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## ZAMPERINI HOME FROM TRIUMPHS ABROAD MERCHANTS TO HOLD 3-DAY FESTIVAL

### Sept. 10, 11, 12 Dates of Event

#### Prizes and Contests Scheduled For Silver Anniversary Celebration

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, September 10, 11, 12, will be Big Days in Torrance!

On these dates the merchants have planned a holiday of fun and frolic that will out-frolic any similar event ever held in this city. The affair is in celebration of the twenty-fifth birthday of the City of Torrance, and it will be known as the Silver Anniversary Festival.

#### Committee

At a dinner meeting last night in Cooky's new banquet room attended by over 25 Torrance merchants, the committee responsible for the idea as well as all arrangements was introduced. They are: Dean Sears, manager of the Bank of America, chairman; Alden Smith, optometrist; Hillman Lee, manager of J. C. Penney Co.; Jake Lepkin, tailor; Al Robinson, manager of the Star Department Store; and San Levy, merchant.

#### Speaker

Remarking that no dinner was complete without a speaker, Alden Smith introduced H. B. Solloway, San Pedro merchant, and member of the merchants' division of the San Pedro Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Solloway was instrumental in organizing the merchants of his city who since have shown a remarkable example in cooperation and what it will do for a community. The speaker emphasized the need for 100% cooperation on the part of every merchant if a town is to be successful in keeping its trade at home.

#### Prizes, Contests

The program as outlined by Alden Smith, who acted as master of ceremonies last night, is as follows:

Coupons will be given by all participating merchants with each 25c purchase, beginning today and continuing up to Friday night.

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## AMATEUR SHOW SCHEDULED AS FEATURE OF 3-DAY FESTIVAL

\$10, \$5, and \$2.50 in Prizes Will Go To the Three Most Outstanding Amateur Contest Performers

Amateurs, here's your chance!

As we go to press, word comes from the committee in charge of arrangements for the Merchants' Silver Anniversary Festival that amateur entertainers, old or young, male or female, will be given an opportunity to display their talents in a big Amateur Show to be held in the civic auditorium on Saturday night, Sept. 12, at 9 o'clock.

#### Cash Prizes

Three cash prizes will go to the winners, \$10 in silver dollars, first prize; \$5, second prize, and \$2.50, third prize. All persons with theatrical aspirations are invited to participate. Any and all forms of entertainment will be permitted... dancing, singing, piccolo playing, etc., etc.

The Amateur Show will precede the awarding of \$25, the latter taking place at 10 o'clock Saturday night, as the climax of the three-day event.

Following the award the seats

## FEDERAL GRANT FOR BUILDINGS GETS ICKES O.K.

#### Plenty Money Available in City Budget to Finance City's Share

Secretary Ickes has approved PWA grants for the erection of a new administration building adjoining the Torrance civic auditorium, a storage building for auditorium equipment, and a fire hall to replace the present structure next to the city hall on Cravens avenue. This information was brought to the city council Tuesday afternoon by P. A. Eisen, architect, who stated that all that remains before final approval is given is the issuance of a Presidential order, which is taken for granted, and should be forthcoming within thirty days.

With this almost certain assurance of securing the federal grants, members of the city council authorized Walker & Eisen, architects, to proceed with plans for the buildings and present the drawings at next Tuesday's meeting of the city council.

The city's share of the cost of erecting the three buildings will be approximately \$18,000, Mayor Stanger states, and funds are available in the city budget without issuing bonds. In fact, there still will be a large unallocated fund in the budget after paying for the buildings, Stanger added. This is due to the fact that the city advanced money out of the general fund to pay a portion of the federal government's share of the civic center buildings, which money is now coming in from the PWA.

