ZAMPERINI BID TO N. Y. C. INDOOR MEET

Will Compete with Don Lash Fourth Time if Permitted

By BOB LEWELLEN

Louis Zamperini, Torrance high school's greatest contribution to the sports world, America's No. 1 man in the 5,000-meter run in the Berlin Olympic Games and world's interacholastic mile-run champion, received a wire yesterday inviting him to compete in the annual indoor national championship 5,000-meter run at Madison Square Garden, New York, Feb. 27.

LASH

ZAMPERINI ...needs okay

Although he has not finally decided on accepting the bid, Louis is seriously considering the offer. The crux of the whole matter depends on University of Southern California authorities. Because the Torrance trackster is enrolled as a freshman at the U. S. C., he must obtain the consent of the university heads before participatinig in the New York sports event.

Raced Three Times

Zamperini, who has smashed the 4:20 mark in the mile run on two occasions since entering U. S. C. in September, says he is in better shape now than he has ever been in his track career. He is eager to participate in the Madison Square Garden attraction.

If he obtains the U. S. C. permission to attend, he will run against Don Lash, America's greatest long distance runner and holder of the national 5,000-meter run record and the world's two-mile run record, the latter formerly held by Paavo Nurmi of Finland. Louis and Lash have met in three previous events.

The first time these two stellar runners was in the Olympic try-outs in New York. This race ended in a tie and both boys earned a berth on the American Olympic team. The second and third times were in Berlin in the final of the 5,000-meter event and in the British Empire meet in London. Zamperini won both of these races over Lash—but not over the field.

Must Switch Training

It is reported that Lash is hoping the Torrance boy can accept the invitation and compete in the New York arena next month, giving him a chance to test his prowess against the Torrance tornado. Lash won a race last week in the east, coming within eight seconds of breaking the world's 3,000-meter run record, held by Nurmi. The Indiana trackster is also reported in better condition now than he was at the time of the Berlin games.

Zamperini has been training for the mile run. He must obtain the consent of U. S. C., authorities at once in order to switch his training regime over to get in shape for the three miles, 188 yard grind that is the 5,000 meter jaunt.

Providing he enters, the Madison Square Garden meet would be Zamperini's first essay into indoor track competition.

LOMITA PARK BEING SOUGHT

John Welte Proposes Site on Eshelman Avenue

If the efforts of John W. Welte, Lomita realtor, are successful, that community will have a park. Welte has interviewed Supervisor Leland M. Ford for the Lomita Chamber of Commerce regarding the project and states that the site under consideration is the old Edwards estate of six and one-half acres located on Eshelman avenue. There are a number of other locations that would be suitable, Welte points out, if this site cannot be obtained.

Supervisor Ford and J. R. Wimmer, county forester, have consulted members of the Lomita chamber regarding the proposal. Although no definite step has as yet been taken, Welte says that he would personally back the circulation of a petition in behalf of the move.

"We need the unanimous support of the people of Lomita," Welte said. "We must forget petty bickering and differences among our citizens, and for once have unanimity of effort in a common cause. Then we will have a good chance of getting the park."

In his appeal for the park, Welte also said that Lomita is one district, that there is no "north" and "south" sections in the district, insisting that such a division is against the interests of all local residents.

Bowlers Continue Games Tonight

Union Icemen Leading In Monticello Tourney

With the Union Icemen out in front, the Industrial league bowling teams continue their tournament tonight at the Monticello alleys. The Icemen continued their lead last week by rolling up high score of 2,617, followed by Fenwick Shoe Shop, 2,497; Westinghouse Refrigerators, 2,483; Soule Steel, 2,440; Torrance Plumbing company, 2,357; Stephens cafe, 2,336; National Supply, 2,324, and Acme Beer, 2,064.

Individual scores by teammembers were: UNION ICE—J. Clark, 499; L. Sommers, 506; C. Quayle, 517; D. Goddard, 557; J. Raule, 538. FENWICK—R. Quayle, 537; L. Deininger, 499; E. McDonald, 405; D. Merritt, 524; E. Schwartz, 532. WESTINGHOUSE—F. Kroll, 497; W. Ritzler, 499; M. Marshall, 436; E. Forbes, 498; B. E. Scott, 553. SOULE—F. Henderson, 489; L. Boudreaux, 488; S. Henderson, 407; J. Webb, 493; R. Clark, 511.

