



WARTIME CORSAGE—While there still will be flowers presented on Mothers' Day next Sunday, many—like the mother above—will proudly wear a new kind of corsage. They are buying their own War Bond bouquets to hasten the time when they can wear the flowers of peace once more with their sons nearby instead of in training camps or on battlelines overseas.

In the years since the dedication of one specific day on the calendar to honor mothers for their self-sacrificing devotion to sons and daughters, there has been no year when mothers have been due more honor than now.

There has been no year when their sacrifice has been greater. No year when more tears have been shed in the sleepless, worry-ridden hours, or when more mothers' prayers have been murmured for the safety of sons facing deadliest danger.

For every clear-eyed youngster who leaves his home to learn the ghastly lessons of war and help protect his country, a mother's heart is dealt a scarring blow which only his safe return can erase. Every day and every night the prayers of millions of American mothers follow their sons across the world, beseeching divine Providence for their safety. Thousands of American mothers who already have lost their sons in the battle for freedom, wear their courage and their pride as badges across their hearts—hearts that are crushed and never will be whole again.

This is the day, of course, for every person to reflect a little on the devotion of his own mother, to prove his pride in her if she is here, to honor her in his thoughts and actions if she is not. But more than that, it is a day to honor all mothers, most especially those who have sent their sons to meet the enemy, and those unfortunate, saddened few who have lost them. It seems to us that the greatest sacrifice being made in the world today is made by mothers. May God bless them.

DEMOBILIZATION ORDER RECEIVED BY STATE GUARD

Officers and men of Company H—Torrance and Lomita's own—like all other units of the California State Guard, received orders yesterday to demobilize by midnight May 27 under the reorganization bill signed by Gov. Earl Warren. The company will cease patrolling the Torrance water tower and other guard points in this vicinity at noon May 24.

Some of the guard duties handled by the Torrance-Lomita outfit commanded since Dec. 14, 1941 by Lieut. Chalmers M. Dulmage and since May 21, 1942 by Lieut. Robert Lewellen, Sr., will be taken over by the regular Army and others will be dropped or handled by private-hired guards. The city of Torrance has not indicated as yet what it will do about protecting the water tower.

Lieuts. Dulmage and Lewellen will be relieved of duty and placed in the unassigned roster. However, they will not be relieved of their obligations and will be subject to call any time within the following 30 days. The enlisted men may stay on active duty with the reorgan-

This Week At the Model Victory Garden

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City Park Superintendent

... who is available for consultation at the community plot, El Prado and Cravens ave., 10 a. m. to 12 o'clock non daily, Monday thru Friday.

The last of the summer crops were planted this week as it is considered now warm enough for lima beans. It is not too late for most crops for either beginning or successive plantings.

The radishes are now through and the space devoted to these will be planted as a succession crop of some other vegetable. Additional thinning of melons and cucumbers was necessary. Thinnings of beets, lettuce and turnips were utilized as greens. Constant watching of the tomatoes was necessary, especially the pinching out of all suckers as they appeared, and to keep the vines tied to the trellis.

Next week: summer care of the garden.

National Supply 'E' Day Details Being Arranged

Presentation of the Army-Navy "E" award to workers at the National Supply plant here May 19 will be a gala civic event although attendance at the brief ceremony itself will be limited to those receiving invitations, it was learned this week.

The Torrance Merchants Association yesterday decided to decorate the business district with congratulatory banners honoring the National Supply employees and many are planning to install special window displays. The "E" day will, in no sense be a municipal holiday inasmuch as the award program will be limited to a half-hour because of urgency of continued production at the plant.

Military authorities, who must be consulted at every step in the plans, have asked that the ceremony be limited to this brief period when the entire plant will shut down to allow every worker to receive the honor due him and her.

Program Being Arranged

The limited seating capacity in the new plant building on 213th st., where the award ceremony will be held makes it necessary to keep the invitation list to a minimum. However, city officials, representatives of civic organizations, other industrial executives and many others will receive honor bids.

D. S. Faulkner, vice-president, and representative workers are now arranging the program in cooperation with military authorities and they expect to announce it next week. Outstanding personalities are being signed to appear during the ceremonies.

Must Retain Award

Because retention of the Army-Navy "E" flag and lapel pins to be given all National Supply workers is based on continued high production, employees are not going to spend much time in celebrating. The production award is not presented as a permanent honor and the recipients must continue their high level of efficiency in production in order to retain the right to fly the "E" flag.

When an "E" plant is found to merit the award after six months, a white star is added to the flag indicative of the second award.

