"THEY'RE OFF!" SATURDAY AT BEAUTIFUL SANTA ANITA PARK

Santa Anita Park, widely-heralded as a show place of Southern California and a recognized major tourist attraction, opens its gates on Saturday to usher in the sixth season of winter racing.

The $10,000-added California Breeders Champion Stakes, richest event of the year for homebreds, will headline the opening card of eight races that start at 1 p.m., one-half hour earlier than the regular post time.

There will be a change next week of the schedule of racing on each Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday afternoon. A holiday program, topped by the $10,000-added New Year Handicap, is to be staged on Monday and there will be no racing on Wednesday. Thereafter the four-day-a-week schedule will be followed from Wednesday through Saturday, starting at 1:30 p.m.

The innovation of having no racing on Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays will give the thousands of visitors an opportunity to visit the shops and other points of interest.

Santa Anita Park has been beautified since last season and everything is in readiness to entertain banner gatherings on Saturday and the New Year Day holiday that follows on Monday. The outstanding turf classics—the $100,000-added Santa Anita Handicap on March 2 and the $50,000-added Santa Anita Derby on February 22—are attracting international interest to establish Santa Anita Park as the winter racing center of the world.

Zamperini Runs In Bowl Dec. 31

Arriving in New Orleans Monday, Louie Zamperini, Torrance's famed miler and captain-elect of the 1940 Trojan track team, immediately began workouts preparatory to the Sugar Bowl mile event which is scheduled to be run Sunday, Dec. 31.

Zamperini left Los Angeles Friday night with the good wishes of some 50 friends for his first win of the winter track season in his ears. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Zamperini of Torrance were present to bid him goodby. He will return to the Southland immediately after the New Orleans race.

In mid-January he will again take a train for New York City where he will participate in some of the outstanding eastern indoor track meets. Louie will run unattached.

Runs in Black Suit

He told local friends that he had packed his old black track suit for the Sugar Bowl race and will thus appear in the garb which he wore when he first shot into the sports spotlight as a sensational high school runner.

World-famous athletes in many sports are competing in the Sugar Bowl's festival of athletic events which began Tuesday night with a basketball game between the University of Kentucky and Ohio State University. Other competition is scheduled in tennis, boxing, rowing, and track before the climax football game between Tulane University and Texas A. & M. on New Year's Day.

Zamperini will race against Don Lash, Indiana distance star, Glen Cunningham, Archie San Romani, Blaine Rideout and Chuck Fenske. It is possible that the mile event will be broadcast over a nation-wide network.

TREE LIGHTS STOLEN

All of the ornamental lights which illuminated Christmas trees in front of the J. W. Post home on Post avenue were stolen Thursday night, according to police. Lights on a number of other residences on Post avenue were also molested.

STATE PICNICS

MICHIGAN . . . Another great Michigan picnic will be held in Sycamore Grove Park, Los Angeles, Saturday, Jan. 6, 1940. Basket lunch at noon. Free hot coffee will be furnished with Michigan badges. A short program will follow after lunch.

Christmas Passes at Hospital Without Birth of Baby

For the first time in several years, Christmas Day passed without the arrival of a Christmas baby at Torrance Memorial hospital this year.

The nearest to come to that honor was a son, born to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Abraham of 215 Pearl street, Redondo Beach, at 4:10 a.m., Christmas Eve, Dec. 24. Other new arrivals during the week at the hospital were:

A son to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bell, 1819 Cabrillo, on Tuesday;

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gleason of Los Angeles, last Thursday, and

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Zola Holinger, Redondo Beach, Friday.

Alumni Dance New Year's Eve

Plans for the first annual New Year's Eve ball of the Torrance high school Alumni Association to be held in the Hollywood Riviera club from 10 o'clock Sunday night, Dec. 31, until 2 o'clock Monday morning, have been completed, according to Thomas McNeil, association president. Gaily-colored confetti, balloons and noisemakers galore will add to the fun and festivity of the occasion.

WORST FIRE SEASON

California has just experienced its most disastrous forest fire season in 15 years, with 7980 fires burning over 643,300 acres.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bouring of San Pedro, and Mr. and Mrs. Bebe Longnevan of Los Angeles were the holiday dinner guests of **Mrs. Butler,** 1819 Cabrillo.

Indians Beat L. B. Merchants

Scoring eight runs out of 13 hits, the Torrance-Lomita Indians triumphed over the North Long Beach Merchants, 8 to 4, last Sunday at the Torrance city park diamond. Lefty DeHoag and Mapes held the Merchants to nine hits while Stadnick served as backstop for the Indians.

The local club hit McGahan, former Torrance high school twirler, all over the lot. Rhem, Indian second baseman, collected three hits during the afternoon while Brown, Conroy and Rivera got two each.

Bob Rivera, a new youngster from Fremont high school, looked good on first base and will be with the Indians in the future, according to Manager Walt Morris.

