

Brothers ZAMPERINI are 'Favorite Sons'

Whip Used to Start Mile Ace

Probably the one Torrance resident—outside of his parents and brother Pete—who has been Louie Zamperini's best advisor and severest critic is Robert Lewellen, The Herald's mechanical superintendent and sports writer. Lewellen has followed Louie's amazing athletic career with minute attention from the day when . . .

By ROBERT LEWELLEN

It was one spring afternoon in 1932. Pete told me that he had been "whipping" his younger brother around the high school track. I asked him what was the idea and he told me that Louie showed some promise of making the high school track team but he was too lazy to train. So Pete took a switch and whipped him around the track to make him run. I went out and watched

(Continued on Page 19)

It's 'Coach Pete' Now as U.S.C. Grad Starts Career at High School

FOR years—ever since they were high school boys here—Pete and Louie Zamperini have held the attention of all Torrance residents as they continued to blaze brother trails in athletic record books. Now with Pete one of the coaches at Torrance high school taking on his first regular teaching assignment and with Louie training for participation in the 1940 Olympic Games in Finland, this city eagerly awaits their 1938-39 accomplishments.

Coach Pete Zamperini has hung up his spikes and retired from active participation in meets which, while he was attending Compton Junior College and the University of Southern California, were given added attraction by his track performances. Now as one of the Torrance high coaches he is a physical education instructor in the same institution where he first attended school as a kindergarten youngster.

On Trojan Track Team

At 23 he is a graduate of U. S. C., a veteran of eight years' athletic competition and a brilliant student who is certain to go far in his chosen profession. He graduated from Torrance high school in 1932 after setting a local track record for the mile run in 1929 when a freshman. Coach Zamperini went on to Compton J. C., where he was student body president in 1934-35.

He held the junior college state championship in the mile in 1933 and 1934. Graduating from Compton, Zamperini continued his athletic and educational training at U.S.C., where, as a member of the Trojan track team, he ran a 4:19 mile and ran several 1,500 meter races in 4:01.3.

Fleet-Footed Louie in Training for Olympics and '39 Track Season

NOT until the spring flowers begin to bloom will the 1939 track season begin but the intervening months mean nothing to Louie Zamperini, Torrance's outstanding contribution to the sports world. He never breaks training and now he has greater reason than ever for keeping fit—he wants to participate in his second Olympic Games in Finland in 1940.

Louie, who will be 22 years old next January 26, is already a track veteran but he is not expected to reach his prime until he is about 26 or 28. His accomplishments in athletics have been sensational and his fame is already widespread.

Holds World Title

His participation in the 1936 Olympics at Berlin as a member of the United States track team was only one of a number of notable achievements which began as a Torrance high school boy on May 19, 1934.

On that day in the Southern California interscholastic finals, Louie defeated a field of 16, including the former state champion, to set a new interscholastic world's record in the mile run. His time of 4:21.2 broke a record which had stood for 17 years and he continues to hold this title today.

Lead Americans at Berlin

In his six years' track competition, Louie has only been defeated in seven races. In the Olympics at Berlin he placed 8th, the leading American runner, in the 5,000-meter run.

Today, as his friends in Torrance know, he is the same pleasant young man with a ready smile that he was when he served as a carrier boy for The Herald. His athletic accomplishments and all of the publicity sports commentators have built around him and the possibility of his being the first runner ever to race a four-minute mile have left him without trace of obnoxious egotism.



GRINS AND WINS . . . Winning a two-mile run by over 100 yards in what was then the fastest time this year—9:18, Louie Zamperini was snapped above in a typical finish—ahead and going strong with a smile.



MAKING DEBUT . . . Here is Coach Pete Zamperini who started his career as a physical education instructor this week at his alma mater—Torrance high school. He received a high rating in tests given by the L. A. board of education.

HELP CREATE PARK

Many local residents donated trees and shrubs when the city park was being created.

One Paper Carrier is Famous

In 15 years a small army of carrier boys have come and gone in The Herald's employ and under the vigilant direction of Miss Lute Fraser. Officially known as secretary and bookkeeper of this newspaper, she also has charge of the resident deliveries and mailing. Here is the story of one of those boys written . . .

