

Local Bond Sales In Cruiser Drive Exceed \$191,268

War Bond sales in Torrance since the start of the countywide July "Build the Cruiser Los Angeles" drive, already total \$191,629.89—approaching the entire month's quota of \$215,000 for this city, it is reported by Hillman R. Lee, chairman of the local war bond campaign.

Purchases of industrial workers through payroll deductions are not yet available and it is expected that when these sales are added to the total, Torrance will be well over the top.

A substantial boost was given to the Torrance drive Monday afternoon, when the National Supply Co. purchased a \$100,000 War Bond—the largest sale so far to be made to any firm or individual in this city. A check in payment of the six-figure bond was given to J. W. Post, president of the Torrance National Bank Monday afternoon by D. S. Faulkner, vice-president of National Supply. F. J. Carpenter, assistant treasurer of the company, and Mayor Tom F. McGuire, personnel manager, witnessed the transaction.

Chairman Lee also reports that employees of the J. C. Penney Co. store here, of which he is manager, have sold over \$23,000 in War Bonds this month, more than doubling the store's quota of \$10,000 for the entire month. Quota for J. C. Penney Co. stores throughout the nation is \$10,000,000. Lee states, "Throughout Los Angeles coun-

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\$100,000 SMILE—J. W. Post, (center left) president of the Torrance National Bank, accepts with very evident pleasure the National Supply Co.'s check in payment of a \$100,000 U. S. War Bond from D. S. Faulkner, vice-president of the company. Mayor Tom F. McGuire, (left) personnel manager of National Supply's Torrance plant and F. J. Carpenter (right), assistant treasurer of the company, witness the transaction which was made Monday afternoon at the local bank.

48-Hr. Work Week Ordered For All Local Employees

Area Manpower Director H. R. Harnish today issued a 48-hour work week order for business and industrial establishments in five Southern California counties: Los Angeles, Orange, Ventura, San Bernardino and Riverside. The order includes no provision as to over-time pay.

Curfew Enforced As Police Issue 'Late' Permits

As the Torrance curfew law entered its second week of enforcement, the youth service committee of Torrance Rotary club, in cooperation with city police and the Torrance Youth Commission, today distributed explanatory leaflets to minors throughout the city.

Youths between 14 and 18 applying with parental consent yesterday received the first "late" permits issued by the police department and were informed that permission to stay out after the curfew may be withdrawn for misbehavior. Children under 14 must be at home by 10 p.m. unless accompanied by their parents. Minor violators and their parents will incur penalties.

Police Chief John Stroh withheld comment as to the effect of the regulation because it was not in strict operation until permits could be obtained.

The commission may withhold priorities and contracts from employers who do not comply with the 48-hour ruling, grant unrestricted availability certificates to workers in such firms and prohibit the hiring of new workers, withhold priorities and contracts, and invoke other penalties.

Panel to Answer Price Queries Every Friday

A weekly advisory service on price ceilings will be inaugurated tomorrow noon at ration board headquarters, 2300 Carson st., comprising the new Torrance-Lomita price panel four housewives: Mmes. Josie S. Vandegriff, 1007 Arlington ave.; Erna Carstens, 1452 25th ave.; Olive E. Veatch, 2321 West 24th st.; Lomita, and Josephine Schwartz, 1388 26th st., Lomita, will meet from 12 to 4 each Friday with an O.P.A. price analyst from Los Angeles, to answer merchandise and food price queries of merchants and shoppers, and hear complaints.

'Victory' Speed Laws To Be Strictly Enforced Says Chief Stroh

Warning that Los Angeles county "victory" speed laws will be strictly enforced here, Police Chief John Stroh has announced a daytime 30 m.p.h. and night driving 25 m.p.h. speed limit in business and residential districts, effective Aug. 1. The purpose of the program is to "back up" men and women fighters and war workers, by conserving manpower and equipment, Chief John Stroh explained, and reckless driving charges will be filed against any motorist driving too fast for safety.

Children of Women In Industry Get 'Home' Care In Local School

"You may attribute it to luck, nursing, medical inspection, weekly visits by school doctors and nurses, daily meals of milk or cod-liver oil ration, but we have had very few sick children this year," said Mrs. Paul M. Wheeler, one of the four women employed by the Board of Education to provide daily care for children of women in war industries.

Open Verdict Reached In Dimout Accident

At an inquest held at Stone & Myers' mortuary last Friday into the fatal injury of Francis Burton Maxwell, 25, of 318 1/2 West Opp st., Wilmington, an "open" verdict was brought in. Maxwell died at Torrance Memorial hospital July 14, shortly after he was struck at Moneta Blvd. and Main st. by a car driven by Lawrence B. Pert, Jr., of Pasadena.

City Engineer Issues Three New Permits

This week the city engineer's office issued three permits for construction totaling \$2380. Longren Aircraft Co. will erect a frame office and engineering building to cost \$1000, at 2576 West Carson st.; B. R. Morris will do the same in parcel costing \$580 to his residence at 2440 Gramercy st.; and H. B. Sherman will erect a frame garage house costing \$800 at 3973 Ellis st.

