

AUD FACILITIES DRAW BIG GATHERINGS

Steve Nyland's Fight Talk to Hen Produces Big Egg

"That's what you get when you give your chickens a professional 'fight-talk!'" declared Steve Nyland, well-known boxing referee and Columbia Steel worker, Tuesday, when he produced a huge egg before the somewhat startled eyes of L. J. Gilmeister, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.

"All you got to tell a good Rhode Island Red hen is: 'Put your mind on your work, don't stall and come out fighting!'" Nyland continued as he measured the egg. It was exactly three and one-half inches long.

"When she starts setting, approach her confidently and say: 'Now listen, birdie. We've paid a lot of good money to have you produce so don't disappoint your fans. Don't cinch but make this a big one for the box-office,'" Nyland advises his egg-producers.

Reaching for a seate he placed the hen-fruit on the balance. It weighed a quarter-pound.

"When you've spent a good many nights of 14 years in the ring refereeing fights, you get to know a good puncher the minute he climbs thru the ropes," Nyland, who lives at 20430 Hawthorne boulevard,

said. "The same thing holds true with chickens. Now I know that the producer of that egg was a 'corner' the minute she hatched.

"All she needed was some coaching and a fight-talk. There the result." And he left the egg, enough for an omelet, on exhibit at the Chamber of Commerce, comfortably nestled in a box well padded with cotton batting.

Gilmeister is anticipating a big fried egg for breakfast tomorrow morning.

Two Local Gold Seal Students Attend U. S. C.

Names of 270 California Gold Seal Bearers, including two from Torrance high school now enrolled in the University of Southern California, were released yesterday by Theron Clark, registrar. The local students are Alice Burger and Laurella Lancaster.

The Gold Seal award is given by the California Scholarship Federation to high school students who attain a high scholarship rating. A gold seal is placed on the diploma of a Gold Seal student to show that he has received this award.

3 Groups to Meet in City

This city's Civic Auditorium and its excellent facilities for accommodating large dinner gatherings, such service centering in the adjoining Civic Administration building's kitchen and supplies, is beginning to be recognized as a choice spot for convention functions. The first of a series of such major dinners—the dedication of the Administration structure last Oct. 20.

The second will be the monthly gathering of the Los Angeles County League of Municipalities scheduled for Dec. 16, according to L. J. Gilmeister, who as this city's public relations director, succeeded this month in winning that event for Torrance. It will be the first time that the county municipalities' association has ever assembled in this city.

"We expect to have 300 out-of-town city officials, their wives and friends present here for the dinner-meeting and dance to follow," Gilmeister said.

Buy More Equipment. The public relations director also revealed that he anticipates arrangements now in progress will be successfully concluded soon for another gathering of about 600 people here, all from outside of Torrance, at a dinner-meeting during the early part of January. Gilmeister

made public the identity of this group as yet.

The fourth event for the Auditorium will be the dinner-gathering and installation of officers of the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce. This is scheduled for Jan. 13, 1938. This annual session has been held in Torrance for a number of years but next year's event will be the first in the auditorium.

Tuesday night at city council meeting Councilman Robert J. Deiningers motion that \$300 be appropriated "for improvements and supplies at the Administration building kitchen" was approved. He said that the money will be used to purchase large coffee urns, additional trays, service tables and carts.

Adds Yuletide Note. Local officials are greatly pleased because the County League of Municipalities has favored this city with its session next month. They point out that Torrance will thus be given an excellent opportunity to "show off" its civic center buildings and new equipment to men and women who, because of their official status and community leadership, will appreciate the great progress made here in civic housing.

Plans are under way to make the Dec. 16 gathering one of distinct importance to the city. Local residents will be invited to attend and Gilmeister is already at work contacting officials in each of the 42 cities in the county urging all of them to come to Torrance for this event. The program is expected to be announced in the near future.

