



SMARTLY UNIFORMED . . . Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Helms, 2917 Onrado St., enact this little scene each Monday evening as they leave Torrance for the weekly Naval Reserve meeting in Compton. Probably the only man and wife navy team in the city, both are affiliated with Naval Reserve Seabee Unit 11-9.

### 20-Year Hitch Andy Helms, Wife Lead 'Reserved' Life

"Reserved" might well be the signpost marking the 2917 Onrado St. home of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Helms. For this couple, probably the only man and wife Navy team in all of Torrance, has signed to serve with the Naval Reserve "for at least 20 years."

Already they have done nine years of the hitch between them, with Mrs. Helms (Betty May) out-landish, bubbly in seniority if not in stripes.

The brown-eyed, energetic woman signed up with the Reserves immediately after being discharged from the WAVES in 1946 and holds the rank of yeoman third class. Tall, lanky, and quiet-spoken, Helms, persuaded by his wife to join after their marriage on Aug. 4, 1951, is now a chief petty officer, third class.

"I'd advise any man or woman to join the Reserves," Mrs. Helms said. "It's a wonderful way to keep prepared to serve your country, and a wonderful way to attain security for yourself and your loved ones."

Both the chief and his spouse are serving with Naval Reserve Seabee Unit 11-9 and travel to Compton each Monday evening for the weekly training session. He is a class instructor; and she is "secretary to the big shot," the commanding officer's yeoman.

The military Mrs. is well-equipped for her job, having served as general office supervisor and PBX receptionist during her civilian years, and superintendent of the Civil Readjustment Office at San Diego while a WAVE.

"By the time I was discharged," Mrs. Helms said, "I was discussing readjustment problems with over 1500 men each week. It was quite a job!"

"But my whole time of active duty was a marvelous experience," she continued. "I think it's the best thing any girl can do. It teaches her three very important things—how to take care of herself, how to apply herself to a trade, and how to get along with other people."

Mrs. Helms also learned three other things in the WAVES which she has carried over into her housewife's job.

"I always 'square' a bed properly, hang clothes up neatly, and as long as I am cooking there will be no beans for breakfast!" she laughed.

Hubby is thankful for the change in the morning menu, and his views on the Reserves and Navy life in general are as similar to his wife's opinion as two cigarettes from the same package.

"From our own experience," he said, "we highly recommend training in the armed forces for both men and women. In fact, we are among the boosters of Universal Military Training."

The Navy chief served approximately two and a half years, including 10 months duty on Guam during World War II, with the Seabee 25th Construction Battalion. Although in the Reserves, he is continuing to ply the carpenter's trade with a local lumber company.

Mrs. Helms isn't "just a housewife" outside her regular Reserve meetings. She also is active in Girl Scout work, assisting Mrs. E. K. Cunningham as leader of a Nativity School sponsored troop.

When the ex-WAVE and her husband aren't busy preparing lessons for the next Reserve meeting, they spend many of their evenings relaxing at home in the company of their prize-winning, pedigreed Chow. While they are thus occupied, a bevy of ceramic cats, Mrs. Helms' current hobby, surveys the scene of domestic tranquility from a corner table.



EVENING RELAXATION . . . Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Helms spend a quiet evening at home, 2917 Onrado St., reminiscing about the days when both saw active duty with the U.S. Navy. They are now affiliated with Naval Reserve Seabee Unit 11-9 and expect to continue service "for at least 20 years."

### AFTER CRESTLINE HONEYMOON Carson St. Home Chosen By New-wed W. Tylers

Still reminiscing about their honeymoon trip to Crestline are the new Mr. and Mrs. William Randall Tyler, nee Miss Emma Lora Haney, who set up housekeeping at 1650 W. Carson St. last Sunday.

The young couple repeated vows at Chimes Wedding Chapel in Long Beach June 27 and left for the week's honeymoon immediately after a post-wedding reception held at the chapel. Five friends and relatives were on hand to witness the evening ceremonies, conducted by the Rev. Russell M. Broughes, and sign their names in a reception register supervised by John Ray Haney.

