

# STRIPTEES

By  
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Stripling

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

**THE THRILL OF THE AIR . . .** There's sport in flying. Our participation in it has been very limited for the past 18 months—but when we see skies such as enjoyed here last week, with the beautiful cloud formations, some streaked with winds of gale velocity, then it's off the earth we go to sail into the great blue yonder where we try our rusty hands at hopping a fleecy cumulus.

There is, in taking an open ship off the ground, always one magnificent, unforgettable moment just before she takes her wheels from the runway, when you're skimming along at 70, or more, and do not know whether you're rolling or flying so light is the touch.

The ground whizzes by beneath you, objects ahead leap at you with alarming rapidity. A moment later the earth drops away and you're off, and never again do you have that breath-taking sensation of speed.

Flying in canyons, hopping over a mountain top with the throttle pulled back, your ship lifting swiftly because of the strong up-draft, and then the terrifying sensation of being battered by the leeward down-draft, is enough to satisfy most any action-hungry feeling.

The unforgettable strain of holding the stick forward as a powerful down-draft pulls your plane to the canyon floor with dropping speeds of from one to two thousand feet a minute, is an experience which defies the law of self preservation. The desire to pull the old stick back when the pine trees come racing toward you is not easily overcome.

But our experiences have been that the terrible thing re- ceives your attention when you are able to determine the species of the bird sitting on a limb on the nearest tree. . . . With all that speed you have forced yourself to maintain, you're safely loosed to go skimming along to less turbulent areas.

Indeed there's sport in flying—a thrilling and pleasurable one that won't be forgotten.

## Tartar Battery Returns From Pioneer Season

Gil "Moose" Bennett and "Arky" Joe Waters arrived here last week after a season with the Ogden (Utah) Reds, a Cincinnati farm team which wound up in second place in the Pioneer League this past season. Gil and Joe, a Tartar battery, also played football for Torrance last year. They probably will be on the Torrance American Legion roster for winter games here. Both are hunting for winter jobs here until spring baseball training opens next April in Ogden.

**LAKE FISHING IMPROVES**  
Fishing in Millerton Lake and high back lakes of Fresno County is reported improving.

## AMATEUR FIGHTS



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**8 MAJOR EVENTS 8**

**Gardena Bowl**

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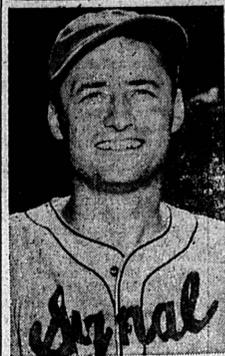
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**IN NORTH-SOUTH PLAYOFF** HERE . . . Three Signal Oil stars are pictured above from left to right: Bob McNamara, sparky third-sacker; Art Swartz, fiery catcher-manager of the Southland champs, and Tom Gwin, first baseman. Reports from Oakland intimate that the Moffat-Manteca nine, a hard hitting top semi-pro club, will beat the southern pennant holders. First game starts Saturday night at 8 p.m. in Torrance Park. The northern team will be flown in from San Francisco Saturday morning.

## State Baseball Champions To Be Decided Here

Thousands of Southern California baseball fans are expected to watch Moffat-Manteca of San Francisco and Signal Oilers of Santa Monica, battle it out for the California state semi-pro baseball championship in a best two out of three game series starting Saturday night at Torrance city ball park.

Both clubs represent the cream of semi-pro competition in their respective section. The northern club won eight straight games to capture the Oakland Tribune-sponsored playoffs, which terminated Monday night at the Oak Coast league ball park.

The Oilers, who hold the 1946 Southern California Baseball Association title, clinched matters by battling undefeated through the recent Torrance tourney.

Moffat-Manteca scored as follows in its drive to the northern crown: defeated Pinal 8-3, Mather Field Flyers 19-0, Santa Rosa Merchants 18-4, Golden Glow 2-0, New Liberty Market 7-3, Southern Pacific Stars 14-8, Golden Glow (finals) 9-7.