At a luncheon meeting of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce yesterday, Sam Levy, William Kempen and H. B. Ringle were designated as the committee to have charge of street decorations and store displays.

Red Cross Drive Total Stands at \$9,812 Here

Now \$2,312.45 over the \$7500 quota, the Torrance Red Cross War Fund drive advanced \$153.25 during the past week, according to Chairman Hillman Lee. The total stands at \$9,659.20.

The weekly report on the progress of the War Fund campaign, as reported to The Herald, follows:

March 18	\$1,696.00
March 25	2,186.53
April 1	1,435.35
April 8	1,418.85
April 15	330.68
April 22	251.00
April 29	2,307.39
May 6	153.20
TOTAL	\$9,812.45

Previously acknowledged \$9,659.20
H. C. Greenman..... 50.00
Discount Drug Store..... 25.00
D & M Machine Shop..... 25.00
D & M Employees..... 20.00
Job's Daughters..... 10.00
Catholic Altar Society..... 10.00
Ray Peer..... 10.00
Discount Drug employees..... 2.25
Mrs. D. A. McDonald..... 1.00

TOTAL TO DATE.....\$9,812.45

P. O. Windows Close Early on Saturdays

Because the amount of business transacted at the postoffice windows Saturday afternoon has not substantiated the extra hours, Postmaster Earl Connor announced today that the windows will return to the former closing hour at 12:30 p. m. on Saturdays.

TORRANCE SOLDIER DROWNS ON BATTLE MANEUVERS IN OKLA.; FUNERAL HELD TODAY

Out at the Pueblo there's a month-old baby girl named Rose Marie who will never know her father—he was accidentally drowned last Saturday (May 1) while on battle maneuvers with his Army unit at Camp Woodward, Okla. He was Private Dario F. Chavez, 20, a popular student and athlete at Torrance high school who was inducted Dec. 8, 1942.

He leaves his mother, Mrs. Jesus Chavez; his wife, Ernestine, whom he married last June here; his baby daughter and a brother, Lawrence. The body, accompanied by a military escort, arrived at Stone and Myers' mortuary yesterday morning. Funeral Mass was held last afternoon at St. Joseph's Catholic church at the Pueblo and interment was at El Nido.

Dario Chavez was born Dec. 19, 1920. He was graduated from Fern Avenue school, where he won the American Legion award and Safety Patrol medal in June 1933. An enthusiastic and popular high school student, he served as student body president in 1936 and also won the American Legion award for the second time.

Was Expecting Furlough

In senior high school here he was a member of the Class B baseball team in 1937 and made the varsity squad the following year. He would have graduated with the summer class of 1939 but, following the death of his father, Augustine, he went to work to support his mother and younger brother. He was given a responsible job driving trucks to San Diego, transporting nursery stock.

Later, in June, 1942, he went to work at the Columbia Steel plant. Following his induction he was sent to an Army camp in Wyoming as truck driver in the Quartermaster's detachment. In February he was sent to Camp Woodward in Oklahoma. He was expecting a furlough to come home and see his baby daughter late this month.

Steel Industry Put on 48-Hour Week Schedule

Manpower Commissioner Paul V. McNutt on May 1 decreed a 48-hour work week for blast furnaces, steel works and rolling mills, and set July 1 as the final date for compliance with the order.

He ruled that the 48-hour work week must be established by June 1, if no workers are to be released in making the change, and by July 1, if it is necessary to lay off employees. Under the order, steel mill working less than 48 hours after June 1 may hire new workers without War Manpower Commission approval. McNutt said the action assured that more than 525,000 steel workers will be on a 48-hour basis by July 1.

Plant Awaits Orders

"Our home office has not received any details as yet about Commissioner McNutt's order and until they are received and studied, we cannot say just what changes will have to be made at the Torrance works to carry out the decree," Otto Kresse, general superintendent, said Tuesday.

McNutt's order defined blast furnaces, steel works and rolling mills as covering any establishment which is primarily engaged in the production of pig iron; or in rolling, forging or drawing crude iron or steel into semi-finished or finished products; or whose pig iron production is allocated by the War Production Board.

Legion Auxiliary Poppy Sales Serve Two Purposes This Year

Faith in America with those who have died in the nation's service will be pledged anew on Poppy Days, May 28 and 29. Mrs. Laila Bowen, American Legion Auxiliary Poppy chairman, said today as the unit continued preparations for its annual distribution of memorial poppies.

