

GASOLINE STOCK
Gasoline stocks in the United States today stand at more than 3,650,000,000 gallons, an increase of 250,000,000 gallons over a year ago.

Triangular Course Wows Club Members

Don Price, seven times National pistol champion and who coached seven international rifle teams to championships, joined the Boys Club roster of instructors and will teach the local youth rifle marksmanship.

Price gave the boys something to do during their last meeting Monday evening when he set up a triangular course for the youths to ponder over and at which to shoot. He has also made arrangements, according to B. J. Michels, Vet committee chairman for the group, to set up a rifle range near by and give the gang expert pointers in target shooting.

Price said that he would work toward entering a team from the club in the forthcoming National rifle meet.

Adrian Thornberry, local police officer and instructor in the club is about making the necessary arrangements through the Board of Education for the temporary use of the Torrance High school gym for his class in wrestling and body conditioning.

Thornberry said that an answer from the board regarding this use was expected this week.

Club president Jack Hood reported that regular meeting nights would soon be set for the second Monday of each month, but in the meantime every Monday evening meetings will continue until the various classes are completed.



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Ski class at Badger Pass, Yosemite national park, goes through paces under direction of a "pro," who called "about face" just as photo was snapped. Student at extreme left didn't get good rest yet.

Northway's Score In Last Minute Defeats Catholics

In a thrilling last second finish, Corky Northway of St. Andrew's Church flipped a basket from mid-court to defeat the Catholic team 80 to 29 and take over second berth in the "V" Church League. Christian Church, sparked by the 14 points made by Ralph George, strengthened their position in the lead by downing a fighting Methodist team led by Bill Stanley 32 to 19. Catholic, in a well coordinated passing attack, came back in their second game of the week to defeat the Baptist team 68 to 25 and took possession of third place.

Games in this Church League are held every Tuesday evening starting at 7 o'clock and every Thursday at 8:30. Torrance high gym. Visitors are welcome to witness these thrilling games. No admission charge is made.

Hard Socking Bobby Corkhill Fights In Bowl

Bobby Corkhill, a Compton College football player, who has shown definite promise as a fighter by winning his first four matches by kayo, will headline the amateur fight show at the Wilmington Bowl tomorrow night. He will engage Albert (Sandy) Sandoval in the four-round main event.

Corkhill made his debut at the Bowl in mid-January, and has yet to go the limit in an amateur fight—while his opponent tomorrow, Sandoval, has an impressive record of his own, winning eight out of nine bouts at the Harbor arena. Both boys are great mixers.

Sandoval's only loss was to Bill Carlisle of the USS Lexington in finals of the Harbor Golden Gloves eliminations.

An outstanding supporting show is being arranged by promoter-matchmaker Joe Craig,

STRIPTEEES

By John P. Stripling

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

FOLLOWING THROUGH . . . "Growing by leaps and bounds," was the answer to our question regarding the VFW's newly organized Boys Club meeting in the Moose Hall here. B. J. Michels, Vet chairman of the Boys committee, confided to your scribe that the boys were doing a better job in conducting their own meeting than his committee had been doing.

"This kid, Jack Hood, is making the boys a good president, and the things he proposes to do keep me and the committee jumping," B. J. said. (This was supposed to be off the record.) "You predicted that the boys may have a little ham in their make-up," he reminded us, "and all the time I thought you were just side-tracking the boxing issue because of certain elements."

"Well," we answered, drawing our sword to cross his blade. Mike looked about as though no one else should hear what he was about to say.

"You were right. Some of the boys are laying the ground work for a male chorus. And that ain't all they are going to put on a minstrel!"

"Black face?" we wanted to know. "Black face!" he answered, and withdrew, thoroughly spent and haggard from the impending ride on which the boys were going to take him. And they will do it, too.

PRESS . . . Youths of Lomita are all for taking advantage of a site offered them to build a swimming pool on Lomita Blvd., but according to a recent gathering of citizens forming a coordinating council of the community, the cost would approximate \$40,000.