The San Francisco club includes Jimmie Baxes, All-American second baseman on the Esquire team; Bobby Uhle, first-sacker who hit two homers in the final game Monday night;

## Police Revolver Club Lists High Scores For Week

High scores recorded at the Torrance police course by the local revolver club during the week are the following:

25 caliber: E. Ashton, three strings, 286 average; E. Miller, three strings, 241 average. 22 caliber: D. Hoy, two strings, 248 average.

Sam Fenech, Oakland catcher last year; Frank Falconi, former Seattle and Seal outfielder; Artie Shellock, southpaw hurler signed by the Dodgers as the result of his tournament showing; Joe Gantenbein, former Philly performer; Chester Wensloff, pitcher on leave from the Yankees; Joe Futernick, ex-Seal short stop and Francis Meagher, pitcher who starred for the Los Alamitos naval base.

Manager Art Swartz's Oilers boasts a top array of semi-pro talents. Hurlers ready for action are: Bob Williams and Archie Campbell, Tommy Gwin, 1-b; Joe Stein, 3-b; Ed Harrison, rf; Cal Barnes, cf; John Ramsey, lf; Bob McNamara, ss-3-b; Ralph Rhein, 2-b and Art Swartz, c, complete the lineup.

One game will be played at 8 p.m. Saturday night. A double header is billed starting 7:30 Sunday night, but the third game won't be played should one team win two straight.

## A Frank Observer Covers TAL's Twin Victory In Double-Header

By E. FRANK

(Editor's note: The following is an account of Sunday's game here, in addition to answering Strip's Tee of Sept. 12, regarding the decline of Torrance the American Legion's ball club. Frank is well known to most ball fans here and the above by-line, a nom de plume, has been used by him in various sports articles which have appeared in newspapers in the past.)

From where I view the Torrance ball games (looking the pitcher right in the eye) it looks as though the TALACS have returned to their winning ways. The strong arm of Lefty O'Regan Sunday put the powerful Dix Manufacturing club of Lynwood down with two hits in an abbreviated six innings to win the opener of a twin bill.

The local diamond pouncers knocked out nine clean hits to score four runs, while the Dix nine strove to tally a lone marker.

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Placed and Murray; O'Regan and Kincannon.

During the second game we all looked for the writer of "StripTees," who bragged that he would not miss a game once he had secured housing in Torrance, but no Strip was about, despite the fact that he now lives on a vertical acre right in the heart of Torrance.

Torrance was out-hit 8-5 in the nightcap, but timely hitting and fancy base running made up the difference in the final score. The locals went out in front in the very first inning with a base on balls, followed by a passed ball and a fielder's choice. Swayne Johnson singled.

Rowin drew a base on balls and Gil Bennett, playing his first game here since finishing last season with the Pioneer League, doubled to put the home club in front, 3-0.

Gar Johnson, TAL hurler, coasted from this point on in allowing Dix six hits and two runs.

Brother Swayne pulled some fast base running in the sixth by stealing second and third and then bounded home on an error.

Second game box:

DIX MANUFACTURING		AB RH PO A E				
Bengston, 2b.	5	0	1	3	1	0
Szoke, lf.	4	2	3	2	0	0
Berry, lf.	1	0	0	0	0	0
Bouldin, 3b.	2	0	1	1	3	0
Varnell, 3b.	0	0	0	1	0	0
Prose, 1b.	3	0	2	5	0	0
Dalton, ss.	4	0	0	1	0	0
Wark, cf.	4	0	0	1	0	0
Placed, rf.	4	0	0	2	0	0
Murray, c.	2	0	1	4	1	1
Weldeman, c.	2	0	3	0	0	0
Bradley, p.	2	0	1	3	0	0
McKinnon, p.	2	0	0	1	0	0
Total	35	2	8	24	9	1

