

Semi-Pro Ball Tourney Deal in Progress

C. C. Wants State Playoff At City Park

Certain of obtaining the 1939 Semi-Pro Baseball Tournament here in July, the Chamber of Commerce is now conducting negotiations with the National Semi-Pro Baseball Congress at Wichita, Kansas, relative to three important points regarding the event. These are:

1.—The amount of first prize money; 2.—A Northern California tournament, and 3.—location of the play-off between Northern and Southern California winners for the state championship.

Regarding the prize money, the Chamber, which has applied for the state franchise to hold the tournament among 16 to 24 outstanding semi-pro teams at the city park diamond, may underwrite the sum of \$500 if those promoting the proposed Northern California tourney will put up the same amount for their winner.

Want Play-Off Here

However, no definite commitment has been given as to an size of a first place award. The Chamber, it was decided at a meeting of President Alden W. Smith, Sam Levy, George Peckham, City Councilmen Tom McGuire and James Hitchcock, Dale Riley, Secretary L. J. Gilmer and Michael Strasser of The Herald, is favorable toward the Northern California tournament for determining the best team in that sector.

But the local men want the final play-off to be held here, preferably immediately after the Southern California tournament at the city park diamond. Some consideration is being given to installing additional lights at the ball park in event night games are found necessary but there is nothing definite to report on that score as yet.

Wild West Show, Rodeo, Circus at Coliseum, Mar. 19

"Buffalo Bill's" dream of a perfect wild west rodeo, and circus is guaranteed Southern California outdoor fans Sunday afternoon, March 19, when the National Rodeo Association stages the world's greatest animal pageant in the Los Angeles Coliseum.

Under the direction of Larry Sunbrock, more than 50 spectacular and thrilling events will be roiled off beginning at 2 p. m. Famous cowboys, cowgirls, animal trainers, cart racers, and stunt performers will appear in their favorite roles. The world's greatest Rodeo performers will compete for \$5,000 in prize money.

Calif roping, bull dogging, bucking broncos, bareback bronco busters, wild cow-milking contests, trick riding, camel races, steeple chase events featuring jumping horses, elephant acts, and Ferdinand the Bull are just a few of the items carded.

Added attractions that are sure to thrill include a jallopy race, head-on crash, motorcycle races, and motorcycle hop for life and a lion rassin' act.

STUDENTS TAUGHT SWING

With Coach Wayne Sloss operating the phonograph, Miss McCabe, physical education teacher, is instructing a group of Narbonne high school students how to dance in preparation for the A9 class dinner-dance.

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SPORT SHOTS

By BOB LEWELLEN

Narbonne Gauchos' Track to be Remodeled . . .

About two years ago, the then head-man of Narbonne high school athletics, Ben Comrada, started the ball into motion to enlarge the 1/8th mile track at Lomita to a standard size 1-1/4 mile track. Coach Comrada spent many hours with a pick and shovel working on the job to improve the track. At last Principal John L. Abbott and the now Coach Bill Sloan have finished the details and are now enlarging the field to make room for this much needed full-distance track.

With the improvements now in progress, Narbonne will have by far the best running track in the Marine League. The Gauchos field has long been noted for its speedy surface, where many league records have been established.

"Nite of Champions," Past, Present and Future . . .

On Tuesday night, March 21, the American Legion Post of this city will stage their annual "Nite of Champions." James Wilkes is in charge of the "cats," while "Sport Shots" will act as chairman of the program. Dinner will be served promptly at 6:30 p. m. at the Legion hall on Carson street. It will be strictly a stag affair, and all men of the community are invited to attend.

Some of the athletes who have promised to attend are Louis Zamperini, Al Kruger, Bob Hoffman, Bobby Peoples, Frank Jordan, Doyle Nave and Barney Willis all of U. S. C. track and football fame. Loyola athletes, football and basketball stars who will appear on the program are: Bob Link, John McFadden, Leo Rosssett and Bernie Flaherty. Also in attendance will be All-City Gerald Grubb, Marvin Lee, Marine League basketball center and Steve Nyland, one of the best boxing referees in the nation. So, for a great evening, keep Tuesday, March 21 an open date, and attend.

