

DISEASE CONTROL

Disease control in dairy cattle will maintain milk production at present highs, according to University of California dairy specialists.

NOT IN TIME

Famous last words: I'd better get the snow cleaned off this windshield at the next town. I can't see two feet in front of me.

John Waugh On 90-Day Leave From City Job

John Waugh now is enjoying three months leave of absence from city employment, his request finally having been granted by the City Council. When he first asked for the leave, Councilman G. V. Powell wanted to know "how come," since he understood Waugh had been dismissed. Told that the Civil Service Board had reinstated Waugh, Mayor J. H. Sherriff, Jr., wanted to know "just where the City Council stands on hiring and firing of employees." Waugh, according to the Civil Service Board records, was granted his leave without Sherriff having received his answer, as the case did not go back to the board, members said.

Building Permits

Bolstered by a new medical building at 1617-21 Cravena ave., which will cost \$18,000, building permits during the past week totaled \$24,350, according to Building Department records. Dr. Don C. Moskos was issued a permit to build a frame and stucco building 36x70 feet. Other permits were to the following: George M. Green, 3493 Spencer st., alterations to residence, \$250. W. P. Zigler, 1638 Elm ave., residence, \$2,500. F. A. Miller, 803 Portola ave., bedroom addition to residence, \$1,000. Mike Fornelli, 22921 Narbonne ave., complete residence, \$2,600.

WINTER MONTHS

During winter months, for every 30 pedestrians killed in the three hours just before sunset, 100 are killed in the three hours just after sunset.

DEDICATION OF ZAMPERINI FIELD SATURDAY TO MARK ACCEPTANCE OF AIRPORT

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book about the 7th Air Force "One Damned Island After Another," telling of Zamperini's exploits as a member of the 7th Air Force, and with a broadcast by Gabriel Heatter, nationally-known radio commentator, on Sunday, Dec. 8. The public is invited to the ceremony, and may gain entrance to the airport by the main gate. The affair will take place at the east end of the concrete runway, which is immediately north of the main entrance.

History of a Hero

While in Berlin, during the 1936 Olympic games, Zamperini added to his already international fame by tearing down a Nazi flag and fleeing the scene. Newspapers throughout the world featured the event as one of an American youth anxious to vent his wrath against Nazism. Zamperini, then only 19 years of age, says merely that he wanted the flag as a souvenir. He got it, and still has the emblem.

On Sept. 28, 1941, Zamperini enlisted as private in the Army at Fort MacArthur. He was picked as an Army Air Forces cadet in January, 1942, and was at Ellington Field until March of that year. He had further training at Midland, Texas, and was commissioned a second lieutenant on Aug. 13, 1942. He reported at Ephrata, Wash., Aug. 18, 1942, and became a part of the 307th Bombardment Group of the 7th Air Force, organized at that time. He was sent overseas Oct. 26, 1942, landing at Hawaii.

On Christmas eve, 1942, at midnight, he had his first combat flight when his group bombed Wake Island, then Japanese held for a year. Later he engaged in bombing Nauru, his B-24 returning riddled with more than 600 holes from Jap shell fire, five of the crew of 10 wounded, one dead and the right tail shot off and a wheel gone. The little raft was strafed and bombed by the Japanese. On the 37th day one of the men died; and on the 47th day Zamperini and his remaining crew member were picked up near the Gilberts by a Japanese fishing boat. At that time, the once prime athlete weighed only 79 pounds. Then he was taken to Kwajalein, where he spent 48 starving days in a dungeon.

He was taken to Truk for five days of similar existence and to Yokohama, where he endured 28 months of cruel, inhuman treatment at the hands of sadistic Japs. Jap Broadcast He was reported dead for nearly a year, before, upon official Army announcement of his death, his voice was heard on a Japanese propaganda broadcast and recognized by his family in Torrance. Several such broadcasts were made by the Japs, attempting to utilize Zamperini's international prominence for the gain of the Japanese war aims. The "service" to which the Japanese put Zamperini did not decrease the degree of punishment, however, and injuries received probably eliminated the champ's long hoped-for chance at the 1948 Olympics.

Recovered on Sept. 5, 1945, Zamperini started a long trip home, stopping off for rest and medical treatment at various bases along the route. He came back to Torrance on Oct. 5, 1945, commissioned as captain and wearing the Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters; the Purple Heart with one cluster, the Philippine Liberation, Asiatic and Pacific and American Theater ribbons decked with battle stars. Since married to the former Cynthia Applewhite, Miami deb, he is now with Warner Bros. studios. His athletic records, which gained him fame at Torrance, U.S.C. and in A.A.U. and Olympic competition include: All High School mile, 1934, 4:21.2; National Collegiate A.A., 1938, 4:08.2, which record still stands; Madison Square indoor mile, 1940, 4:07.6. He was the first American to finish the 5,000 meters in the Olympics at Berlin.

received at the hands of the Japs were too great to endure the necessary training. Zamperini now is considered among the No. 1 A.A.F. war heroes, and in the pictorial history recorded by Replacement Command, AFWESPAC, dated Nov. 11, 1945 at Manila, P.I., entitled: "American and Allied Personnel Recovered from Japanese Prisons." Captain Zamperini's picture shares the display and size of high generals so recovered.

Torrance Picks A Name

At the time of the reported loss in action of Louis Zamperini, the popular cry in Torrance was for some way to perpetuate his name. Since Zamperini was a member of the A. A. F., and since Torrance was in the process of securing as Torrance Municipal Airport the Lomita flight strip, the cry went up, received with acclaim, that the airport be named officially "Zamperini Field."

The name was accepted and used on maps of Torrance—but Louis Zamperini came home, more a hero than he was when lost in action in the South Pacific, because he had endured the rigors of 47 days in an open raft, the beatings and cruelties of years of Japanese imprisonment. He came home a potential threat in the 1948 Olympics, for which he later started training.

Official Action

The Personnel Narratives Division of A.A.F. Information and Public Relations, desiring to determine "what has been accomplished in connection with a new airfield in Torrance which may be named in your honor... when it will be dedicated in your honor, who will participate, proposed details of the ceremony, etc.," told Zamperini, "It would be a splendid tieup of the anniversary of Pearl Harbor, the date of publication of our new book about the 7th Air Force and of your exploits as a former member... if the dedication of the airfield were to

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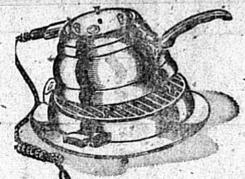
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