

## Local Softball Teams Prepare For Big Year

Prospects for a banner year in the Torrance Industrial Softball League loomed large this week as inquiries concerning starting dates came pouring into the City's Recreation office. With the exception of the war plants which are now closed, practically all of the last year's teams are planning entries for this season's flag chase.

Gar Johnson, of the Columbia Steel Co., reports that they have the makings of a swell team which includes a darkhorse "southpaw chucker" who, if induced to dish 'em up for the steels, will give rival battlers plenty of trouble this year.

"Chuck" Shepard, of Shepard Bros., expects to have another fast outfit in the running again. From the National Supply Co., "Slim" Lowry and Johnnie Frith report that the boys are all steamed up and raring to go but a sad tone was noticeable as they told of losing their star catcher, Pat Malone, to a ranching deal in Oregon. Bill Schneider, second baseman, recently returned from the service.

From the Goodyear Synthetic Rubber Plant, manager Burt Tuttle states that he is stepping down from the driver's seat and will devote his interests to the catching department and will hand the reins over to a newcomer to Torrance fans, Carl Mims, an oldtime player with plenty of baseball know how to give to his club.

George Donaghue will again endeavor to cast a winning formula on the diamond for the Dow Chemical Co. and has apparently got the jump on the rest of the circuit with several workouts and is scheduling match games already.

The Shell Chemical Co. is reorganizing and has not yet announced who will handle the

## Torrance Boys Weekend In Snow At YMCA Camp

The Torrance H-Y club enjoyed last weekend in the snow at Big Pines. Seventeen boys and three men enjoyed sliding, tobogganing, snowballing, and a great amount of varied fun.

The camp at Big Pine is a Y. M. C. A. camp, which has been used each weekend by groups throughout the metropolitan area. The main building is a lodge, at which the parties have been staying. Cots, mattresses and dishes are the only equipment provided. The remainder must be carried up to the camp. Those Torrance boys attending were: Darrel Comstock, Donnie Cook, Frank Dominguez, Ralph George, Dick Honrath, Bill Jackson, Merwin Jarratt, Ken Keson, Ed King, Paul Mitchell, Billy Morgan, Corky Northway, Leroy Behwenik, Bill Stanley, Don Teske, Jack Turner and LeRoy Wright. The three men who accompanied the group were: Albert L. Jackson, Homer Morgan and Ted Meyer.

### TRICKS OF YESTER-YEARS

The confectioner was originally a druggist, who used sweets to disguise the taste of unpleasant medicines.

At least two local firms wish to enter new clubs this year. Out at the Coast Insulating Co., Bob Brown has been putting the fire under the boys to back a team and reports that he is sure of a success. From the local General Petroleum, George Surber is heading up the softball efforts for the Flying Horses.

The first league organization meeting will be held April 15, at 7:30 p.m. in the court room of the City Hall. Interested parties are urged to contact Elmer "Red" Moon at TOR-2263 or 1740-W.

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**FIGHTS AT BOWL . . .** Bobby Corkhill (above), who played a lot of quarterback on one of the Compton College football teams last fall, and who is blossoming into a dandy middleweight fight prospect, will appear in the first half of the double main event of the amateur fight show at the Wilmington Bowl tomorrow (Friday) night.

## Slam-Bang Card Lined Up In Bowl Offering

Bruce Boughner, the Long Beach Poly High football player who has gained many fight followers with his slam-bang, crowd pleasing bouts in recent weeks, and Bobby Corkhill of Compton College share the spotlight in the double main event which headlines the amateur fight show at the Wilmington Bowl tomorrow (Friday) night.

Boughner, rolling along nicely with eight victories in nine fights and rated one of the more promising middleweights in the amateur field, will engage Amado Devalos of the Los Angeles Main Street gym in the final contest.

Devalos waged one of the greatest bouts of the season last week against Speedy Rose, the San Pedro sailor, only to lose a hairline decision. The week before, Boughner did the same thing against Rose. The pair will be fighting for a chance at a rematch.

Corkhill, also a touted middleweight, and also a former football player, having served as quarterback on a Compton college eleven last fall, will engage another of the Main Street stable in the first half of the twin feature to be selected at the State Commission weigh-in late Friday.

Others who are expected to appear on promoter-matchmaker Joe Craig's show will be Marshall Nance, the ex-Camp Ross favorite, who is approaching a pro career as a light heavyweight; Speedy Rose of San Pedro; Tony Dominguez of Wilmington, also a comer in the light heavyweight field, and two more Wilmington favorites, Dave Mendoza and Pete Contreras.

The Bowl in recent week has returned to the Southern California spotlight as the No. 1 arena in the eyes of the State Commission. The boys have been performing before crowds of 2000 or more—and talent appears abundant, with Joe Craig's free boxing instruction classes every afternoon drawing boys from every section of the Harbor area.