The council indicated that \$40,000 was quite a bit of change and doubted the town's ability of gathering as many dollars for such a project. The matter wasn't dropped there however, because of those present who believed that it could still be done—so buck up, kids, maybe it isn't impossible after all.

HORSE HOCKEY . . . A subscriber accuses us of playing "Horse Hockey" in our last column, and goes on to say: "There are so many constructive things that a newsman can write about, why do you persist in dishing up stuff that is so obviously weak?"

We're laughing on the other side of our face at this serious thrust, but ever on guard for what is so laughingly referred to as "constructive criticism," we encountered with: "Have you ever been took?" The critic chewed this around a bit, and we show him a little puzzled, so helped him out:

"You know, like the good book says, he was a stranger and I took him in," taking of course the inverted view, means to fleece the unwary?"

"If you mean being bested by the type of slicker you wrote about," he boasted, "the answer is 'no.' Haven't you ever been a stranger and 'took in' invertedly?" we wanted to know. He was emphatic in his belief that a man, unless he was stupid, could not be so obviously fleeced by a slicker. Your scribe began to "case" our critical friend for ways and means to sucker him for a bet.

We decided to use "Triple-threat's" hucker trick number one. He grabbed the bait and started down stream from the very first prick of the old "needle," and we were forced to withdraw the taunt.

All we had to say was a big rat had just ran across the living room floor of his home. His beautiful living room was rat infested. "Impossible," he said. "Oh, yes," we argued—in fact we bet that we could catch one without getting out of the room. Right there the guy made a bet of ridiculous proportions—and right there our friend "Triple-Threat" would have had his house and bank account.

Next week we'll tell this guy just how the "Threat" would have suckered him in.

Recreationers Defeat Marine Cagers 42-25

The Torrance Recreation Basketball team shifted into high gear in their final game in the third round of play in the Long Beach Recreation League and defeated the Marine cagers 42-25 last Friday in the Long Beach Poly High gym.

For Torrance, Bud Smith and Bill Stanley each garnered 12 points to tie for high score honors of the game. The local "Rec" squad dominated the game all the way, unworking a sweet passing and shooting attack which completely subdued the "Fighting" Marines.

Tomorrow, at 7:15 p.m. in the Long Beach Armory gym, the

Early Interest For Softball Is Shown Here

Local youngsters, who made up last year's playground teams, got the jump on the big leaguers in the matter of spring training for the coming season.

For the past four or five weeks the little fellows, from nine years of age and up, have been organizing their teams and showed up faithfully each Saturday morning at the City Park for a workout.

Torrance has received a bid to enter a team in the National Softball League of Southern California which is "Tops" locally and one of the fastest leagues in the nation. Torrance fans remember the famed Torrance Bluebirds, who played in this league, and would like to see them revived.

A glimpse at the local Industrial League picture shows that inquiries concerning the use of the Park for practice periods have started to come in, which indicates an early interest in this league.

According to the latest National Recreation Bulletin received by the Torrance Recreation Department, there is a definite nation wide upswing in sports for recreation, with softball near the head of the list. Many communities are constructing and planning new diamonds to care for the increasing popularity of the game.

During a meeting of the Southern California Softball Association held in Los Angeles on Feb. 14, in which Torrance was represented by Elmer "Red" Moon, it was indicated that more than 1,000 teams will participate this year in the immediate vicinity of Los Angeles.

Beer Barons Defeat TAL In Close Game

The Torrance American Legion team bit the dust last Sunday in their game with the Eastside Beer Masters, marking the first defeat in many months for inebriated master Letty O'Reagan.

Bekhtian, Eastside hurler, and O'Reagan both allowed eight hits for the afternoon's duel. It was Eckman's slow ball that threw the TAL crowd into a four-two defeat. Harold Jackson, TAL first sacker, and Harold McCormick, local third baseman, highlighted the game by making the first seven putouts with brilliant teamwork.

Batting honors for the home nine went to Bob McNeil and Harold Jackson.

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