Lighting white tapers prior to the bride's entrance into the chapel were Janet Tyler and Paula Prewette, gowned alike in floor-length pink taffeta fashioned with sweetheart neckline.

The bride, escorted to the altar by her brother, James L. Lee, chose full-length Chantilly lace and nylon tulle over white satin for her wedding costume. A seed pearl and rhinestone crown held her matching veil in place, and she carried a white orchid surrounded by white gardenias.

Light blue lace and nylon tulle over matching taffeta harmonized with a bouquet of pink carnations to form the ensemble of Miss Joy Sue Gilbert, maid of honor. David McDaniel was best man, while Clyde Forester ushered.

The bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse F. Haney, 20918 Shearer Ave., graduated from Banning High School in Wilmington last June. Her young husband, who graduated from the same school the preceding January, is the son of the William L. Tylers, 218 E. Dominguez St.



NEWLYWEDS . . . William Randall Tyler, son of the William L. Tylers, 218 E. Dominguez St., poses with his pretty young bride, the former Miss Emma Lora Haney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse F. Haney, 20918 Dominguez St. The pair exchanged vows June 27 at Chimes Wedding Chapel in Long Beach, enjoyed a week's honeymoon at Crestline, and are now at home at 1650 W. Carson St.

### 'Stork Story' FROM TORRANCE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Traditional noise of firecrackers may be the "big bang" for many people on July 4, but for two Torrance couples this Independence Day there was another sound far more important—the lusty cries of newborn babes.

First-born on the 179th anniversary of his country's birth was 7 lb. 10 oz. Randall Leon, son of the Frank H. Hunters, 1604 Dale Ave. He made his appearance 3:24 a.m. and joins two sisters, Diane Sharon, 12, and Denise Lee, 10½. Father is warehouse manager at Universal Furniture Co.; grandparents are Messrs. and Mmes. Charles L. Leon of Los Angeles, and William Hunter of Los Alamitos.

A 7 lb. 2½ oz. girl, daughter of the William Petersens, 2747 Cabrillo Ave., was the second Fourth of July arrival. Born at 5 a.m., she has been named Paulann Jane. Father is a carpenter with the South Bay Construction Co.; mother, the new Mrs. Yvonne K. Tomasini, is director of the Playhouse Day Nursery. Included on the welcoming committee are a five and a half year old brother, William John, a three-year-old sister, Kathleen Francis; maternal grandparents Mr. and Mrs. John Tomasini, 24008 Allene Ave., Long Beach; and paternal grandmother, Mrs. Ursula Petersen of San Francisco, who is visiting with the three-time parents for a few weeks.

Born the preceding day at 5:20 p.m. to Mr. and Mrs. James William Greer, 142 Via Alameda, was a 6 lb. 2 oz. Lorle Ann. The baby girl, whose father is a switchboard operator at General Telephone Co., has one brother, six-year-old Gary. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ralph O. Greer of Phoenix, Ariz., and Mrs. Bertha Candier of Dubuque, Ia.

Jill Ann is the newest member of the Edwin Smith family. Born at 11:20 p.m. July 2, weighing 8 lbs. 8 oz., she joins a brother, Kurt, 2½, at the 2165 W. 238th St. Smith home, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Robinette of Rolling Hills and Mrs. Etta Smith of Torrance are grandparents; Mrs. Stella Frelligh of Torrance is the great-grandmother.

Announcing a first arrival, a 7 lb. girl, are Dr. and Mrs. Norbert J. Fahey, 1616 W. 206th St. She arrived July 1 at 7 p.m. and is welcomed by her grandparents, Messrs. and Mesdames John Wilhelm of Elyria, Ohio, and P. H. Fahey of Milwaukee, Wis.

Other July 1 arrivals are Jeffrey, son of the Herbert C. Clark, 21125 Hobart Blvd., and an 8 lb. 10½ oz. daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Homer C. Karr, 28839 Buckskin Lane.