TORRANCE

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Roberts, ss.	2	2	0	1	7	1
Brigant 2b.	3	0	0	2	5	0
McNeal, cf.	4	0	1	3	0	1
Faulkbury, 3b.	4	0	0	1	4	0
S. Johnson, lf.	2	2	1	1	0	1
Kincannon, 1b.	3	1	1	16	0	0
Rowin, rf.	2	0	1	0	0	0
Bennett, c.	3	0	1	3	0	0
G. Johnson, p.	3	0	0	1	0	0
Total	28	5	5	27	17	2

Summary: Winning pitcher, G. Johnson; losing pitcher, Bradley. Runs off G. Johnson, 2; off Bradley, 5. Base on balls, Johnson, 3; Bradley, 6. Strikeouts, by Johnson, 2; by Bradley, 5; by McKinnon, 2. Hit by pitcher, Roberts by Bradley. Double plays, Roberts to Briganti to Kincannon, Bradley to Bengston. Umpires, Kulp and Watson. Time, 1:55.

**SALMON LIMITS**

Limits of salmon were reported taken last week from Humboldt County's Cock RoIn Island to Dungan Pools.

## Strong Team To Represent P.V. In Annual Event

One of the strongest teams ever to represent Palos Verdes Country Club in team matches will open competition on Oct. 20 in the first scheduled match of the annual Public Links team events. The hillside course will have only the one entry in the championship division.

Ray Sleppy, of Torrance, one of the top-notch amateur golfers of Southern California, who has held just about every golf crown in this section, idle for several months because of illness, will return to competition this year and will play with the Palos Verdes team. Sleppy was one of the first members added to the hillside course in the renewed membership drive now under way.

With Sleppy on the PeeVee title team will be such players as Elmer Clements and Ernie Krig of Redondo Beach and Arnold Mac Donnell, another Hermosa Beach resident who is expected to be among the leaders in the annual competition. Sleppy will leave early next week for Pebble Beach where he will represent Palos Verdes in the State Amateur Tournament.

Big car racing returns to the southland for the first time since 1941 next Sunday afternoon at the half mile Gardena Bowl track, 174th and Vermont avenue.

Driving the Indianapolis type jobs will be such old favorites as Bud Rose, Oakland Speedway champ; Tex Peterson, Ascot champ; Sam Nigra of San Pedro, Ken (Crash) Palmer, Montebello; Cecil Sheffer of L. A. who made the grade in this year's 500 lapper at Indianapolis; Ed Barnett, Bud Sannett of Inglewood, Willie (Wild Bill) Anderson of Long Beach and Bayless Leveritt.

Leveritt only a week ago set a new world record for 5/8 of a mile tooling his new Hisso around the Oakland oval in 24:40. Rose will introduce a new Offie Special, while Peterson

## Awards Dinner Of 'Y' Group Is Held In Church

Tuesday evening the awards potluck dinner was held for the "Y" Church Softball League at the Saint Andrew's church. More than 70 persons attended, representing the 12 teams of the boys' and girls' divisions. The Rev. Paul Wheeler presented the championship trophy to the boys' division winner, Saint Joseph's Black Widows. In a short acceptance speech, Rev. Father Cyril F. Wood expressed his appreciation to the "Y" and those responsible for making such competitive play possible. He stated that the league had helped bring his group together in constructive activities.

The championship cup was presented to the girls of the First Baptist Church by Mrs. Jerry Wagner, president of the Junior Woman's Club, who donated the trophy. In her remarks Mrs. Wagner lauded the work being done by the YMCA with girls. She assured the girls



**FIGHTING DUKE . . .** Lanky Duke Chronister, popular Bell flower amateur, will meet Bill Martin of Los Angeles tomorrow night in the first half of the Wilmington Bowl main event.

that YMCA functions were being established and a full-time worker would be in Torrance soon. She pointed out the splendid opportunity inter-club competition has in developing cooperation and fellowship between all youth of the city. The program was concluded by the showing of championship baseball pictures.

## It's Fun to Bowl!

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