

# Sport Shop

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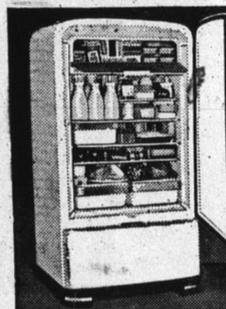
If you're down around the high school one of these days, drop in and take a look at the prettiest pair of football shoes that you have ever feasted your eyes on.

Before the shoes were beautified, they were worn by Ralph George on the 1946 Torrance High football squad. While they were adorning Ralph's doggies, he scored 66 points for last year's Marine League title holders.

The story behind the shoes is interesting. Seems that Ralph was having trouble getting fitted at the beginning of the season so he borrowed a pair of cleated brogans from Ray Richhart, unofficial assistant coach, caretaker, groundskeeper, and maid of all work for the team.

Well, Ralph used the shoes and started piling up points

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in them. It got so that he and Ray were beginning to think that the shoes were playing a big part in running up the scores. Ray gets the idea that if Ralph scores 10 touchdowns while wearing these boots, he will take the shoes and hang them up on a nail to grow old in peace.

Not only does Ralph score the 10 TD's, he throws in another one for good measure to run his season total to 66 points. And Ray takes the shoes and hangs them on the nail like he said he would and that's where the story should end. But it doesn't.

Richhart keeps looking at the shoes on that lonely nail all winter long and suddenly he gets a mighty bright idea: Why not have the shoes bronzed like they do with baby shoes and give them to the school as a memento of the league crown captured while the shoes were on Ralph's tootsies.

Ray checked with Dr. Alden Smith at Howards Jewelers about the bronzing and found that the process wasn't too costly for a pair of baby shoes, but for those size nine clodhoppers, it ran into quite a pile of bucks.

That's when "Doc" Smith came to the rescue. As long as Ray was giving up the shoes, he would have them bronzed gratis. And that was the bronzing taken care of. The shoes were on display in the window at Howards and again it seemed a likely spot for the story to end.

But no. A few persons were overheard remarking that such a display was a rather conceited act on the part of Ralph George. This put Ralph in a spot; he didn't even own the shoes, only wore them.

The final chapter approached rapidly; Ray and the good doctor got together and decided that the rightful place for the shoes was in the trophy case at the high school. And that's where they are right now, with a little plate saying that the bronzing was donated by Howards and the shoes were worn by Ralph George while scoring 66 points during the 1946 Torrance Tartar championship grid season.

However, there is no notation that the shoes were Ray Richhart's. Ray is always doing a lot for the various teams at the school and trying to keep in the background as much as possible, which isn't the way it should be at all. So here is just a little of the great amount of credit he deserves.

**C,D Cagers Win Pair**

The "C" and "D" basketball teams of Torrance High played host to the teams from Leuzinger High last Friday and took both ends of the twin bill from their visitors.

The Tartar C squad came from the short end of a 6-3 score at half-time to win by one point, 9-8. The Torrance D's got hot in the second half of their game to down the Olympians, 18-10. The hosts led, 6-5, at the half.

Torrance C (9): Burchfield (2), F; Chambers (5), F; Schell, C; Packard, G; Mimura (1), G; Dandoy (1), G; Colson.

Torrance scoring subs—Bill 2, House 2, Green 1.

Torrance D (18): Leuzinger D (10): Wright (4), F; Shuler (2), F; Turner (2), F; Schmitt (4), C; Seraphine (1), C; Kobayashi (2), G; Nady, G; Moser.

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