

MOTHERS' CLUB TO SEW FOR BAZAAR
Mrs. C. E. Carstens will open her home at 1452 Cravens ave. for an all-day meeting of Mothers' Club of Troop 241 Monday, Nov. 27. The ladies will sew for the Episcopal bazaar.



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INSTRUCTOR... James Clyde Anderson, motor machinist mate, 1/c, U.S.N.R., has been in service for 29 months. Stationed at Coronado, San Diego, he is attached to an amphibious unit and is an instructor in Diesel engineering. Anderson is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Anderson of 1158 Maple ave.

MRS. A. E. FALK'S FATHER PASSES
J. A. Griffin, 69, father of Mrs. A. E. Falk of 1903 Beech ave., died Thursday of a heart ailment at his home in Bell. Services were held Saturday afternoon and interment was at Inglewood Park cemetery.

Service men's stationery? Call Torrance 444 or 443.

TOKYO SAYS ZAMPERINI IS ALIVE

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Long Beach boy, was made in the latest broadcast.

Routine Flight
On May 27, 1943, a plane left its base in the Pacific to go on a routine flight. It never arrived at its destination nor did it return to base.

On the morning after the plane's disappearance orders were given for a search. The word spread through the station... this was "Zamp's" plane that hadn't showed up. The call for volunteers met with a wholehearted response. Every plane on the station took off. The search went on for days, rekindled into anxious activity by a faint SOS giving their position heard from a tiny rubber boat a week after the plane had disappeared. It was fruitless. Bombardier Zamp and his brothers of the air had vanished into the boundless reaches of the Pacific.

Two months from the day the plane left its base, on July 27, 1943, a broadcast was heard in this section, from an unidentified source, stating that Lt. Zamperini and three others of his crew had been picked up by a submarine from an island not named.

A Los Angeles broadcasting station interrupted its running account of a baseball game to give the news. Days went by and no official communication came to relieve the anxious family, and conviction was finally forced upon them that the submarine, if there was one, must have been not one of ours but Japanese.

Since that time a word here, a rumor there, has pieced together a framework, not yet to be disclosed, on which the Zamperinis have founded their underlying hopes.

Confirms News
The news just received confirms it.

Lt. Zamperini enlisted in the Air Corps in the early days of the war and went into training as a pilot at Santa Maria, Calif., but was washed out in his final test. Later he was inducted into the Army, and made application for officer's training. Before his application was finally approved the Air Corps recalled him and sent him into training as a bombardier. He graduated from the Midland flying school at Midland, Tex., on Aug. 13, 1942, receiving his wings as a second lieutenant.

In October he was sent to the South Pacific, and on Christmas eve his plane, "Superman," was one of a flight which made the first bombing raid on Wake Island since it was wrested from American hands soon after Pearl Harbor. "Superman" was one of the first flight to bomb Nagano, an important source of nitrates to the Japs, and it was from this raid that "Superman" limped home with five wounded men aboard, more than 150 bul-



ENJOYING LEAVE... Joseph N. (Bud) Anderson, a water tender, 2/c, U.S.C.G., arrived Sunday following 17 months in the South Pacific where he served aboard auxiliary craft. Anderson, who underwent a major operation at a base hospital in the Admiralty Islands last June, has been reassigned to limited service. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Anderson of 1158 Maple ave.

let and cannon shell holes in its carcass, a damaged engine, landing gear smashed, so that only skill of the highest order on the part of the pilot brought the plane back to crash-land on its home field.

"Zamp's" first aid to the wounded saved the life of one man and his high courage and encouragement to the others of the crew were the spark that kept morale high and aided immeasurably in bringing the plane and crew back to safety.

About this time he received his promotion to first lieutenant and for his achievements on these and other bombing raids Lt. Zamperini received the Air Medal and two Oak Leaf Clusters. Only a few days ago his family received the War Department Order of the Purple Heart medal, awarded to him "posthumously" since in routine fashion a year and a day after he disappeared, or on May 28, 1944, he was officially declared dead.

Friends of "Iron Man Louie" who have seen his sensational exploits in the field of sport—Dean Cromwell, track coach at U.S.C., named him as one of the ten best millers of all time—believe that one day he will be home to wear that medal. They feel that as he did so often on the track, in this greatest race of his career he can and will come from behind and win.

NO CATHOLIC PARTY UNTIL NOV. 30

There will be no Catholic card party this week. Mrs. P. B. Clayton and her committee will entertain Thursday evening, Dec. 30.

FROM PASADENA
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Haslam will have as their holiday guest her cousin, Mrs. Sofora Olson of Pasadena.

WM. KLUSMAN EX-MAYOR IS SUICIDE

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John H. and Henry G., at Cucamonga, two nephews and three nieces by his first marriage. His first wife died Jan. 31, 1942.