## Two Arrested For Stealing At Columbia

#### Company Erecting Barbed Wire Fence At Plant As a Protection

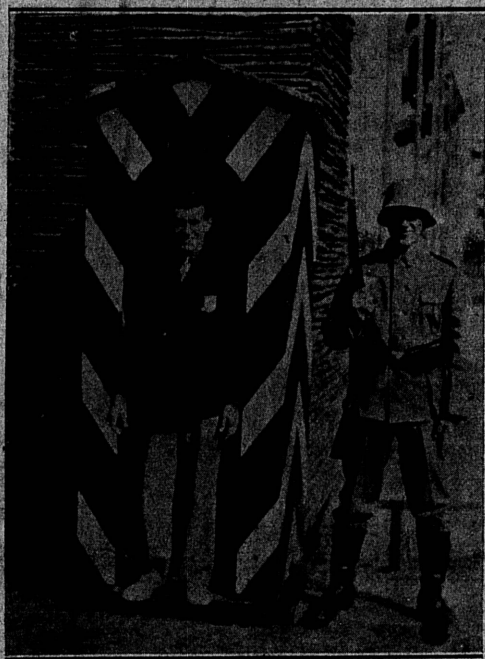
Arrested last Thursday night and charged with stealing a quantity of pipe from the Columbia Steel Company, Ted Malmes, 17, and J. R. Bigness, 23, were sentenced this week by Judge Lossing to 15 days each in the county jail. When arrested, both young men pleaded not guilty and demanded a jury trial, but later changed their pleas to guilty. Malmes gave his address at 182nd and Hickman street, Torrance, and Bigness gave his address at 4475 Rosecrans avenue, Lawndale, according to police reports.

As a protection against such thefts, which have occurred at numerous times, E. M. Barber, general superintendent of the Columbia Steel Company plant here, announced this week that the company was erecting an eight-foot barbed wire fence around the Torrance plant.

#### BUS DRIVER EXAM

A city board of education examination for the position of bus driver will be given on Wednesday, September 10. All applications must be filed in Room 838 Chamber of Commerce building, Los Angeles, not later than 3:00 p. m., Wednesday, September 9.

## LOUIE IS IN THE GUARDHOUSE NOW



The situation is not very serious, though, as the broad grins on the faces of the Yankee runner and the Nazi guard indicate. Just one of the many odd nooks that Zamperini looked into while he was carrying the message of Torrance to the folks overseas.

## Dinner and Dance

#### Given Friday Night In Honor of Louis Zamperini, Home From Europe

All Torrance is invited to attend the dinner, given by the Chamber of Commerce Friday evening, in honor of Louis Zamperini who has just returned from a tour of European conquest in athletics. The dinner will be held at the Woman's Club, at 6:30 p. m., and tickets are on sale at 75 cents per plate. There will be no charge for the dance and everyone is invited.

Mayor W. H. Stanger, Secretary L. J. Gilmeister and other officials will greet the honored guest and offer the thanks of the community for his great efforts abroad where he put Torrance definitely on the world map, by his great showing in the distance runs at the Olympic Games in Berlin and in many other countries where he appeared as a member of the United States barn-storming team in important meets.

Louis will tell something of his experiences as a member of the United States Olympic team, an honor that seldom falls to a boy of 19 years.

#### Principal Speakers

Highlights of the after dinner program will be comment on the Olympic Games by Sam Berry and Julie Besos, both of the coaching staff of the University of Southern California. It is also planned to have Berry and Besos interview Louis Zamperini on his experiences abroad.

Following the dinner the crowd and all others who are unable to attend the banquet are invited to adjourn to the civic auditorium where Jack Gledhill's seven-piece orchestra will play for a big free dance. Everyone who knows Louis or admires his prowess as an athlete in this or other communities nearby is invited to attend the dance and greet the returning champion.

Arrangements for the greeting Tuesday night and the dinner

## EARLY MORNING FREIGHT TRAIN PUT IN SERVICE

#### Local Merchants and Industries To Get Door Deliveries at 8 A. M.

To meet the demands of local merchants and industries, the Pacific Electric Railway, according to an announcement of W. H. Bratton, local agent, has this week added an early morning merchandise train to its Torrance schedule. The new service will add several thousand dollars annually to operating costs, but the company feels that with this latest addition it now has a service that will meet the requirements of all shippers and receivers of freight and express in this district.

The morning train will give local merchants 8 a. m. store-door deliveries of goods from Los Angeles handled in connection with the Pacific Motor Transport Co. This train will also carry less-than-carload freight handled in coordination with the fast Southern Pacific Company package car service from eastern points and will result in a saving of a full day in transit time.

#### Afternoon Train

The afternoon merchandise train which was placed in operation the early part of this year, has proven very popular. This train carries freight from San Francisco and other northern points. In connection with this train, freight picked up in San Francisco by the Pacific Motor Transport Company up to 5 p. m., is delivered in Torrance by 4 p. m. the next day.

