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Students Of Torrance High Receive Awards

The Sports award and basketball assembly will be held at Torrance high school Jan. 14, according to Bob Everts, school reporter.

Letters are to be presented to those of whom earned them in football and cross-country. The basketball rally will be conducted by the Hi-Y group, followed by an awards assembly for attendance, scholarship, and service.

The All-Marine League Press Award will also be given during this assembly to those selected by this board of football as All-Marine League players.

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Torrance Cagers Win By Forfeit

The Torrance Recreation basketball team traveled to the Long Beach Armory to play the Nott & Elmore five but were greatly disappointed in not being able to play the game as only one player for the opposition appeared upon the scene of conflict. Officially the game was recorded as a victory for the locals but there is little satisfaction to the boys by winning in this manner.

In other league games the Marine team, whom the Torrance team beat in their last encounter 33-18, came out with a swell new center by the name of Lassley who flipped 19 points through the net to lead his team to a thrilling 35-33 win over the touted Consteel five.

The Naval Operating Base really "operated" on the Walvic "B" team of San Pedro by a 32-11 score. Torrance drew a bye in this week's play at Long Beach. In the meantime they were hosts at the high school gym. Tuesday evening, to the Douglas Aircraft Bluedevils, whom the locals defeated in an overtime period by the score of 45-39.

Ed Egerer led the attack with 24 points. Strong was high man for the visitors with 15.

Tonight at 8:00 p.m. they play the Redondo Evening high school in the Redondo high gym. Next week, on Tuesday, Jan. 15, at 8:00 p.m. a Long Beach team, Coon's Funeral Home, who have won 8 of their last 9 games, will furnish the opposition at the local high school gym, and on Friday, Jan. 18, at 8:15 p.m. in the L. B. Armory gym the team winds up the second round of play in the L. B. Recreation League, playing the Walvic "B" team of San Pedro.

Air Patrol For Game Wardens

The scope of patrol for wardens of the State Division of Fish and Game will be greatly increased with emphasis on airplane patrol and two-way radio communication between patrol vehicles and district offices of the division's Bureau of Patrol and law enforcement if funds requested in the idvision's supplemental budget are made available at the special session of the State Legislature.

GIANT STURGEON

Largest fish observed in the newly formed lake behind Shasta Dam is a white sturgeon weighing 145 pounds. It was seven feet eight inches long.

STRIPTEES

By John P. Stripling

"With, or without an Orchid to friend or foe, I'll Tee an opinion wherever it may go"

SCLAFF . . . With the first big title fight among the heavies coming up we find it very hard to keep from sounding off and still occupy a sturdy limb. Even though the tree is mighty, there seems to be no strong limbs out upon which a prophet can climb.

Joe Louis is a champion, and a good one—but—Billy Conn has made a bid, and it was also good. Louis is approaching the age when all good fighters are attempting comebacks, and too, there will be no Charlie Blackburn in the Bomber's corner, which automatically throws us in Conn's camp.

Now mind you, we only said we were thrown into Conn's camp, and refuse to believe that we have left the tree trunk. So, by being thrown into the Pittsburgher's camp we'll just caddie the issue around a bit.

Conn is a heavier man than when first he fought Louis, and this weight has been naturally attained, which is quite important to a man faced with mayhem. It has further been conceded that the Irish boxer has a good deal more endurance, speed, and boxing ability.

And, inasmuch as he's Irish, we'll have to at least concede an equal amount of heart.

The outcome of the fight means success to Billy, whereas it's just another fight to Joe in which he'll keep punching until one or the other drops. Conn can win over Louis in this bout, and only the betting crowd is eligible to forget it.

Joe Louis has been a credit to the game, and more important he has been a credit to his race. It has never discouraged him to hit an opponent and fail to knock him down. He is not the least conceited with his punching ability, and when he doesn't deck the guy with one punch, he'll just keep right on throwing them until he does—or, as in the case of Schmeling, he goes out.

There is more to be said regarding this fight, and we no doubt will fall to the ground saying it. But one thing is certain. Never again will we break every limb on the tree in our predictions as we did before their first fight.