Work Starts on 130 Dwellings; Total of 526 Units Approved

With actual construction started this week on 138 housing units, and projects totaling 388 additional dwellings—(526 new living quarters in all)—approved by the Federal Housing Administration for the Torrance area, home hunting war workers in local industrial plants saw relief within a few months of the critical housing shortage here.

Work was begun this week on the first group of 130 dwelling units by the Torrance Housing Corp., on lots purchased from J. C. Smith and C. T. Rippey, located between Normandie and Western aves., north of Carson st. to 213th st. This project includes 14 one-bedroom units, 40 two-bedroom units and 76 three-bedroom units. Total investment will approximate \$500,000, according to Fred Marlow and W. A. Burns, chief executives of the corporation.

Blackout Driver Fined \$305, Must Forego Liquors

For violation of the blackout, driving while intoxicated and smashing into the rear of a city fire truck on April 25, Jesse Dean, 48, of 1634 Beech ave., captain of guards at a local war plant, has paid a total of \$305 into the city treasury.

Convicted of the triple offense by a jury on July 13, he was sentenced by Judge Otto B. Willett last Friday. Ordering the defendant to pay a \$50 fine and spend 30 days in jail, the magistrate suspended the sentence and \$20 of the fine on condition that Dean abstain from intoxicants. Judge Willett imposed the lowest possible fine for drunken driving because Dean, who had previously pleaded guilty to violation of the blackout and to damaging the fire truck, had already paid the city a \$60 fine and \$215 damages.

Blackout Driving Permits Extended To September 1

Police Chief John Stroh this week notified the police department and Civilian Defense Auxiliary Police to honor existing blackout permits until Sept. 1. The extension authorized by California State War Council, applies to emergency vehicles bearing full headlights and a red taillight, and to cars with O.C.D. headlight masks.

Totals Low In Record Drive, Legion Urges Renewal of Search

There is a symphony of battle for the boys at the front. High notes are made by dive bombers; machine guns beat rhythm as artillery and heavy mortars supply dramatic effect. But when darkness comes the boys want to hear music that reminds them of home.

"The least we can do is send them records," said Postmaster Charles E. Conner, local chairman of the American Legion Post drive for records. "We must realize the urgency of the campaign." If the more than 100 records turned in at the postoffice, one of three collection posts, were representative, the drive would be coming along "fairly well," Chairman Conner explained. However, not one record has been turned in at either Torrance Hardware store, 1515 Cabrillo ave., or Charlie Smith's cafe, at Narbonne and Lomita blvds., Lomita.

MacDonnell Opens Housing Center At Culver City

Opening of another new War Housing Center at 9552 Washington Blvd., Culver City, is announced by Pat MacDonnell, district manager, whose headquarters is at Torrance. Katherine Barnard has been appointed office manager of the Culver City headquarters.

MacDonnell now has four War Housing Centers under his direction, the other two offices being at Inglewood and Santa Monica.

First Woman Marine Here Honors French

In memory of two French uncles, one a Marine, and both killed in action in World War I, Miss Mary Ada Walls, 21, of 1727 Martina ave., sister of Marine Sgt. George Walls, now overseas, chose Bastille day, July 14, to become Torrance's first woman Marine.

Inducted as a private in the Marine Corps Women's Reserve on the "French Fourth of July," she is at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Walls, awaiting orders to leave for basic training headquarters, Camp Lejeune, New River, N. C. Later she will be assigned to duties which release a Marine for actual combat.

Private Walls, a summer 1941 graduate of Torrance high school, worked at Grand Theater, and at J. C. Penney Co., and after studying at Burroughs Comptometer school, for a manufacturing firm in Los Angeles.

Stickers Will Show 1944 Auto Registration

California motorists will be given windshield stickers in lieu of new metal plates as evidence of 1944 registration, according to Director of Motor Vehicles Gordon H. Garland. The sticker must be displayed in addition to the license plates now on all California vehicles, Garland said.

Devised to save vital steel for war purposes, the new sticker will be oblong, with a small gold state seal centered on a blue background, and made of translucent material so constructed that it will be almost impossible to counterfeit or remove from a windshield once attached. Enough stickers will be purchased for approximately 2,500,000 automobiles.

ACCEPTS POSITION

Miss Sue Stephenson of Pueblo, Colo., in a recent letter to Mrs. N. H. Cucci here, advised her that she has accepted a teaching position and will make her home in Southern California. She has many friends in Torrance where she has been a frequent guest of the Cuccis.

Last Round-Up Cafe License Is Suspended

The liquor license of Louis Briganti, operating the Last Round-Up Cafe, 950 Carson st., was ordered suspended for 15 days by the State Board of Equalization Monday. The action was taken on recommendation of William G. Bonelli, fourth district member, on evidence showing sale to a minor, according to records of the board.

