue 2603 WALTERIA 889 Perry school 1400 Lomita Elementary 4845 Orange Street 4011 Harbor City 2812 Carson Street 2277

Registrar Signing Up Voters at City Hall

A deputy registrar is now at the city hall—in the city clerk's office—to enroll new voters or to change registration prior to the Los Angeles city school board election. The deadline for this service, according to City Clerk A. H. Bartlett, is 5 p. m., Feb. 25.

'Incident Drill' Set For Defense Corps Units

A series of 'incident training drills' will be held by some units of the Torrance Civilian Defense Corps next Thursday night, Feb. 25. These will be checked by observers and units which are not called for service may watch how the drills are handled, Police Chief John Stroh announced this week.