TORRANCE PLUMBING—G. Sullivan, 536; G. Emerson, 443; F. L. Parks, 341; O. McWhirter, 441; F. Mowry, 412. STEPHENS—L. Pesce, 505; G. Wilson, 402; B. Fine, 436; T. Stephens, 441; C. Romeo, 542. NATIONAL SUPPLY—J. Siegfried, 437; F. Knorr, 458; M. Thorpe, 535; W. Burgener, 448; S. Landreth, 448. ACME—B. Campisi, 437; J. Cole, 362; E. Brower, 394; H. Campisi, 425, and L. Foto, 446.

Bowling Standings

In Industrial League

Standings of the teams entered in the Industrial league bowling tourney, now in progress at the Monticello alleys here, were as follows this week:

Team	W.	L.
Union Ice	33	19
Fenwick Shoe	32	20
Westinghouse	30	22
Nat'l Supply	30	22
Acme Beer	25	27
Stevens Cafe	21	31
Soule Steel	20	32
Tor. Plumbing	17	35

WOMAN DRIVER BLAMED BY BOY

Bobby Bratton of 1926 Gramercy avenue, blames a woman motorist for wrecking his bicycle Friday evening on Sartori avenue. Witnesses have furnished a license number, said to be that of the offending driver, to police and Bobby. But he has not decided on legal action.

Juvenile Crime Probed

LONDON, (U.P.)—Sir John Simon has ordered a thorough investigation of a reported alarming increase in juvenile crime in England.

Maycos Nip Lomitans, 4 to 3

A three-run rally in the fourth inning saved the day for the barn-storming Mayco All-Stars in their game last Sunday afternoon with the Lomita Merchants at the Torrance park diamond. Those three gallops added to one made by the Maycos in the opening canto topped the brilliant performance of Joe Venable of the Merchant crew in the fifth when the Lomitans made three runs. The final score was 4 to 3.

Venable, rightfielder, smacked out a round-trip with two on. The All-Stars' pyrotechnics were kept to a minimum by the sensational fielding of Palica in center who kept the visitors' hits down to six. A sizable crowd of fans was on hand for the game despite the inclement weather and all were pleased by the showing each team made.

After Ky Patalano relieved Pat Malone, who had a hard time getting the ball over the plate in his three innings, the invading league players were completely baffled by the Merchants and held to just a pair of hits. Malone walked four and hit one batter during his tour of duty on the mound for the Merchants.

Player Croons Solos

The Mayco used Darrow, of Birmingham, Ala., and Presnell, of Milwaukee's American Association team, as pitchers with Lawrence catching. The latter's backstop performance was equalled, if not bettered by Catcher League of the Lomitans.

One of the extra attractions of the afternoon was Vince Di Maggio's pair of crooning solos over the public address system. Di Maggio, younger brother of the famed Yankee player and a member of the San Diego Coast League team, received an ovation for his vocal efforts. Fans agreed that if he ever gets out of a baseball job he can do some creditable pinch-hitting on the radio or stage.

Statistics on the game, one of the best seen in this neighborhood in months, show that Malone struck out two, Presnell the same number and Patalano four. Malone allowed four hits, Patalano two, Darrow three and Presnell two. Two-base hits were credited to McDonald, Lawrence and Richardson of the Mayco team. The box score:

MAYCO

	AB	R	H
Wilburn, ss.	4	0	0
McDonald, 1b.	4	0	1
Durst, lf.	4	1	0
Di Maggio, cf.	4	0	0
Gear, 2b.	5	0	1
Richardson, 3b.	4	1	2
Jacobs, rf.	4	1	1
Lawrence, c.	3	1	1
Darrow, p.	2	0	0
Presnell, p.	1	0	0
Totals	35	4	6

LOMITA

	AB	R	H
Palica, cf.	4	0	0
J. Venable, rf.	4	1	1
League, c.	4	0	1
S. Venable, 2b.	2	0	0
Grant, 1b.	4	0	1
Markham, 3b.	3	0	0
Eppley, lf.	4	0	0
Chambers, ss.	2	1	1
Malone, p.	0	0	0
Patalano, p.	3	1	0
Morris, ss.	2	0	1
Totals	32	3	5

Score by innings:

Mayco	100 300 000	4
Merchants	000 030 000	3

Leuzinger Lad In Trouble Here

Charged with the theft of a local high school student's bicycle from the rack in front of the institution early this week, a 15-year-old Leuzinger high school student was arrested in Hawthorne Tuesday. He had sold the wheel to a second-hand goods dealer there who reported its number to deputy sheriffs. Their investigations revealed the theft.

The boy-defendant was lodged in the city jail here pending a preliminary hearing before City Judge Robert Lessing Wednesday. He was bound over to the juvenile court and released to juvenile authorities.

