

Dear Editor ...

ZAMPERINI TELLS OF JOURNEY FROM DELINQUENCY TO SALVATION

Local Pride
 Editor,
 Torrance Press:
 (Editor's note: The following letter was sent to Councilman Nick Draie. A copy of the letter was also sent to the Torrance Press. It reads as follows):
 Your letter to the Editor, published in the Dec. 8, 1955 issue of the Torrance Press was read and discussed at the January meeting of the Waleria civic organization.
 In your letter in which you stated your reasons for believing in a five-man City Council, you name five divisions of Torrance. Members of this civic organization were much concerned because you did not mention Waleria.
 We believe, if you will consider the history of this community, you will find that Waleria has been here longer than any other part of Torrance. It has always been a very important physical and political part of Torrance. The name of Waleria has been retained throughout the years of development, and is now identified by the name on the Post Office. This section is rapidly developing into one of the greatest residential and commercial areas in the city.
 Members of this organization feel that residents of this area have a right to a representative on the Council the same as the other five districts mentioned in your letter. We also believe that we have the necessary voting power to elect our own councilman.
 Yours truly,
 Waleria Civic Organization,
 (S) BESSIE SLONECKER.

"I Led Six Lives" could very well have been the topic of Lou Zamperini's speech before the Torrance Lions club Tuesday when he told dramatically about his life as a juvenile delinquent; world athlete; survivor of 47 days on a life raft and 2½ years in a Japanese prison camp; worldly and material success; failure; conversion and evangelism.
 Zamperini, who was born and raised in Torrance, graduating from Torrance high school, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Zamperini of 2721 Sonoma ave.
 A book of his, "The Devil at My Heels," will be published next month.
 Touching upon his life as a juvenile delinquent, Zamperini recalled the time when he returned victorious from the Olympic games in 1936 having set a world record of the mile run in Berlin.
 Former Police Chief John Stroh, attending a party in his honor, assertedly stated, "After chasing him up and down all the back alleys of Torrance, he had to be in shape for something."
First Awareness
 His first realization of the reality of Divine intervention came to him in the South Pacific after his plane crashed at sea. The plane nosed into the water at 120 m.p.h. and exploded, leaving him wedged under the machine gun mount, sinking deeper and deeper into the ocean.
 While conscious, he was unable to struggle loose, but as he lost consciousness he suddenly felt himself drifting upward.
 "God did not perform a miracle just to keep us alive to be killed by the Japanese," he told two other survivors when a Japanese plane strafed their raft for one hour after they had drifted 21 days. None of them were killed.



LOU ZAMPERINI ... success story

Joseph Schuster, 'Cellist, Next On Concert Series

Joseph Schuster, one of the world's leading 'cello virtuosos, will be the featured soloist on the second of the Youth Band-Artist Concerts association series to be presented in the Torrance civic auditorium on Thursday night, February 9.
 With annual coast-to-coast tours, appearances with leading symphony orchestras both here and abroad, cellist Joseph Schuster is acknowledged by critics and audiences alike to be "One of the top-ranking and most popular 'cellists of our time."
 Schuster will play the Introduction, Adagio, and Allegro, from the "Concerto in D Major" by Tartini, the "Sonata Arpeggione, in A minor" (Allegro moderato, Adagio, Allegretto) by Franz Schubert, and the "Rococo Variations, Opus 33" by Tschaiakowsky.
 The Youth Band will play the first half of the concert, featuring Jackie Johnston, young clarinetist of Torrance high school.
 All concerts are held in the Torrance civic auditorium, starting at 8:15 p.m. Persons without season tickets may purchase single admissions at the box office the night of the concert.

