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KITSEY and Her Rhode Island Red Step-Children. Five years ago Jules Andre, then 12 years old, was given a bedraggled, woebegone black kitten at Torrance Elementary school.

M.W.D. Reservoir in Palos Verdes Hills to Complete Aqueduct

Because the other work on the Metropolitan Water District aqueduct which will begin delivering Colorado River water to Torrance and 12 other Southland cities in less than two years is rapidly being completed, construction of the aqueduct reservoir in the Palos Verdes hills overlooking Lomita is expected to be announced shortly.

According to information given this city's director on the M.W.D. board, C. T. Rippey, all engineering surveys and preliminary studies of the Palos Verdes site for the storage basin that would serve Torrance, Long Beach, Wilmington, San Pedro, the Shoestring strip and Compton, have been completed.

The only move now up to the M.W.D. officials is to order the reservoir's construction. Some opposition to the Palos Verdes project has made itself known in Los Angeles and some other M.W.D. cities which will be served by the upper feeder running high on the foothills above Pasadena, Glendale and Burbank. However, this opposition is not expected to prove a blockade to the nearby storage basin.

Will Cut Power Bill. Rippey said this week that the Palos Verdes reservoir has two outstanding points of interest for local residents and water consumers in Long Beach, the southern part of Los Angeles and Compton. First of all, he declared, it would guarantee a steady flow of water to this area. The storage basin would serve as insurance against any shortage that may develop through quake catastrophe or other damage to the main feeder line which stretches across the southwest to Parker, Arizona.

The second feature is that its elevation in the Palos Verdes would be sufficient to eliminate pumping costs in getting the water to our mains. The local director pointed out, "The pressure, engineers have told me, would be sufficient to force the aqueduct water directly into our high tower off Torrance boulevard without use of power for pumping. This would mean a great saving in cost."

Power expense for pumping now amounts to approximately \$6,500 per year, according to William H. Stanger, manager of the municipal system. He said that the average monthly power cost so far this year has been around \$455.

Deny Compton Statement. Because Torrance's share of (Continued on Page 2A)

BEACH SALE NEAR HERE PENDING

Another purchase of private beach land adjacent to Torrance, involving \$175,000, is pending before the board of supervisors, for 2,889 feet of beach frontage immediately south of Redondo Beach. Supervisor Leland M. Ford caused the county counsel to be instructed to prepare a lease with option to purchase.

The Huntington Redondo company is owner of the beach frontage whose location is described as Clifton by the Sea. Lease payments proposed by Ford were given as \$6,933, for the 2,889 feet, and the county also is to pay the taxes. The county is to have the option of purchasing the private frontage in units of not less than 300 feet each year, at \$80 a front foot.

The lease and deal is to be held open until September 15, and it is expected that the board will not decide the matter until the hearings are concluded on the preliminary county budget for 1938-39.

The county now is leasing and purchasing several thousand feet of private beach land near Castle Rock in a similar manner at Leland Ford's instigation.

But the friendly black cat's mother-complex is not the only unusual thing about Kitsey. She refuses cow's milk—must have her canned milk diluted with warm water; she scorns food placed in a soiled dish; has her own pillow in the house and she is an exceptionally good ropper and mouse hunter.

Kitsey's Rhode Island Red chicks—there are three or four of them—are now getting out of her control and she is greatly distraught because she cannot pick them up and carry them back to the box where she has guarded their slumber ever since they were hatched. The Andres have watched her strange propensities for motherhood for years and they say there is only one creature she will not attempt to give her affection and that is a snake.

Democrats to Launch Campaign. The Autumn political campaign will be officially opened in Torrance next Wednesday, June 1, when the Roosevelt Democratic club of Torrance will receive its charter at a meeting to be held in Moose Hall on Cravens avenue. The session will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will be open to the public. James O'Toole, member of the Democratic County Committee and candidate for the State Assembly from this district, will deliver the charter presentation address according to P. D. Foley, president-elect of the Torrance club.

Other officers to be installed besides President-elect Foley are: Thomas C. Hyde, vice president; Mrs. Neil McConlogue, treasurer; and Mrs. Delphine Smith, secretary. Other officers will be elected and installed at the meeting next Wednesday.