There will be no game next Sunday, Dec. 31, on account of New Year's Eve festivities. The Indians will open their 1940 campaign with the Detroit Juniors on Sunday, Jan. 7 at the Torrance park.

House Rented at Cost of 25c Thru Classified Ad

This story repeats itself dozens of times each month. Advertisers using Herald-News Classified Ads get their places rented quicker and keep them rented better—at small cost.

A lady on Andreo avenue called: "Stop my ad! I've had 30 people calling but leased my home for a year to the second caller." She would not let us use her name or number of the street—but, they can be had on request. Why don't you try a mighty "two-bit" ad to rent a room or home?

Chinese service stations are being re-designed to meet the emergent needs of war. Two-wheeled carts filled with cans of motor fuel and drawn by oxen will be parked on highways used by munitions and supply trucks. Caravans of these new mobile service stations will haul oil supplies to the front.

Only One Arrest Here Christmas

Only one arrest was made by Torrance police on Christmas Day and their prisoner bailed himself out of jail before it was time for dinner.

He was Pilar Olvera, 38, of House 19, 203rd street, who was charged with driving while intoxicated. Police chased him for several blocks trying to stop his erratic course but he crashed into a parked car owned by Mrs. Jack Pyle before he was nabbed. Olvera was a "very tough hombre," officers said. He will appear for trial Jan. 2.

A captive fox that escaped from its pen Christmas Day and managed to kill several chickens in the vicinity of Hawthorne avenue and Emerald street was captured after a neighborhood chase. The owner of the animal "made good" the loss of the chickens and police reported "everyone was happy" except the out-foxed fox.

One traffic injury was reported. Mrs. Sherman W. Tapp of Los Angeles suffered a back injury when the tire of a car driven by her husband blew out causing the machine to hit a curb and turn over at Highway 101 and Newton street in Walteria. Mrs. Tapp was given emergency treatment at Torrance Memorial hospital.

Angeleno to Speak at Harbor C. C. Meeting Here

Principal speaker at the annual dinner-meeting of the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce in the Civic Auditorium Jan. 11 will be Kirk Hill, owner of the Los Angeles Rubber company that bears his name. He will speak on his observations of business conditions made during an extended trip throughout the mid-west, east and eastern Canada.

Secretary L. J. Gilmeister of the local chamber will be installed as president of the Harbor District booster association during the evening.

CORRECTION

Inadvertently the name of Lillie Bowers, a local resident, appeared in the advertisement of the Torrance Laundry and Dry Cleaning Company last week as an employee of that firm. Mrs. Bowers is not employed at the Laundry. The typographical error resulted in confusion of her name with those of Lillian Munier and Mildred Bowers, both of whom are employed at the laundry. The Herald is glad to make this correction.

BUY ROAD MATERIAL

An appropriation of $200 was voted by the city council Tuesday night to buy road material for the improvement of Sepulveda from Arlington to Western avenue.

Gardena May Gain Territory by Election

Gardena may experience the first annexation since it was incorporated 10 years ago on Tuesday, Jan. 23, when residents of the Crenshaw territory, a mile square tract with 25 dwellings at the northwest edge of that city, will vote on whether or not to annex to Gardena.

Roughly, the Crenshaw Territory, as designated in the resolution which is published in today's Herald, is bounded by Rosecrans avenue, Crenshaw boulevard, Compton boulevard, Arlington avenue and an irregular line from Arlington to Normandie avenue and Rosecrans. A majority of the residents have petitioned the Gardena city council for the election.

Bank Report Shows Gains In Business

Business activity in California and the Far West during November was at the best average level this year and higher than any other November since 1936. This, according to Manager Dean L. Sears of Bank of America here, is revealed in the November business review compiled by the bank's Analysis and Research Department.

Business index maintained by the bank reached the mark of 76.4, an advance of 4.4 percent over October.

Average quantity of motor fuel consumed by individual motor vehicles in 1938 was 661 gallons, an increase of 13 percent over '37. For this fuel the motorist paid $128.96; about 30 percent was tax.

FOOD STAMP STORES TO BE SCATTERED

Assurance that there will be an adequate number of federal food stamp stores in Los Angeles county and that they will be scattered so that charity clients in Torrance, Lomita and the remainder of the county may have easy access to them was given today by Jonathan Carst, regional director of the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation.

The plan, essentially one for disposal of surplus agriculture products, is to be in operation about the last week in January. It is being handled through the SRA and is entirely optional with relief clients.

Operation of the plan in this county is expected to bring another $500,000 monthly for purchases of relief clients, as well as providing additional markets for agricultural projects.

Stamps will be in denominations of 25 cents each and come in books. Retailers will not be required to give change but may issue credit slips for balances falling below the 25-cent purchase. Retailers may obtain cash for the stamps they take in by tendering them to the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation or may pass them on to wholesalers or clear them through banks, Garst explained.

FASHION DICTATES

Style's a funny thing. If a woman goes around with her toe sticking out of her shoe she's in the height of fashion. If a man does that, he's a bum.