The Clark infant, who arrived at 12:35 a.m., weighing 6 lbs. 2½ oz., joins four other children, Gregory, 9; Jonathan, 4; Linda, 3; and Timothy, 2. Father is employed as a sales representative at Hale-Young Ford; Messrs. and Mesdames Curtis W. Clark, 1539 W. 266th St., Harbor City, and E. W. Egbert, 1744 Greenwood Ave., are grandparents.

Patricia Karr is a marine engineer at Long Beach Naval Shipyard. He and his wife have two other daughters, Nancy Elizabeth, 5½, and Deborah June, 3. Grandparents are Messrs. and Mesdames Alfred T. Karr of Schory of San Diego.

Joan Dianne, 10, and Susan Jane, 5, daughters of Dr. and Mrs. Glen Grimsley, are welcoming a new sister, 7 lb. 7½ oz. Margaret Ann, into their Riviera home. The baby girl arrived June 30 at 3:20 a.m. Father is director of research at Psychological Services, Inc., and industrial psychology professor at the University of Southern California. Mr. and Mrs. H. E. McRay of Redondo Beach are grandparents.

The 17220 Falda Ave. home of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Strauke has a new resident, also born on June 30. The 7 lb. son, named Richard Charles, arrived at 10:42 p.m. and joins two sisters, Donna May, 6, and Linda Lee, 3. Father is a milkman with Hudson Dairy; grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Lamont of Gardena, and Margaret Strauke of Huntington Park.

Two second arrivals, but the first male heir for each family, were born June 29.

Charles J. Somal III, born at 2:53 p.m., is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Somal Jr., 21130 S. Denker Ave. He weighed 8 lbs. 4 oz. at birth and joins a three-year-old sister, Helma, 3 p.m. He is employed at Douglas Aircraft Co.; Messrs. and Mmes. Charles J. Somal Sr. and Cloyd Stauffer, all of Morristown, N. J., are grandparents.

Joseph Victor is the first male child born to the Joseph Corcos, 826 Cranbrook Ave. Born at 10:17 p.m., he has one sister, Susan, 1½. Father is manager of 101 Bowling Center; Mrs. J. M. Miller of Bakersfield is the grandmother.

Another July 3 arrival is tiny

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Hal Mark, 4 lb. 3 oz., son of Hal Banbrooks, 2838 Eldorado St., born at 4:12 p.m., the baby boy joins one sister, Linda Lorraine, 3. Father is employed at Northrop Aviation; grandparents are Messrs. and Mesdames Frank Banbrooks of Los Angeles and Laurence Hickman of Gilman, Colo. Grandparent business was booming in Torrance this week as Mr. Stork dropped two new arrivals at Torrance Memorial Hospital.

Fire Chief J. J. Benner and his wife, 1728 Andree Ave., became grandparents again when the wife of their son, Melvin L., gave birth to an 8 lb. son July 7. Born at 7:27 p.m., the new baby has been named Michael Alan. He joins a two and a half year-old brother, Melvin Jay, in the 1110 Cerise Ave. home of his parents. Father is an accountant with Firestone Tire and Rubber Co.; maternal grandparents are Col. and Mrs. Roger Dutch Jones, 2010 Arlington Ave.; Florence Iren Logan of

Fort Wayne, Ind.; and William Logan of Denver, Colo. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kent Check, 21125½ S. Figueroa St., the same day was their first child, 6 lb. 8 oz. Steven Kent. Father of the new infant is a commercial fisherman; the Ebra Busicks, 21302 Archibald St., and the Charles Frank Checks of Gardena are grandparents.

### ANNOUNCE BIRTH OF DAUGHTER

Announcing the arrival of a Fourth of July baby, an 8 lb. 3 oz. daughter, are Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Garland, 1661 W. 204th St. Born at San Pedro Community Hospital, the little girl has one brother, Roger, 2. Easy Mfg. Co.; grandparents are Mrs. Ruth Garland, 1808 Greenshaw Blvd., and Ernest Pump-O-Williams, former residents of

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