For freight forwarded from Torrance, the Pacific Electric now has a train leaving here at 3:30 p. m. which makes connections with all Southern Pacific package cars going east and north. Freight picked up in Torrance up to 3 p. m. by the Pacific Motor Transport Company is delivered in San Francisco before noon the next day.

The company also operates two express runs to and from Torrance daily and in addition rush packages such as air express are handled on the hourly passenger trains.

## Leg Broken In Odd Accident

Mrs. Minnie Anderson, money order clerk at the postoffice, returned to work on crutches Monday, after two weeks' enforced vacation. Mrs. Anderson stepped into a hole in the pavement as she was getting out of her car which twisted her ankle and she fell, breaking the shinbone of one leg.

#### GET WATER SERVICE

Residents of North Torrance will soon have water service as the result of action taken by the city council Tuesday evening. Fred Weber was authorized to lay the service pipes and a lease was made with the American States Water Company to furnish the water. A fire hydrant will also be installed.

#### GARAGE BURNS

The Lomita fire department was called to put out a fire in a garage at 25621 Lucille street last night, owner Charles Spencer. Damage of about \$250 was done.

## Olympic Games Hero at Home

#### City Turns Out Tuesday Night To Welcome Young Athlete Back to Torrance

Louis Zamperini, the pride of Torrance, came home last Tuesday night. After two months of roaming across the seas, astounding the spectators at the Olympic Games in Berlin, and in many other meets in Europe and the British Isles with his speed and endurance, the home town kid comes back to reap the reward of a home town welcome.

Louie arrived at the Southern Pacific station, Los Angeles, at 9:45 Tuesday night. A city police car driven by Capt. John Stroh, carried the boy's parents, brother and sisters to the station to meet Louie at the train and with a blare of siren and a burst of speed brought him thru the city down Western avenue to 190th street.

On a Throne Here Louie was taken from the car and placed on a "throne" built on a city truck. Surrounded by a picked guard of six of his former high school team mates he was brought into the city to the Pacific Electric station where the Torrance municipal band and a huge crowd of Torrance friends and admirers waited to greet him. The band played and the crowd roared their salutations to the young first citizen of Torrance who has brought so much renown to this community.

Delegations Meet Him Besides his parents a delegation of friends met him at the depot, joined at 190th and Western by another flock of impatient admirers and as the cavalcade roared into the city led by Traffic Officer Ernest Ashton on his motorcycle the fire siren roared out its signal to the rest of the city that the party had arrived.

Several hundred people had gathered at the depot and their welcome to Louis was a genuine outburst of friendship and admiration. For half an hour the boy was kept busy shaking hands, answering questions that were popped from all sides and posing for his picture. Louie's comments on his trip abroad were full of humor that kept

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California celebrated its first Labor Day holiday on May 11, 1886, when the workers of San Francisco observed the first anniversary of the organization of the Iron Trades Council, the day being declared a legal holiday by Governor George Stoneman. The state observed the first regular September holiday in 1891.

## Mayor of New York

#### Sends Greetings to Torrance; Notice Of Presentation of Medal

Although he was not present in person to receive it, Louis Zamperini and his friends in Torrance heard the address today in which Louis was complimented for his part in the Olympic games and presented with a commemorative medal given by the City of New York.

Mayor F. H. LaGuardia made the presentation speech, which was a part of the public recognition given by New York to the members of the United States Olympic teams.

In a telegram to Mayor W. H. Stanger of Torrance, received yesterday morning, Mayor LaGuardia says:

"New York City extends its hand in congratulation to your city for the splendid part which your fellow townsman Louis Zamperini played in the 1936 Olympic Games. We are paying a well deserved tribute to him on Thursday, September 3rd, by presenting him with a commemorative medal of the City of New York. This program will be broadcast in your city from 3:30 to 4:00 p. m. Eastern Daylight-saving time. It occurs to me that you might wish to notify his friends and relatives so that they might share the joy of this occasion.

"(Signed) F. H. LaGuardia, Mayor of New York City."

Eastern daylight-saving time is four hours later than Pacific Coast time, so that the broadcast came over the air this morning at 11:30 o'clock.

Louis will probably receive his medal by mail later.