By LUTE FRASER

Some of The Herald's carriers joined us at a pretty tender age and stayed on until they graduated from high school when they quit to continue schooling at some college or to take other jobs more in keeping with the dignity of their grown-up years. If The Herald could list all the boys who have served you would now find some of them who have made or are on the way to making quite a name for themselves in life.

Louis Zamperini is one of these. Louis, whose name has been echoed around the world in the realm of sports, was a Torrance Herald carrier. He was just a tad of a boy when he signed on, and he stayed with the job until he graduated from Torrance high school in 1936.

Trained on the Job

At first he was just another carrier, no better and no worse than any of the rest. He did his work and spent his pay much like all the other boys who were his contemporaries on the job.

But after Louis got into high school and became a track star, his individuality began to show. When the other boys got on their bikes and wheeled away, or trudged along on foot to make their rounds, Louis saw a chance to get in a little extra training. He ran. Many a time he took his bundle of papers and dashed off, and in half an hour he was back at The Herald office, all finished up, as fresh and gay as when he started, after traveling from Carson street to Plaza del Amo along Andreo, Cabrillo and Border avenue with a side dash to the National Hotel on Abalone street.

Hit by Wanderlust

It can't be said that Louis was altogether a model carrier, never late, never failing to show up for his papers. A couple of summers when he was still pretty young, Louie's place was vacant. But in two or three weeks he was back, with the excuse that he had been out hitch-hiking, or freight-hopping, traveling up and down the coast and even into Arizona.

But as he grew older and his

(Continued on Page 45)

Welcome KNX

TORRANCE GIFT SHOP

Torrance headquarters for gift seekers who appreciate "different" gifts. Hundreds of items to choose from.

LENDING LIBRARY GIFTS • MAGAZINES STATIONERY • CARDS

1322 Sartori Ave., Ph. 495 M. W. Evans, Proprietor

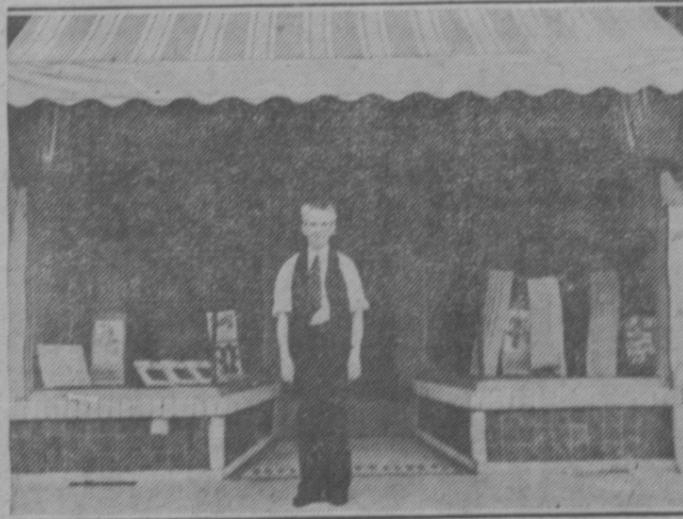
Celebrating

OUR

15th ANNIVERSARY

• Fifteen years ago this month we opened a tailor shop in Torrance. For all those years we have watched Torrance grow and progress. We, too, have grown and progressed and many persons who were customers our first year are still our customers today . . . convincing proof that our strict policy of QUALITY fabrics and SUPERIOR workmanship have and will continue to please men who appreciate finer tailoring.

For these many successful years in Torrance we sincerely thank our many loyal friends and customers.



J. LEPKIN

◆ MERCHANT TAILOR ◆

1320 SARTORI AVE. • TORRANCE, CALIF.

Congratulations Torrance

We are happy to join you in celebrating the opening of the new KNX Transmitter

The DICALITE Co.

Plant and Laboratory Located in Palos Verdes Hills Adjoining Torrance

LOS ANGELES — CHICAGO — NEW YORK

Branch Offices: Philadelphia, Boston, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Kansas City, San Francisco. Representatives the World Over.