It is not necessary to look that item up. It is well remembered, and hereby quoted from: "Conn will break the bettors in this fight. He will surprise the sports world with the most clever bit of head work and boxing skill that the heavyweight division has ever seen. Conn will be the next world's champion tomorrow night before the 14th round."

Now you readers know why there was quite a lull in our sports reporting. Our argument was so strong that the city editor believed it, and may some one provide for us—he was a betting man.

Sports Mailbag

(Many letters have been received by this department that have been unsigned. The sports editor suggests again that all material be signed and we will use only initials when requested.)

To settle a small wager but more to bring my records up to date, what was the longest game ever played in the National league? The American League? O.E.P.

Ans.: The game between Brooklyn and Boston, May 1, 1920. The boys battled for 26 innings with the final score ending 1 to 1. The game was called on account of darkness. Time, three hours and 50 minutes. In the American League, Philadelphia played Boston Sept. 1, 1906 for 24 innings. The game lasted four hours and 47 minutes.

Q. I say that the Dempsey-Carpentier fight drew as much money as the first Dempsey-Tunney fight by several thousand dollars. I warn you that this may be a catch question, but what do you say?

C. R. Moore

Ans.: Your say is close, but wrong, according to my records. The 1926 Dempsey-Tunney fight drew $1,895,723 as compared to the Dempsey-Carpentier brawl of $1,626,580. These figures are based on a gross take and we fail to see the catch. In case you are interested the second Dempsey-Tunney bout grossed nearly a million more than the Carpentier affair.

Ervie Palica Strikes LAA Down 8 to 1

With the masterful pitching of Ervie Palica, Torrance American Legion team downed the Los Angeles Athletics 8 to 1, in one of the finest displays of pitching strength the local ball fans have seen this year. (The fact that this was the first game of the year has nothing to do with the editor's boast.)

Ervie set down 10 L.A.A. men on strikes of the first 15 to face his wrath before slowing down to give his team mates a chance to get into the game.

Palica opposed Andrews and Sheffield on the mound and around the fifth inning the TAL boys sent Andrews to the showers with seven tallies scored against him.

The all negro team put on a good show for the fans but didn't belong in the same ball game with the American Legion bat masters. TAL played this one without an error with Jim Daniels and Nick Palica starring in the field.

Jimmy Jackson, making his first appearance with the locals, proudly pounded in two runs for Torrance and batted 333.

Harold Jackson, TAL first sacker, who won a recent bout with malaria, shared hitting honors with Alex Palica leading the club with crowded hits.

The negro star of the day was a 230 pounder named Norville Avery, who kept the fans on the edge of their seats throughout the game.

Batteries: Ervie Palica, Bennett, Kincannon; Andrews, Sheffield and Jerry.

Game for this Sunday had not been announced at press time.

Boys Basketball Team Being Formed Here

A boy's basketball team has been formed by the Torrance City Recreation department to represent this city in a Harbor District Recreation league.

Due to inadequate gymnasium facilities in Torrance, the boys are forced to play all of their games away from home, traveling either to the San Pedro Boy's Club, the San Pedro "Y," or the Banning Field House at Wilmington.

The team will play in the Senior Division, for boys 18 years of age and under and the eligibility rules for this group stipulate that no player shall have competed in official interschool varsity or B-class competition. This ruling was made with the objective of allowing a greater number of boys in a given area to play on a team.

The player roster is limited to ten and at the present writing the following boys are signing up; LeRoy Schwenk, Bud Smith, Ralph George, Gilbert Bennett, Don Cook and Paul Moser.

The playing schedule should be ready for publication in next week's issue of the Torrance Herald.

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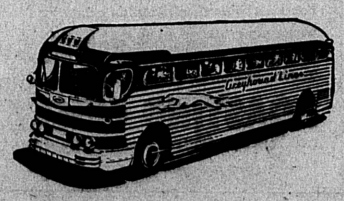

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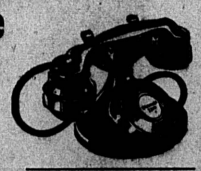
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