Acclaim
 It has been said of Joseph Schuster that in his hands "the 'cello becomes the instrument of the soul." This is one more way of saying what music critics throughout North America, South America, and Europe write about this eminent recitalist who will be heard in recital here for the first time in the harbor area.
 He was with the Berlin Philharmonic until 1934, when his objections to the Hitler regime decided him to leave Germany and come to New York. His New York debut was a huge success. "Mr. Schuster stirred a large audience, seemingly containing every 'cellist of hereabouts, to expressions of delight, the renewed storms of applause forcing some dozen recalls. Ovarations continued throughout the evening," said the New York Times the next day.
 Schuster is a recording artist with Capitol Records.
THE WEALTH of man is the number of things which he loves and blesses, which he is loved and blessed by.—Thomas Carlyle.

Shortly after Zamperini made a promise to God.
Makes Vow
 "I will never forget you as long as I live—I'll seek you and serve you," he vowed.
 On the 47th day, they were picked up by a Japanese patrol. Then followed 2½ years of Japanese atrocities, humiliation, and starvation.
 Following his liberation, he returned here for what he called "a life of celebration," including a life of wining and dining in Hollywood.
 "But I didn't get away with it," Zamperini said reflectively. "I lost and kept on losing."
 His business ventures went sour and he lost everything he ever had.
Turning Point
 He felt again that God had spared his life for a definite purpose. Then, one day, he and his wife came under the influence of Billy Graham's evangelism.
 "When I was young I had four goals," Zamperini recalled. I wanted to 1) break the world record; 2) get on the Olympic team, 3) travel around the world, and 4) spend all the money I could.
 "Today," he concluded, "these represent vague memories as compared to the night that I received the Lord as my Saviour. . . . God had to take everything away from me before I could come to my senses. . . . I did not come here to boast, but to relate a series of unusual circumstances that led me to a heart knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."

ACCENT: Theatre! Will Have Permanent Building

ACCENT: Theater! of Torrance has put down roots and is here to stay Mrs. W. C. Boswell, building chairman, announced today. A wing of the YMCA will be converted into an intimate little theater, thereby making ACCENT's dream a reality, she said.
 Her surprise announcement came after negotiations with the YMCA board carried on by a committee made up of Dr. Allen Pyeatt, Marlon Humphreys, Mrs. Mary Lee Peters, Malcolm Sagenkehn, and Mrs. Boswell.
 "We are positive now that we have a civic theater that can grow with Torrance," she said. Mrs. Boswell stressed that building and outfitting the new quarters is first on the program, followed by an extensive membership drive. "Then we intend to open with 'The Tender Trap,' a three-act Broadway comedy," she said. Production date has been tentatively set for March, pending the completion of the theater.
 A general meeting open to the public will be held soon to present plans for the theater.
 Information can be obtained from Mrs. Paul Harestad, vice-president and membership chairman, at FA. 8-5585.
 ACCENT means the Association for Cultural-Civic Enterprises Needing Theater—Accent on Theater!, Mrs. Boswell pointed out, and wherever needs have arisen the organization has tried to fill them.
 ACCENT's three major productions have been "The Night of January 16th," "The Fourposter," and "The Rose Tattoo." She listed the benefit for the Youth Coordinating council's teen center, the production of "The Littlest Angel" in Santaland at Christmas-time under the auspices of the Retail Mer. chants division of the Chamber of Commerce, and the trouping of one-acts to service organizations throughout the metropolitan area.
 A one-act fantasy, "The Parade at the Devil's Bridge," was taken to the Pacific Coast one-act play tournament, then performed locally for the Torrance Elementary P-TA.
 A mental health one-act was a feature of a special Coordinating Council session last spring, and Jack Hudson directed the annual one-act for the Torrance Woman's club. Hudson will co-direct for that organization this year, along with Mrs. Boswell, who is drama chairman of the Woman's club

Head-On Collision
 Santa Ana. Annis received a broken leg and is confined to his home for another month. Mrs. Annis suffered a cracked knee cap and internal injuries. The car was entirely demolished. Mrs. Annis stated. Both were taken to St. Joseph's hospital in Orange following the accident.
 Home now recovering from injuries suffered during a head-on collision with another car New Year's Day are Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Annis of 3224 West 189th street.
 The accident occurred in

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