Life Owed to Belt Buckle

BOSTON. (U. P.) — Robert Mino's belt buckle saved his life. Mino, an Oakland, Calif., carnival worker, was shot by a bandit. The bullet struck the buckle, ricocheted, and made only a superficial wound in his side.

ALONG MARINE LEAGUE HOOPSTER FRONTS

Leuzinger Holds Lead in Race For Title

Leuzinger's varsity basketball team continued its lead in the Marine League and jumped a notch nearer the championship last Friday when it thumped the Gardena five, 20 to 14, in a tight game played at Inglewood. Jewell, Leuzinger center, tallied eight points to lead his squad. Leuzinger had a 16 to 10 lead at the half but close guarding held the scoring to a minimum the final period.

The San Pedro-El Segundo cage games, slated for last Friday between varsity and Class B teams, were postponed because the Oiler teams had been hit by influenza and were unable to muster full complements. Whether the games would be declared forfeited or ordered played at a later date has not been announced, the decision resting with board of education officials.

ANITA TRACK STANDING UP

Course Will Be Dry and Fast for Big Races

With the Santa Anita racing strip labelled dry and fast, preparations are going forward to bring to the post more of the 88 eligibles for the $100,000 added Santa Anita Handicap, to be run Feb. 27, and the record number of candidates for the $50,000 Santa Anita Derby, Feb. 22.

The track stood up remarkably well in the "unusually" heavy rainfall that has been recorded since the meeting opened on Christmas Day. All told, there has been some 15 inches, as compared to about two last season, and while the rain has mostly been at night, it has soaked the track and made heavy going to interfere with training.

But some of the top stake horses have been under colors. Outstanding was the performance of Stand Pat in winning the six-furlong Santa Margarita Stake and another Canadian-owned horse, Tempestuous, the New Year Stake. The racing up-to-date has been most formful, more than 40 percent of the favorites winning.

Main interest, however, centers in other favorites who have not yet appeared. Top Row is coming along and owner A. A. Baroni says he has every hope of getting last year's champion ready. Time Supply has been laid up but is galloping satisfactorily and they will soon go to work on him in earnest. Rosemont with his "shelly" feet has not been asked for any severe tests in the heavy going, although Trainer Dick Handlen reports him fit and ready.

CAGE GAMES NEAR CLOSE

Nearing its close, the Marine League basketball season continues this afternoon with Gardena and Torrance's Class C and D teams playing at Gardena. Because Leuzinger and San Pedro have no pee-wee quintets Narbonne and El Segundo's C's and D's will not see action.

Friday afternoon, Torrance varsity and Class B teams play at Gardena. Other Marine engagements for the upper division quintets are: Leuzinger at El Segundo and Narbonne at San Pedro.

REVOLVER SCORES

Averages to Jan. 11

	Strings	Avg.
Freeman	3	268.00
Bennett	7	267.15
Stanger	9	266.66
March	5	260.40
DeBra	7	255.28
Travioli	5	248.40
Grant	3	244.00
Calder	3	231.33
Medicus	6	225.66
Schumacher	6	213.66
J. Morgan	6	213.50
Stroh	3	201.33
Sherman	5	181.40

Walteria Playground Back Rent Is Paid

The city of Torrance paid up its back-rent on the Walteria playground, leased from the Venable estate, Tuesday night when the council voted to authorize the payment of $10 a month from July 1 last. This was requested by executors of the estate.

Tartars Swamp Narbonne for First Win

Starting with a rush from the first toss-up, the Torrance varsity basketball team swamped the Narbonne five, 32 to 16, at Lomita last Friday afternoon and entered the victory column of Marine League results for the first time in three tries.

Hall, center for the Tartars, lead in the scoring race, annexing 12 points. The game was a distinct triumph for Coach Bert Merrill as he has been and is being hampered by lack of material—especially reserves.

The Torrance Bees took a bad beating from Narbonne's lights, losing 39 to 6. They have yet to chalk up a victory in league competition this season. The varsity line-ups were:

Torrance (32)		Narbonne (16)
Maupin (5)	F	Okada (1)
Sleeth (8)	F	Sullivan (8)
Hall (12)	C	Haag (2)
Nady (2)	G	Kincannon (2)
Powell (5)	G	Luedke (0)

Marble Tourney Date Changed

Recreation Center Scene of New Activities

The marble tournament, announced last week by the Recreation Center, has been postponed until Jan. 23. All boys desiring to enter, should leave their names at the ball park and bring their own marbles to the contest play.