"The wearing of the poppy is a personal pledge that we will not 'break faith' with those who died but will carry on to the achievement of the things for which they gave their lives," Mrs. Bowen said.

"Millions of Americans will wear the poppy this year as a tribute to the dead of both World wars and a mark of their determination to conclude this war with complete victory. The flower is the symbol of life given in service for America. The wearer makes an unspoken pledge to the nation's heroic dead that he will live as they did, serving America."

Poppies will be offered to everyone in Torrance by the women of the Auxiliary on Poppy Day. No fixed price will be asked for the flowers, the pennies of children being just as welcome as the dollars of the wealthy. Contributions will go to rehabilitation and child welfare funds.

Defense Forces Preparing for O.C.D.-Army Test

Final arrangements were being made today for the official O.C.D.-Army test of the Torrance Civilian Defense setup scheduled for Friday night, May 14, from 7 to 8 o'clock. In preparation for this second examination of Civilian Defense facilities, Police Chief John Stroh has called an "incident drill" in four air raid wardens sectors from 7:30 to 8:30 o'clock tonight.

The practice will be confined to these sectors—Nos. 8, 15, 25 and 32—and will include wardens, auxiliary police and firemen, first-aiders and the control center personnel.

Immediately following the 8 o'clock expiration time for the official test May 14, a free public program to which all residents are invited will be held in the Civic Auditorium. This will begin with the showing of "News Parade of 1942," an outstanding sound film that shows the highlights of the past year, especially those pertaining to the war.

All Civilian Defense personnel have been instructed to be at their posts at 7 p. m., May 14. There will be three major "test incidents"—one of them to stress gas precautions—arranged by the visiting O.C.D.-Army team and 20 others to be set up by the Torrance Civilian Defense Council.

Chief Stroh announces that the next meeting of the Auxiliary Police on the first and third Monday schedule of these training classes will be held May 17.

War Plant Ball League May Be Organized Here

Hey! You Torrance war plant workers—wanta play twilight baseball in a local industrial league?

And how about you women war workers—would you like to try a little softball with maybe a trophy or two to be awarded at the end of a regular season?

Efforts to launch a baseball season among the industrial plants here are under way with K. E. Hanson, coordinator at the National Supply plant, agreeing to serve as a temporary clearing agent for ideas, enrollment of teams and making the preliminary arrangements.

The National Supply team is all ready to take the field and tomorrow (Friday) afternoon at 5 o'clock will meet the Army Ordnance Base nine at the "Forman" city park in a practice game. The public—and especially those who would like to join industrial teams—will be welcome to attend without charge.

Hanson believes six teams could be organized among the workers at the Columbia Steel, Deak Aircraft, Alcoa, Bohn, Rubberair, National Supply and perhaps other local war plants. He will be glad to receive entries or hand out further information to plant executives or workers who call him at Torrance 111, Extension 409.

"Red" Moon is manager of the National Supply team and he says he has prospects of a good club. The proposed games would be played during twilight hours at the Torrance city park and the municipal officials have indicated they will cooperate in every way possible to provide the badly-needed recreation here.

Hog Owners Police Notice

Acting on instructions from the city council, Police Chief John Stroh has notified four owners of more than one hog here to either obtain permits to operate hog ranches from the city council next Tuesday night or get rid of the animals.

"They have been very nice about complying," he said this week. "Two have definitely told me they will get rid of their hogs. One said he plans to ask the council for a permit and the other is undecided what to do as yet."

The police chief said he found one operating in North Torrance, two in WALTERIA and another in the western part of the city.

Zamperini Aids Riddled Bomber in Safe Return

Lieut. Louis Zamperini of Torrance, who abandoned a great track career at U.S.C., to serve as an Army Air Force bombardier, became a first-aid expert April 21 during what he described as the toughest race of his life. Details of his epic adventure in the South Pacific were told by United Pressman Charles P. Arnot in this delayed dispatch which was widely published Tuesday.

WITH THE U.S. ARMY AIR FORCE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC, April 21—(Delayed)—Lieut. Louis Zamperini, 26-year-old California runner and the plane's co-pilot, Lieut. C. H. Cuperell, 28, of Long Beach, Calif., spent five hours administering emergency treatment to five wounded companions while their battered Liberator bomber limped to the nearest base hospital.

The crewmen were wounded in a five-minute running battle with three Zeros after their plane participated in a heavy bombing attack on the Japanese-held phosphate island of Nauru, 750 miles northwest of Guadalcanal.