The widow and his many friends here vividly recall many incidents that branded the former mayor an individualist who had a tint of nonconformity in his makeup, a man with a sly sense of humor, and yet with native respect for authority which were combined to prompt him to wear a high silk hat on election days.

"After the last election he said, 'I think I'll put on my silk hat and go downtown,' but he didn't," said the widow, "and that was the only time he has failed to wear it in years. After the last city election he wore it when he went to congratulate the newly-elected officials.

"Bill's mind must have snapped after all those years of activity. He led a good, clean life. He was wholly different from other people."

Stories and incidents pointing to the former mayor's individuality are remembered by hundreds here. Officials at the harbor recall that he apparently was suffering some sort of an ailment in his feet many years ago when he visited the admiral on the flagship at San Pedro. Along with his locally famous silk hat he wore a pair of comfortable bedroom slippers.

Of his earnestness in public office, Mrs. B. F. Riley recalls an incident during the Long Beach earthquake of 1933, when he was mayor. She related:

Inspected Building
"They were letting the children go to school here but our daughters said they could put their hands through the cracks in the walls. We went to Mayor Klusman to ask him about it. Being an engineer as well as mayor, he went to the schoolhouse and climbed all over it and after inspecting it he ordered classes dismissed."

He periodically published a political newspaper to fight out local political issues. He loved a good political fight and, while relentless in his attacks upon opponents, his good sportsmanship prompted him to forget any bitterness after the election.

Characteristic of him, his widow says, was his love of animals. His huge jomcat, "Kitty," for 13 years sat on a special stool at the Klusman dining table, trained in all the table graces. Also characteristic, the largest picture in his house is that of a huge lion on a promontory.

The widow related that he had only recently begun writing his life story, but the manuscript, she said, was still in the sidepocket of his car when the machine was taken to the sheriff's impoundment garage for safe keeping.

Mr. Klusman was one of the original Episcopals in this community who organized the Church of Christ mission. The first meeting was held on Easter morning, 1919, in the small building now serving as guild hall. Later, when the present church edifice was built, the name of the organization was changed to St. Andrew's Episcopal church. Mr. Klusman served as warden for a number of years.

The deceased was a member of the Elks Lodge in Redondo

MARITIME 'M' FLAG GIVEN COLUMBIA

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tional safety record of the Torrance works.

"The over-all industrial safety index in the United States is rated at 22 plus, and the average in the steel industry throughout the nation is 99 plus. At the Torrance plant of Columbia Steel the rating is 92 plus, according to figures compiled by the National Safety Council," Dotson stated.

Dotson read a congratulatory letter from O. A. Kresse, plant general superintendent, who is recovering from a heart ailment and was unable to attend.

O. L. Pringle, vice president of Columbia Steel in charge of operations, represented William A. Ross, Columbia president who was unable to attend the ceremonies. Pringle pointed out the significance of the "M" award. "This award we are receiving today," said Pringle, "is only the 30th 'M' Pennant authorized in the entire 11 Western states."

Acceptance of the "M" Pennant and Victory Fleet Flag on behalf of employees was made by Kenneth Beight, president of the Steel Workers Union, C.I.O., who urged his fellow employees to continue their good work. John Agapito, oldest plant employee in point of service, now serving his 19th year at the Torrance works, and Jim Ammon, who made the most suggestions to the War Production Drive committee, were present on the platform. Their Labor Merit Badges were pinned on their coats by the Maritime Commission spokesman.

Badges were distributed to all other employees immediately following the ceremonies.

The "M" Pennant and Victory Fleet Flags, on either side of the Stars and Stripes, were raised by a color guard from Company H, California State Guard, under command of Lt. Tom Ranskill, Columbia millwright. All other State Guard men in the color guard were also Columbia Steel employees.

Bill Faekner, a talented vocalist and employee of Columbia Steel, led the singing. Music was furnished over the public address system by Bill Sykes, E. E. Wilson of the industrial relations department was in charge of arrangements. A large crowd of Columbia employees and their families, together with civic leaders, witnessed the impressive ceremonies.

Disturbing Peace Against Local Men

Arthur Bransford, local taxi driver, paid a fine of \$30 in the court of City Judge Otto B. Willett Friday on a charge of disturbing the peace. He was accused of interfering with the arrest of another person, when cited to court.

Cleve Robinson paid a \$50 fine, having been found guilty of taking a fifth of wine from a local store.

J. E. Flowers was fined \$20 for disturbing the peace.

Beach and the University Lodge No. 394, F. & A.M. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, Nov. 22, at 2 p.m. at St. Andrew's Episcopal church. Rev. Paul Moore Wheeler will officiate and interment will be at Pacific Crest.

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