



AT PINNACLE OF HIS CAREER . . . in his silk topper, William T. "Bill" Klusman is pictured above at the time he became mayor of Torrance in 1932, and which he wore at the climax of many political campaigns. Former Mayor Klusman was found dead at his ranch in Lomita, Saturday.

FORMER MAYOR KLUSMAN FOUND DEAD IN CAR AT LOMITA CHICKEN RANCH

William Theodore (Bill) Klusman, former mayor of Torrance and for 26 years identified with Torrance politics, is dead at the age of 74 years.

He was found dead Saturday in his automobile in the garage at his chicken ranch at 1931 W. 253rd st., Lomita, the victim, deputy sheriffs said, of a self-inflicted bullet wound from a .32 calibre revolver. No inquest was held.

The body was discovered by Capt. Frank Schumacher and Officer Harry Thompson of the Torrance police department, who went searching for Klusman after Mrs. Klusman appeared at the police station and expressed anxiety over his 36-hour absence from home. The officers, who turned the investigation over to the sheriff's office because the death occurred in county territory, said Klusman had apparently intended to end his life with carbon monoxide from the exhaust of his car, since they found a garden hose attached to it, the other end in the car.

His wife, Lenora B. Klusman, the former Mrs. Halston whom he married two years ago, said he was in ill health but in good spirits when he left home Friday morning, the last time she saw him, to go to the chicken ranch in Lomita. He had lived at 2018 Carson st. in a house he built after he came here as engineer for National Supply Co. Oct. 25, 1970, Klusman came to America as a 14-year-old boy. He has three brothers, George A., (Continued on Page 3)

\$840,000 GOAL IN BONDS SET AS TORRANCE LAUNCHES ITS SIXTH WAR LOAN DRIVE

With Hillman R. Lee, chairman of the Torrance Sixth War Loan drive, rallying his forces into action, this community Monday launched a drive to sell, or buy, \$840,000 worth of war bonds in the next few weeks.

While committees were on the streets, and Boy Scouts were again at work, the banks and the postoffice and other facilities for bond buyers were preparing to handle additional sales.

More than 200,000 Southern California volunteers were in action Monday on the Sixth War Loan drive, which the 11 Southland counties have a quota of \$461,000,000.

A total of \$202,000,000 is assigned to individuals, while corporations must buy the remaining \$249,000,000 in bonds. Sales to individuals will be stressed during the first half of the drive.

Special events starting with opening of the campaign Monday have been arranged in almost all Southland communities.

The "Cavalcade of the West," in which the sheriff's posse and star riders of screen and rodeo, as well as hundreds of horse-drawn vehicles entered, officially opened the Southern California drive.

Robert H. Moulton, Southern California War Finance Committee chairman, after last-hour conferences with county chair-

Red Cross Blood Bank

DON'T LET THE GOOD NEWS SLOW YOU DOWN!

Victories and successes also mean wounded and casualties. The Blood Bank needs your blood MORE when we're winning battles than when we're planning them.

The price of winning is paid in killed and wounded.

Most of the wounded need just what your blood and mine—and the blood of your friends and neighbors—will provide.

Blood, to save a wounded man, is a supremely important war necessity. The "Gift of Blood" is one of the finest personal contributions possible in this war.

Won't you phone the Red Cross Blood Bank—the number is Torrance 1924—and make an appointment NOW to give your blood to SAVE A FIGHTING MAN'S LIFE!

Next Blood Bank day in Torrance is Friday, Dec. 1, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Community Pauses for Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving Day will be observed in Torrance with parents, sweethearts, friends and relatives giving praise for the safety of their loved ones, and voicing prayerful hope for their return, unmarked, in this great World War II which is seeing its second observance of that day of days founded by the Pilgrim Fathers more than four centuries ago.

While every home will be the scene of joyful Thanksgiving, provisions for the comfort of those unable to provide for themselves are being made.

One of the scenes of extensive preparation is the Torrance Army hospital where there are confined several hundred service men and women far from their homes on this Thanksgiving Day.

Various charitable organizations are carrying the tidings of the day to homes of the less fortunate locally, and services of Thanksgiving are being held in various churches.

Thanksgiving Day at St. Andrew's church will be observed by a service of praise and Thanksgiving at 10 a.m. There will be special music by the Junior Church Choirs under the direction of Mrs. Carl Lane. The Rev. Paul Moore Wheeler will give the address. The service is intended for all regardless of church affiliation, the Rev. Mr. Wheeler said.

Services for Thanksgiving at First Lutheran church are to be at 9 a.m.

At First Church of Christ, Scientist, Thanksgiving Day services will be at 10 a.m.

Central Evangelical Community church will be the scene of a Union Thanksgiving service at 10 a.m. with Rev. H. Wesley Roloff speaking on the subject of "Giving Thanks Always."

Four-square church was to hold its Thanksgiving service Nov. 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the church edifice.

Other local organizations likewise are planning special observances.

All stores, banks and public offices, with the exception of those dealing with the protection of life and property, will be closed for the day.

Schools will be closed Thursday and Friday, resuming classes on Monday, Nov. 27.