Torrance Personalities TODAY: LOU DEININGER

... with words by Herald, drawing by Roy Kawamoto

CARICATURE BY ROY KAWAMOTO

There are three factors in his war record that make Lou (Lou) H. Deiningers' experience in the Great Conflict unusual. He recalls a fourth but every ex-doughboy had that same one—a most uninteresting Christmas in France so that is not news. Deiningers, who is now 41, was born in Minneapolis, Minn., where he was born Sept. 8, 1896, is assistant postmaster here and is serving his 21st year with the postal department.

When he joined the U. S. Army with an infantry unit in July, 1918, he had previous training with the Minnesota National Guard, being called out in June, 1917. Although he went across the Atlantic, after further and more intensive training at Camp Wadsworth at Spartansburg, S. C., assigned to the Fourth Pioneer Infantry, on arriving in France the latter part of September, 1918, the Pioneers were split up and assigned to various regiments.

Deiningers was ordered to the 27th division but, and here is an unusual factor No. 1—he never got to that outfit because the Armistice was signed. Hence, his caricature and biography subject today was a "free lance" during war time overseas, a soldier without a company, regiment, battalion or division.

After the Armistice, Lou was assigned to a prisoner-of-war escort camp, guarding captured Germans at a base camp. Ninety days after peace was declared war prisoners were ordered evacuated to Germany and Deiningers' company of 80 Yankees conveyed 1,400 men on a train-back to Lembourg, Germany. Unusual Factor No. 2: Thus, Lou went farther into Germany with his unit than any other American outfit. Lembourg is beyond Coblenz, the headquarters and terminus of the Army of Occupation.

And here's Unusual Factor No. 3: Lou was discharged from the army on Nov. 11, 1919—exactly a year after the signing of the Armistice. But the army and postal service has not filled Deiningers' life to date. He started working as assistant to his father, who was a cigar-maker, while attending school and in summer vacations. He then worked for a lumber company in Minnesota away from home and separated from his brother, Robert J. Deiningers of the Torrance First National bank, city councilman and president of the Torrance Kiwanis club.

Lou's first postal job began March 12, 1916, as a sub-clerk in his home-town postoffice. A year after his army experience, he rejoined the postoffice department and in Minneapolis on Oct. 20, 1933, he married a Minnesota girl, Maude Stevens. They now have a 13-year-old daughter, Karna, who attends Junior high school here.

The Deiningers came west in January, 1924, and settled in Torrance whose praises had been sung—and still are for that matter—by Brother Bob. Lou is a past commander of Bert S. Crossland post, American Legion, lives at 1337 Engracia street, and is a crack bowler. He once played baseball but he says he's getting too old for that strenuous sport. To see him in action at a bowling alley, one would at first believe that statement at once.

He likes to read—mostly fiction. It usually consists of a business session following the dinner and short talks by outstanding authorities on municipal administrative problems. The dance that will close the gathering will be new for the county league and will be held here to add a festive Yuletide note to the convention.



LOU DEININGER
... war-time free lance

\$42,000 Sought for Injuries to Little Girl

Damages totaling \$42,000 are sought for injuries received in a traffic accident at Spencer and Earl streets, in Redondo Beach one block off Hawthorne avenue, recently, in a complaint on file this week in Los Angeles county superior court.

Horace T. Brunwin and his three-year-old daughter, Joyce, are the plaintiffs, the father seeking \$1,000 and \$25,933 on behalf of his child. The accident happened when cars driven by Brunwin and Bernice Davidson were in collision.

New THS Aud. Plans Okayed

Preliminary plans for the new \$100,700 assembly hall for Torrance high school have been approved by the Los Angeles city board of education. It was announced today. Detailed plans and specifications for the structure now are under way in the office of Wesley Eager, Los Angeles architect.

Hydrant and Light Ordered Installed

Requests for a fire hydrant and an overhead light at 227th and Pennsylvania avenue in south Torrance were transmitted to the city council Tuesday night by City Engineer Frank K. Leonard on behalf of residents in that district. The Lomita Water company, which serves the area, was authorized to install the hydrant and the light will be erected at once.

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