Doctors at this advanced base credited Zamperini and Cuperell with saving the lives of two crewmen who were wounded seriously. One of the five, suffering from a skull fracture, died several hours after the plane made an emergency landing and skidded to a stop with a flat tire.

Plane Riddled

Ground crewmen counted some 500 bullet and shell-fragment holes in the fuselage and tail of the big bomber. The plane made its long homeward trip with about half the right rudder shot away.

"We didn't break any world's speed records on the way back, but we got here," Zamperini said. "What's more, we really let the Zeros have it at Nauru before the Zeros got on us."

"Zamp" as fellow crewmen call him, was hunched over his bomb sight watching flames and smoke envelop Nauru's installations when the Zeros dived within range.

"We were just turning away from the target when three Zeros jumped us," he said. "About the same time an anti-aircraft shell tore a hole in our right motor. Everything happened at once, but the boys at the controls handled the plane beautifully and we finally dove the Japs off."

Finds One Wounded

When Zamperini crawled into the tiny compartment behind the pilot and co-pilot, he found that Staff Sergeant Stanley C. Pillsbury of Shapleigh, Maine, had been hit in the left foot.

"Pillsbury was still in the top turret," the track star said. "I heard him shout something, then fire a burst from his guns. One of the Zeros dived crazily and left a column of smoke. Pillsbury got that one for certain and our belly guns probably bagged another."

While Zamperini was treating Pillsbury and another wounded crewman, Cuperell made his way to the rear of the plane to check on the others.

"I saw a sight I'll never forget," he said. "Three men back there were suffering from wounds, but they never left their posts. The guns were still manned."

Administer Drugs
Zamperini and Cuperell gave sedatives and sulfa drugs to all the wounded and administered oxygen to those most seriously hurt.

Superior officers credited the pilot, Lieut. R. A. Phillips, 26, of Terre Haute, Ind., with a miraculous performance in bringing his damaged Liberator back without a crash.

Phillips landed the plane with practically no brakes after pumping and cranking the landing flaps and wheels down by hand because the hydraulic system was damaged. Phillips and his crew also participated in the bombing raid on Wake Island last December.

Zamperini said he plans to return to track competition after the war and hopes to compete with an All-American team in intercollegiate meets.

"There are still a lot of miles in these legs," he declared. "A distance runner is never too old to run until he feels old. Even if the war lasts another couple of years, I'll still be young enough to run."

The former University of Southern California star, whose home is at Torrance, Calif., still holds the national collegiate mile record of 4:08.3, the Pacific Coast conference record of 4:11 and the IC4A mark of 4:11.



MRS. JESSIE EWING

Food Preserving Demonstration Arranged Here

Preservation of foods in a safe and practical way will be demonstrated at the Food Production class at Torrance high school at 7:30 p. m., Monday, May 10. Mrs. Jessie Ewing, who is known to many Torrance housewives because she has conducted several Torrance Herald cooking schools, will demonstrate several approved methods of conserving fruits and vegetables.

In Southern California where many garden products can be harvested fresh the year around, a succession of small plantings is recommended. Experience is the best teacher as how little to plant at a time and how frequently, according to Harry H. Stone, vocational agricultural instructor at the high school.

But in spite of the careful planning, surpluses will develop. Also, peas and beans and sweet corn and tomatoes cannot be grown throughout the year. If we want to eat well next winter and spring, we will have to produce surpluses, and preserve them, he said. So Mrs. Ewing's demonstration is most timely.

The meeting will be held in the cooking classroom No. 207. This will be the final meeting of this Food Production series. The demonstration is free and any who are interested are urged to attend.

Work Order Finds Alcoa Conforming

A War Manpower Commission order last Thursday making mandatory 48-hour work week in non-ferrous smelting plants found the Aluminum Co. of America plant here already conforming.

Delos Arms, personnel manager at the plant at 190th st. and Western ave., said the company has been on a 48-hour week since it started production operations here last July 30.

Oh! Hum! Council Talks About Fixing up Torrance Blvd.

"I think something ought to be done about Torrance Blvd. That street jars your teeth out when you drive over it these days," Councilman Nick Cucci informed the city council at an adjourned meeting Tuesday afternoon.

"There was a lot of advance planning done about Torrance Blvd., before the Japs blew up the W.P.A.," Councilman James Hitecock observed. "It sure is getting very bad."

When informed that the Federal government urged municipalities to "hold off" any improvement that can possibly be postponed until after the war, the council dropped Torrance Blvd. and its increasing number of chuckholes, bumps and general decrepitude.