Last Friday the Get-Together Club went to Long Beach where 39 members enjoyed skating. This club is now holding a membership drive and any boy or girl 13 years of age or over may join by attending the meetings held Tuesday evenings, 7 o'clock, at 1916 Border street. A change in the name of the organization has been suggested. At the present time the club has 85 members.

Free instruction in knitting, crocheting, embroidery and dress designing is being given by the Recreation department at its Border street headquarters. Adults and high school student classes are forming.

Athletics Postpone Election

Because only a few members showed up for the session, the meeting of the Torrance Athletic Club to elect new officers was postponed Monday night until Monday, Jan. 25. At that time all members are urged to be present at 7:30 o'clock in the Chamber of Commerce.

Badminton play in the civic auditorium, which was interrupted by the recent holidays, will be resumed Tuesday night, Jan. 19. There are four courts available and all residents are invited to participate in the free games. These are sponsored by the Athletic club.

Some spirited basketball games are being played every Tuesday and Thursday nights at the high school gymnasium by adult teams formed under the auspices of the club. Admission to these games, which begin at 7:30 o'clock, is free.

Scouting Backed By City for $500

Once more the city of Torrance showed its interest in Boy Scout work here when the city council voted Tuesday night to meet the assessment of $500 for last year's activities. The account was rendered in detail by the Metropolitan Los Angeles office of the Scout organization.

The city contributed $450 for 1934's activities but increased its appropriation this time because Torrance has two troops operating. There are 90 local boys enrolled in Scout work here. The cost of the Scouting program is spread over the entire metropolitan area, each city being assessed on a boy-population basis.

Your rent money will buy a home.

Those interested should obtain full information at the Center.

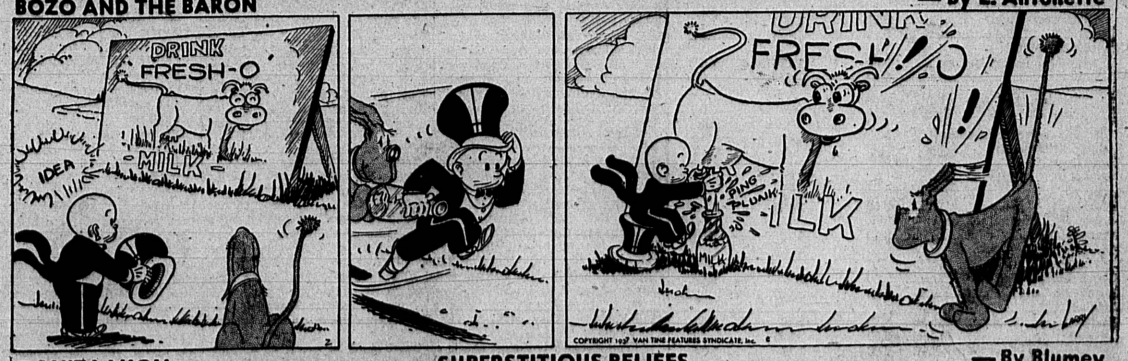
A party given by the Needlecraft Club at the ball park last Saturday was well attended. There were games, prizes awarded and refreshments served. Girls wishing to join this Recreation-sponsored club will find many kinds of sewing to interest them and all are welcome.

Pistoleers Win Over Deputies

By the narrow margin of six points, a Torrance revolver club team defeated five deputy sheriffs from sub-station No. 1, in the second match of their contest held at the local range last Friday. The scores were: Torrance, 1274; sub-station No. 1, 1268. In the first match, the local officers won handily, 1301 to 1241.

Hugh Eckersley's 272 in the first match was high for the entire event. Deputy Sheriff Freeman's 268 was high for the visiting squad. The local team was composed of Bennett, Anderle, Stanger, DeBra and Eckersley.

BOZO AND THE BARON — By L. Antonette



DON'T LAUGH — SUPERSTITIOUS BELIEFS — By Blumey

THE SENDER OF THE 7TH WEDDING GIFT TO BE OPENED BY THE BRIDE WILL BE THE NEXT PERSON TO BE MARRIED.

SIAMESE BUILD MINIATURE HOUSES ON STILTS AS HOMES FOR THE SPIRITS OF DECEASED KINFOLK.

ARABS WEAR LEATHER LOCKETS CONTAINING PRAYERS TO PROTECT THEM FROM BEING MURDERED, POISONED OR DROWNED.

MANY HILLFOLK BELIEVE THAT AN EAGLE'S BODY IS SO HOT THAT ITS EGGS WOULD BE DESTROYED UNLESS THEY WERE PLACED AMONG COLD STONES.