A drive for club members will be launched soon, according to President Foley, who stated that all registered Democrats are invited to join and take part in the coming campaigns. While no endorsements will be made for the primary election, all Democratic candidates will be treated with courtesy and permitted to present their views at club meetings, Foley states.

Brush Blaze Ends Camper's Weekend Outing. Anticipating a pleasant weekend under the stars within sound of the murmuring Pacific, Lloyd C. Kichen came from his Temple street residence in Los Angeles last week-end to camp near the south line of the Hollywood Riviera tract in Torrance.

He established his camp and built a camp-fire. The night was chilly and so he heaped on more and more wood. Then the fire got away from him and began spreading rapidly through the surrounding brush.

The fire equipment from the Hollywood Riviera sub-station was summoned and extinguished Camper Kichen's blaze before it caused any damage. But the Angeleno's expectations of a quiet week-end beside the shore were shattered and he returned at once to the noise and confusion of Temple street—where fires are confined to gas heaters.

Extend 'Grace Period' for Water Bills. Five more days were extended to the "dead-line" for payment of municipal water bills Tuesday night when the city council amended a resolution adopted last June which reduced water tariff to consumers in Municipal Ward District No. 1.

Water consumers now have 15 days from the time of presentation of the monthly water bills until service is shut-off without further notice for non-payment.

Veterans' Groups Unite for Memorial Program Monday at Roosevelt

Altho Monday will be observed as a general holiday here there will be no local Memorial Day program. Instead, the American Legion post and Auxiliary and Sons of Legion will join with Gardena Legion and V.F.W. units in a public tribute to the war dead at Roosevelt Memorial Park, starting at 1 o'clock.

W. J. Whittington of the Gardena Legion post is general chairman of the Memorial Day program. Dewey Goddard is arranging for the local post and Auxiliary's participation and Bernard Peterson is directing the Sons of Legion activities. These will include erecting crosses on the graves of veterans Sunday and serving as color guard for all of the ex-service organizations.

The program will open with an hour's organ concert and Commander Charles Walter of the Gardena Legion will preside as master of ceremonies. The salute to the flag and pledge of allegiance will be given by Phillip Arnold of the Gardena Sea Scouts and Cowell Roberts, Gardena Boy Scout. Rev. Father Joseph V. Fitzgerald, pastor of the Torrance Catholic Church of the Nativity, will give the invocation and the address of welcome will be by H. Fowler of the Gardena V.F.W.

Soloists on the program will be Otis Oliver, Lillian Kehr and Katherine Chambliss. Charles McDonald, a Civil War veteran, will recite Lincoln's Gettysburg Address if he is able and Judge Frank Carrell will introduce the principal speaker, Ralph W. Evans, former state assemblyman. Donald Lawrence will read "In Flanders Fields" and the benediction is to be pronounced by Rev. Father J. O. Mahoney of the Gardena Catholic church. A firing squad from the U. S. Naval Reserve will fire the traditional salute volleys and the bugling of "Taps" by C. Thomas of the Hawthorne V.F.W. will close the program.

Buy a Poppy Tomorrow!

Poppy Day forces of the American Legion Auxiliary will go into action, offering paper replicas of the wild poppies of France and Belgium to be worn in tribute to the war dead. No price will be asked for the flowers, but contributions will be received to help support the Legion and Auxiliary work for the disabled veterans, their families and the families of the dead.

The poppies have been made by disabled veterans at Sawtelle Veterans' hospital, who have been given much needed employment during the winter and spring months. Each flower has been shaped by hand by the disabled workers. The Auxiliary is expecting the most generous observance of Poppy Day since the custom of wearing poppies in remembrance of the dead was started at the close of the war. More than 10,000,000 of the little red flowers will be worn and approximately \$1,000,000 raised to aid the disabled veterans and dependent families, Mrs. Myers predicted.

DR. McQUARRIE IN RACE FOR CONGRESS OFFICE. Dr. Charles W. McQuarrie of Gardena, who has been Congressional Chairman of the 17th Congressional District for the past five years, under appointment of the late Congressman Charles J. Colden, formally announced his candidacy for Congress yesterday.