There is no charge for this "school," which is open to any boy in the area who wants to learn to protect himself, Craig said.

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# STRIPTEEES

By John P. Stripling

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

ON THE GREEN . . . Met Spence Tracy Sunday while hobnobbing with the "upper-caste" at the Phoenix, Arizona, Country Club. Don't ask me how we managed to get in, which isn't exactly a sports item but we mention it just to show our readers that we do get around—or in.

Space does not permit explaining the ways and means employed by us in order to get our "Triple-Threat" character into the conversation with Tracy and a Phoenix sports editor, which is all the more reasons why the reader should continue along with this. But we did.

We had only to tell about a caddy the Threat once had, and Spence caught on as to the true identity of our hero who was named after a luxury liner which was sunk early in the first World War. He not only caught on, but spun a little yarn of his own about this fabulous golfer who took the club sports during the early thirties.

Your wife's dream man, (and don't think he isn't, men) told of the time the Threat's caddy double-crossed the slicker-golfer after they had cleaned the local crop of another small fortune.

It's a swell story, fellows, but one that cannot be told until you've heard our lead-off yarn about this caddy who later made national news with his own brand of golf.

### THE THREAT AND HIS CADDIE

It was another one of those days for old man Triple. New greens and new faces with the latter drawing more concentration from him than the course he played with his three brand new—about to be suckers. And, as usual, on a new green with green potentialities although ripe for steecing, the Threat was behind several strokes in the medal play.

His inability to equal his opponent's number of strokes, he complained, was due to their lousy weather which brought out the rheumatism in his aging body.

"It couldn't be that you're out of your class in playing with us?" They started to chide him. "Out of my class?" He would huff up and scream back at them like a frustrated dandy. "Why, you fellows are the poorest golfers I have ever played with. I could go ten under the lot of you if this dang weather wasn't so hateful to my health!"

### THE "NEEDLE" IS IN PLAY

One member of the party said: "This is a tough course, T. T., and I might add that you are playing with the club's three top golfers, so buck up. We did not expect you to come up to our brand of game."

"Your brand of game!" T. T. flashed back. "If you hicks would move off this one-acre course you'd never make the first cup on an honest to size links. Why I've seen caddies who'd down all three of you in match or medal!" Whereupon he turned to his caddy and said:

"Say boy. Do you play golf?" The caddy shyly answered that he did. "Let's see you swing this club," the Threat said, handing him his brassie. The boy whipped it around a bit, and T. T. bellowed: "Well, you ain't exactly one of the Jones boys, but you sure the devil have more form than these self-confessed club champs."

"Tell you what I'll do," our hero said, turning to the group. "I'll bet ten, fifty or a hundred bucks that this caddy of mine can beat either one of you acre rulers."

Naturally everyone laughed, but the Threat had a way of opening the gate wide in making what appeared a fool's bet. He was like a shepherd with sheep, people just naturally followed his lead—but only to shut his mouth and take his money.

### THE CADDIE

The caddy had been on the local green three weeks before T. T. stepped into town. Like in the old days of carnival fighters who always made themselves acquainted around the pool halls a week or so before the show set up. The caddy was an expert golfer even then, also like his teacher, he was a good actor.

Of course he beat the club's three-to-four three top golfers, and the tale is not remembered, we know it was high, because the Threat and his caddy were high price men.

## Stanley Pierson Attending Army School In Vienna

Corporal Stanley A. Pierson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Pierson, 1319 Plaza del Amo st., Torrance, is one of 165 servicemen and women attending the second term of the Central Educational Command School at the University of Vienna, one of Europe's foremost pre-war study centers, now staffed by American and Viennese instructors.

Representatives of all military units in the Vienna Area Command are eligible to attend the school. Its courses cover 18 subjects and offer graduation certificates that may be accepted for credit by American schools. Sponsor of the school is the Information and Education Section of General Mark W. Clark's United States Forces in Austria Headquarters.

Corporal Pierson, who is currently serving with USA Public Relations Section, was assigned overseas in November 1944. He served in combat with the 86th Infantry Division, in France. He wears the American Theatre, Occupation and ETO Ribbon with one battle participation star and the Good Conduct and Victory Medals.

Prior to entering the service in August 1943, he was a student at the University of Oregon, Eugene.

## Tartars Slowing Down In Baseball Practice Tilts

The Torrance Tartar nine took their first walloping of the baseball season during a practice game last week when they met the University Warriors. University grabbed their five runs off 12 hits with the losers collecting two runs on four hits.

Batteries: Torrance high school—Thomas and Bennett. University—Kenrik and Zeidler.

Rain blotted out the Tartars in the bottom half of the fourth inning with Venice high school on a later date with Torrance on the long end of the scoring by a 2-1 lead.

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