The offices of the Torrance Herald and the Lomita News will be closed all day Thanksgiving Day.

SOUTH AMERICAN ART

A display of handicraft from the collection of Mrs. S. A. Sorenson of Los Angeles will be shown at the Torrance public library for the balance of this week, according to Mrs. Dorothy Jamieson, librarian.

DINNER PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Gallimore will entertain Mrs. J. A. Gibson of Hollywood, John F. A. Booth of Los Angeles and George Pusner, a nephew, stationed at Camp Muroc.

TORRANCE SCHOOLS FOR TORRANCE CHILDREN IS OBJECT OF ORGANIZATION

Organization of the Torrance Parents' Association will be perfected at a meeting to be held Tuesday (Nov. 21) at 7:45 o'clock in the council chambers of the City Hall, the purpose of the association being to formulate plans whereby the people of the city of Torrance might operate local schools independently of the city of Los Angeles and its school system.

All persons interested in "Torrance Schools for Torrance Children" are invited to the meeting, according to Mrs. Evelyn L. Carr, temporary chairman of the group.

The meeting will be principally for organizational purposes, she pointed out in explaining the fact that Los Angeles school interests are not being invited.

"Would the Democrats invite the Republicans to a Democratic organization meeting?" it was asked.

"We want the friends of the movement at this meeting."

"All others will be invited to be heard at subsequent meetings—and there will be many. It naturally is assumed that the teachers' end of Parent-Teachers Association is influenced by the employer (Los Angeles City Schools) and is not in sympathy with what we are trying to accomplish."

"Parents who are in sympathy are invited and will be welcome, but our objective being the formation of a movement to bring to the children of Torrance the full benefit of every dollar that is provided in the name of education for Torrance, we do not want the selfish interests of Los Angeles schools present."

"It is to be expected that Los Angeles wants to continue to collect from us of Torrance \$2 for every \$1 spent here. But we want to spend the whole \$2 in Torrance for the benefit of our own children, furnishing them the educational and recreational facilities that Los Angeles has not and, we presume, will not furnish. We feel that Torrance can have better schools, better teachers, more facilities, higher education and best credentials for college and still have a lower tax rate."

"We feel it is far better for the people of Torrance, with the backing of the State Department of Education and the County Board of Education, to run their own schools and have the full control of the schools, at a cost to be determined by the people of Torrance, than to have Los Angeles run the Torrance schools with Torrance having no voice in the matter whatever with the exception of the voting on the selection of one Board of Education member to represent San Pedro, Wilmington, Torrance and the Shoestring districts on a board of five Los Angeles city people."

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PUEBLO AREA CONVERSION IS TOPIC

Conversion of the Pueblo district of Torrance into a modern Spanish village will be the topic of a meeting Nov. 21 (Tuesday), at the Torrance Service Center when Rev. F. Richard F. Cotter of the Catholic Welfare Bureau, will meet with representatives of the Pueblo area, the Torrance Community Council and the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, according to Hillman R. Lee, chairman of the council.

A representative group from the district, including Father C. J. Wood and Juan C. Lopez, merchant in the area, was invited to attend the meeting to consider plans for providing recreation, sanitation, social functions, inter-organization meetings, inter-denominational dances, club activities and other forms of community entertainment. Also a low cost housing project for the area will be considered to replace some of the present dwellings in the district, and a street program will be suggested.

Father Cotter said that his agency has been interested for some time in the youth work of the area and in developing the Pueblo district, and that "it should be very happy to meet with you and other members of your committee to discuss the specific problems presented in the entire Pueblo situation and to draw up some plan of meeting them."

UNION CHURCH THANKSGIVING RITES HERE

Union Thanksgiving services will be conducted in Central Evangelical church on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 23. The service will begin at 10 a.m. Rev. H. Wesley Roloff, pastor of the local church, will bring the sermon-message. His topic will be "Giving Thanks Always." Ministers of the local churches will share in the service. Vocal music will be provided by the churches.

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LT. LOUIS ZAMPERINI Reported on Tokyo Radio

Feast of Thanksgiving At Hospital

Thanksgiving Day at Torrance Army hospital will be a day of work, like every other day in the Army on domestic or foreign soil, but both patients and service men and women will fare well for the day of feast, when thanks and praise are given to God for the mercies of the past year.

A menu of roast stuffed turkey, cranberry sauce, giblet gravy and sage dressing has been prepared under the direction of Lt. Edna M. Raybourn, hospital dietitian. Lt. William Jones, mess officer, and Lt. James C. Mullaney, assistant mess officer, to be preceded by seafood or tomato juice cocktail, pickles and olives, and to include snowflake potatoes, frozen peas, Waldorf salad, butterhorns, assorted ice cream, fruit cake, coffee, milk, candy and nuts.

Col. Stanley W. Matthews, M.C., commanding the hospital, has arranged for special religious services of Thanksgiving for the day for the hundreds of patients and personnel of the hospital.

Gardena-Tartar Game Wednesday

When the Torrance varsity football team journeys to Gardena Nov. 22 for the final game of the Marine League season, sports fans can expect plenty of action and excitement.