Dr. McQuarrie was elected as a presidential elector in 1936 and such cast the official vote of the 17th Congressional District for President Roosevelt at the electoral college in Sacramento. Dr. McQuarrie has lived in the 17th Congressional District for the past eighteen years and has been active in civic and community affairs. He is past secretary of the Gardena Lions club, past commander of the American Legion of Gardena, and has been an active member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars as well as one of the organizers of the Veterans' Democratic Association of the 17th Congressional District. He is a property owner, is married and has two children in Gardena high school.

Dr. McQuarrie expresses confidence in the leadership of President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Council Receives Three Invitations. Members of the city council were invited Tuesday night to attend a tree-planting ceremony to be held by Job's Daughters in the city park on the afternoon of June 5.

Two other invitations were also received by the City Clerk A. H. Bartlett. Huntington Beach desires Torrance representatives at the dedication of its new auditorium Saturday and the 19th district Legion Auxiliary extended a bid for official recognition of the reception to be held in the local Civic Auditorium on June 9.

Officials Bid to U.S.C. School. A detailed explanation of the 10th annual Institute of Government which will be held at U.S.C. June 13-17, to offer training for public officials and employees for more effective and efficient service was given the city council Tuesday night by Edward J. Olstyn, assistant to the director of the Institute. Torrance officials and public service workers have not participated in the Institute for two years but Mayor William H. Tolson assured Olstyn that the council would give the current session considerable thought. The fee is \$25 per municipality.

The U.S.C. representative said the growth of the government school has been astounding—from six different sections and 250 attendants the first year, the Institute has advanced until last year there were 20 sections and 2,000 "students." This year there will be 33 divisions, covering virtually every phase of city government.

Clubmen to Greet Zamperini Tonight

After a tempestuous week during which he was maligned and praised, attacked and defended, ridiculed and pitied by every newspaper in Los Angeles and hundreds of others throughout the country, Louie Zamperini tonight returns to his home-town folks in Torrance.

He'll be welcomed with open arms and understanding hearts, because the people who know him best refuse to believe the lies that have been broadcast.

A warm greeting awaits Louie at the American Legion Clubhouse where he will be the honored guest at a joint meeting of the Rotary and Kiwanis clubs, arranged by Grover C. Whyte, president of the Torrance Rotary club.

Here also tonight to join in praise and defense of Torrance's famous Olympic sprinter who will be—as always—internationally known figures in the world of amateur sports.

CHARLES W. PADDOCK, former Olympic sprinter who set five world records and nine American records; and ZACK J. FARMER, general manager of the 1932 Olympic Games committee at Los Angeles and former manager of the Los Angeles Coliseum.

Both Paddock and Farmer called to the support of Zamperini immediately following the unfortunate Compton affair last Friday which resulted in his suspension from the U.S.C. track team.

Already Mayor William H. Tolson and Chamber of Commerce Secretary L. J. Gilmeister have written strong letters to University of Southern California officials expressing faith in Louie Zamperini and requesting his reinstatement on the track team.

Heads of many other civic and fraternal organizations and service clubs are also drafting letters to U.S.C. in defense of Zamperini.

Truth "Leaking Out" About Zamperini. By GROVER C. WHYTE. After every storm comes the sunshine. And as the white rays of truth begin to filter through the past week's deluge of "contemptible lies" and the dark clouds of misunderstanding start to fade away in the light of previously hidden facts, the complete vindication of Louie Zamperini in the unfortunate Compton track meet fiasco seems soon to shine forth in bright sunlight.

When Zamperini failed to make his appearance last Friday in the widely publicized race with Don Lash, the metropolitan sport writers were "hot." Smart as they are, they had been "taken in" and had innocently fooled their readers. Someone had to take the blame. So when Herschel Smith, Compton J. C. athletic director, pointed the finger at Zamperini and accused him of asking "excessive expenses," it was an "out" for the big-shoe sport writers and right then Louie became the goat in an affair for which he was less to blame than any of the principals concerned.