Red Cross Canteen Releases Blood Donor 'Breakfast' Figures

Torrance blood donors have legally supplemented their coffers by more than 100 gallons of the unadulterated variety. They have drunk the juice of nearly 12 crates of oranges and consumed some 1566 doughnuts, according to Mrs. G. A. Kress, blood bank chairman.

The Red Cross Canteen unit, headed by Mrs. Julia Neelands of 1333 Engracia ave., is largely responsible for the smooth running of Torrance blood donor service. Mrs. Lola Hoover, branch chairman, said. It operates two shifts, which alternate to prepare and serve refreshments to donors and luncheon or

Control Center Volunteers Win Service Awards

Twelve women volunteers, the first to complete 500 hours of work in Torrance control center communications department, received Citizens Volunteer Defense pins from Police Chief John Stroh, Civilian Defense Coordinator, and Charles A. Curtis, assistant control board commander, at a recent test meeting. Two other awards were announced and supper was prepared and served by control room workers. Mrs. J. P. Spehr, 1307 Portola ave., acted as hostess.

The pins which entitle staff members to enter the control room without identification cards were long overdue, according to Chief Stroh. He explained that more than 20 women have alternated regularly since the board's inception in January, 1941. Every night from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., two operators work.

Awards were made to Mmes. L. V. Babcock, 1342 Engracia ave.; A. L. Elder, 2325 Carson st.; J. C. Faith, 1022 Cravens ave.; G. R. Hight, 23013 Narbonne ave.; R. R. Howe, 1308 Amapola ave.; J. H. Johnston, 1812 Gramercy ave.; A. W. Kitto, 824 Cota ave.; N. J. McCongue, 1028 Portola ave.; R. J. Roberts, 1739 Androo ave.; J. F. Spehr; Arthur Tappin, 22937 Narbonne ave. and L. J. Velbel, 927 Arlington ave. Absent awardees were Mmes. M. R. Houdas, 1303 Madrid ave., and Mrs. C. E. Youngken, 1222 Portola ave.

Public Invited to Post-War Planning Election Monday

The Postwar Planning Commission has invited representatives of more than 21 civic organizations to attend a public election meeting at 8 p.m., Monday, July 26, in the city council chamber, city hall. Paul Findley will act as temporary chairman and Cecilia H. Young as temporary secretary.

Nominees are: for president, Fay Parks and Howard Locke; for vice-president, Wallace Peck and Ed Day; for secretary, Mrs. Julia McManus; for executive board members, Ensigns Frank Anderson, Harry Miller Lewis and Robert Tolson, U.S.N.; Mayor Tom McGuire, and City Engineer Glenn M. Jain.

Draft Quotas Will Be Lower In August

As in June and July, California draft quotas will be 22 percent below normal in August, state selective service headquarters has announced. The reduction was authorized to allow California's induction total to fall in line with the national average.

Zone Variance Appeal Date to Be Set Tuesday

At its next regular meeting, July 27, the Torrance city council will set a date for hearing the appeal of Mrs. Mildred P. Lancaster for zoning variance of her ten-room home at 1503 Post ave., to permit its conversion to a four-family apartment. This action was decided upon Thursday afternoon at an adjourned meeting of the city council after reading a letter from Mrs. Lancaster, requesting an appeal from the decision of the Planning Commission, which body last week denied the request for a change of zone from single family residence to multiple family occupancy.

The council is required, under the terms of the zoning ordinance, to set the date of the hearing "not less than 15 days, nor more than 40 days after receipt of the appeal request," which was dated July 17. A majority vote of the council may sustain the decision of the Planning Commission; and a four-fifths vote is required to overrule the decision.

Watkinson Request Granted

At its brief meeting Tuesday afternoon, the council gave Mr. and Mrs. E. Watkinson permission to move in a large house on their property on 174th st., approximately 1000 feet west of Arlington ave., in North Torrance. The Watkinsons agreed to bring the foundation of the house up to building standards as soon as materials are available—probably after the war emergency.

Street to Be Paved

The council also approved the request of Katz & Pine, builders and subdividers of the Park Knoll tract, for improvement of a road paralleling Arlington ave., so that six additional houses may be built. An appropriation not to exceed \$750 was approved to cover the cost of road materials. Katz & Pine have already built 48 houses in their tract and have ten more under construction, according to records in the engineering department.

Encourage the children in an elastic, unimpeachable, free play program. Piano and rhythm practice at 10 a.m. and rest periods are the only "classes." From menus planned by Mrs. Wheeler and checked by Board of Education nurses, Mrs. Maude Willson serves hot lunches daily in addition to recess refreshments.

Women who utilize the service report it markedly improves children's food and sleeping habits which have been disorganized by war plant schedules. Children whose routine has been upset may first take out of their twice daily naps, but after rebelling a week or so they try to imitate their well-adjusted playmates.