When Torrance met Gardena in the first round of the season the Tartars held the edge in the game, with more first downs and more yardage than the Mo-

hicans could pile up, but the game ended with the score of 12-6 in favor of Gardena. Now, with her men uninjured and full of the best of spirits and the morale building victory against San Pedro under their belts the Torrance Tartars will show plenty of fight and stand a good chance to come home with a win. It's anybody's guess to pick the winner of what will be a tough and exciting game, however it ends.

TOKYO BROADCAST RAISES HOPES THAT LT. ZAMPERINI IS STILL ALIVE AND WELL

By LUTE FRASER

At 12:25 a.m. last Saturday morning the telephone in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Zamperini, 2028 Gramercy ave., rang sharply.

At that unusual hour it was a sound to startle, to bring foreboding and anxious questioning to their minds.

Daughter Virginia lifted the receiver from the hook. "You don't know me, but I have some news for you, some very good news."

"I have just been listening to a shortwave broadcast of news from Tokyo. . . ."

"Mother," gasped Virginia, "it's about Louis." And she hopes that in that household had never wavered since that fateful day in May, 1943, when Lt. Louis Zamperini was reported missing, flared to new heights.

"The announcer who calls himself the 'Mail Man of Tokyo,' the voice went on, 'has just told that Lt. Louis Zamperini of Torrance is now a prisoner of Japan and is being held in Tokyo. He says that Lt. Zamperini is a world famous athlete, a member of the 1936 Olympic Games team, and, best of all, he says Lt. Zamperini is well, and very popular among the other prisoners.'"

For 30 minutes the conversation between the unknown benefactor and the Zamperinis continued and was resumed at a more convenient time later Saturday morning, when the San Gabriel woman explained that this and other relays of news from Japan regarding war prisoners is her way of doing war work.

She listens nightly to the broadcasts from Japan and has been instrumental in bringing news of their loved ones, missing, known to be prisoners, to people in the United States.

Accepted by Family

Her news of Lt. Zamperini, while unofficial and at this early date unbacked by word from the War Department at Washington, is nevertheless accepted by the Zamperini family and their friends as substantial proof of what they have believed for months, that Louis is alive and a prisoner.

Other information received from time to time from unofficial sources substantiated this latest bulletin on Lt. Zamperini's whereabouts.

Less than two months ago the Zamperinis were informed that a broadcast had been heard from the island of Sumatra by the notorious "Tokyo Rose" in which this announcer had stated that among the prisoners at that time on Sumatra were Lt. Zamperini and Hugh Cupernell, co-pilot of the plane which carried them away into the blue on May 27, 1943. Since that time, and in view of the "Mail Man's" broadcast, it appears that Lt. Zamperini at least has been transferred to the mainland of Japan.

No mention of Cupernell, a (Continued on Page 3)

MARITIME 'M' AWARDED TO COLUMBIA STEEL IN CEREMONY HELD SATURDAY

At a brief but impressive ceremony held at 10:30 a.m. last Saturday at the plant, employees of the Torrance works and company officials of Columbia Steel Co. were awarded the United States Maritime Commission's "M" pennant and the Victory Fleet Flag. Labor Merit Badges were presented to all employees.

The awards were made in recognition of outstanding production.

H. P. Dotson Is Doubly Honored On Saturday

Acting General Superintendent H. P. Dotson of Columbia Steel's Torrance plant was doubly honored Saturday. In addition to receiving the Maritime "M" for outstanding achievement in production at the local steel works, Dotson became a grandfather. His daughter, Mrs. Merle B. Williams, gave birth to a son just a few hours prior to the "M" ceremonies. The boy, weighing 6 pounds 4 1/2 ounces, was born at Torrance Memorial hospital at 6:50 a.m. Saturday, and the award program was held at 10:30 a.m. the same day. No wonder Grandpa Dotson was nervous at the microphone.

Father of the new-born baby is Lt. Merle B. Williams, Army Artillery, stationed at Camp Stewart.

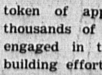


PARTICIPANTS IN "M" AWARD CEREMONIES . . . were (left to right): H. P. Dotson, acting general superintendent of Torrance works; C. W. Eliason, regional production adviser of the Maritime Commission; Lt. Com. W. J. Willis, representing Rear Admiral Joseph R. DeFries, U.S. Navy; O. L. Pringle, vice-president of Columbia Steel in charge of operations; Rev. Paul M. Wheeler, George Kennedy, assistant industrial relations director, U.S. Maritime Commission; H. J. Summers, surveyor, American Bureau of Shipping; John Agapito, employee

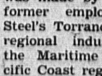
with longest service; Jim Ammon, who made most suggestions to War Production Drive; Kenneth Beight, president of Steel Workers Union, C.I.O.; A. B. Nauter, assistant divisional sales manager Columbia Steel; C. H. Wittenberg, divisional sales manager, and June Gallyer, employee in open hearth and chairman of War Production Drive committee. At microphone, man of War Production Drive committee, who was master of ceremonies. Not present when picture was taken was George Steele, chairman of Columbia's grievance committee.



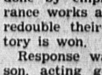
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