Paddock Senses Truth. All the sports writers jumped on Louie Zamperini with one notable exception—Charlie Paddock, who by experience was best able to SEE THROUGH THE FOG and sense the truth. With a background of over 15 years actual running-track experience, part of which he ALSO ran under Coach Dean Cromwell of U.S.C., PLUS his close study of amateur sports in recent years as a sports columnist, Charlie Paddock certainly is far better qualified to give a fair and intelligent opinion of what actually happened than the wisecracking, swivel-chair sport writers on the metropolitan sheets whose actual athletic participation in most instances was confined to backlot games of boyhood days.

Paddock has been through the grind and he knows the answers. (Continued on Page 2A)

Local Packing Plant in Midst of Celery Rush. Each of the thousands of boxes of crisp, fresh celery now being shipped from Jaekel and Rogers' packing plant located in the old glass factory on Border avenue bears an attractive colored label with this city's name prominently displayed.

The celery-packing season is now at its height and by June 10 Jaekel and Rogers expect to have consigned a total of 100 carloads during the six-weeks period. The shipments, now being made out of here via the Pacific Electric, are being dispatched all over the United States.

Celery is received mostly from the Palos Verdes, San Pedro-Lomita hills farms altho some is being delivered to the local packing plant from the Venice fields. The Torrance pack is the "Just Rite" brand. Jaekel and Rogers also operate a plant at Chula Vista.

Lot Purchase Will Provide Alley-Way. A letter from the Los Angeles board of education to the city council read Tuesday night reported that the school authorities were preparing to purchase a lot adjacent to the WALTERIA school to provide a new alley entrance between Ward and Park streets. The school board said it would declare its intention to offer for sale at the nominal sum of \$1 an easement for the alley.

The council then adopted a resolution vacating a 15-foot strip in that vicinity for the alley. The WALTERIA school is being enlarged and equipped with new bungalow buildings.

Continues Training



LOUIE ZAMPERINI

Undaunted by the suspension from U.S.C.'s track team which followed his failure to meet Don Lash last Friday night at the Compton Invitational, Zamperini is running his regular grind daily at the Trojan campus, hoping he may be allowed to compete in the remaining track events of the season.

He assured President Grover C. Whyte of the Torrance Rotary club that he will be present tonight at a joint meeting of the Rotary and Kiwanis clubs. Reservations indicate that every seat at the Legion clubhouse will be filled with Louie's home-town friends.

Drillers Making Good Progress. A survey of the building records here this week when three more permits for new derricks were issued revealed that 35 new oil towers have been erected in the South Torrance field since the first of the year. Ten new derricks have been erected so far this month.

That is one phase of the steadily increasing activity in the rejuvenated field which this week developed good progress reports from all crews engaged in redrilling old wells or sinking new ones to the rich high gravity oil in what has become known as "zone 34." The numerical designation of the oil level is in tribute to C.C.M.O.'s pioneer well at its No. 34 well on Sepulveda.

The new derricks started this week were: Lomita Drilling company, a wooden structure at 2423 233rd; Wilton Oil company, another wooden tower at 2460 231st, and Kovell Oil company, a steel derrick at 2432 231st.

Going Down to 6,000. Roy K. Wilson brought in his redrilled hole on Sepulveda Monday. This is reported producing about 300 barrels, cutting 12 percent mud and four percent water. Neil Anderson at the corner of 231st is said to have struck the hardest formation yet found in the field down about 2,800 feet. The hard pan slowed up drilling operations there early this week but he is reported out of the toughest going now.

The Doyle-Getty well on 227th off Narbonne is reported below the No. 34 zone and going down to 6,000 feet or better in a search for a larger production than any producer has yet shown in that field. McDonald and Burns are rushing drilling operations on 10 wells in their 19 acres but, according to Bobby Burns, this firm does not contemplate extending its lease holdings at the present time. The firm will, however, continue to develop oil sites within its present holdings.

AUDIT COURT BOOKS. Audit of the books of the Inglewood justice court, serving Torrance, the first comprehensive audit since the county charter was adopted 26 years ago, is under way at the direction of the county grand jury.