Southern California Amateur Boxers, Best in Nation

At the recent National Boxing Tournament held in Boston and Detroit, amateur boxers of the Southland showed the nation that they are able to use their "dukes." Last year they won seven Pacific Coast titles and three National championships, and took one second place. This year, boxers of Southern California won two national titles, and took three seconds, winning the National championship tournament. The boys of the southland competed against forty different districts of this country.

Who says that the amateur boxers of California are not up to par? Well they are way over par, if you ask me.

MARK ARBOR DAY

Arbor Day was celebrated at the Lomita Elementary school yesterday with planting of three Chinese evergreens on the school yard during an outdoor program. Pupils of all grades participated in the observance.

TARTARS BLANK GARDENA IN INITIAL LEAGUE GAME

Cracking open the 1939 Marine League baseball season with a 4 to 0 victory over Gardena last Friday afternoon the Torrance Tartars are rarin' to go against Banning tomorrow afternoon. The local team, coached by Robert Barr, will play at the city park diamond where all home games will be staged this season.

New Softball Teams Will Be Formed Sunday

All those wishing to try-out for places on some new softball teams that are to be formed for a city-wide series of games are asked to report at the city park diamond Sunday morning, March 12, at 9:30 o'clock.

Johnny Parker, A & P meat dealer and ardent sports fan, in charge of arrangements to form the teams and league.

T-L Nine Beats R.K.O. 13 to 0

By making the most of every scoring opportunity, the Torrance-Lomita Merchants whipped the R.K.O. nine 13 to 0 in a Southern California association game at the city park diamond last Sunday.

One of the outstanding games of the current season will be played at the park diamond next Sunday afternoon when Manager Walt Morris' Merchants meet the Catholic Youth Organization championship team of Los Angeles. The C.Y.O. club has been Southern California champion for the past five years and holder of the State title for the past three years.

Dick Rowan pitched for the T-L squad, allowed only five hits, walked six batters and fanned eight. The local club collected only six hits during the afternoon but received ten walks off Scott and Sutherland. Six errors proved costly for the studio invaders.

Slough Drainage Sought by Reaves In Assembly Bill

Appropriation of \$250,000 for drainage of Nigger Slough along the lowest portions of Gardena valley is sought in Assembly Bill 79, introduced by Assemblyman Fred Reaves of the 68th district, which takes in Torrance.

Reaves also is author of another bill that would authorize the board of supervisors to remove the statue of Stephen M. White from the site of the old Los Angeles county courthouse to San Pedro.

San Pedro Blanks Oilers In Opener

Tadashi Kishishita, star hurler of the San Pedro high school ball club, held the El Segundo Oilers to seven hits to give the Pirates a 4 to 0 shut out win in another first Marine League game of the season at El Segundo last Friday. San Pedro struck to break the game. Narbonne's five errors also helped contribute to the Gauchos' defeat. Score:

Narbonne	2	3	5
Banning	3	4	1

Batteries: Narbonne: Wheelchel and Kincannon; Banning: Rodriguez and Mele.

STATE PICNICS

MICHIGAN . . . All former and visiting Wolverines are invited to the annual spring picnic Saturday, March 18, in Sycamore Grove Park, Los Angeles.

The Herald—3 months, 50 cents.

To Cruise



Vincent Astor, multi-millionaire sportsman, shown on arrival at Los Angeles on the streamlined City of Los Angeles. He will seek rare sea specimens for the New York Aquarium on a six-week cruise in his 236-foot yacht *Norumbona*.

Disease Lurks In Japanese Shaving Brushes

Dr. J. L. Pomeroy, county health officer, reports that the County Health Department laboratory has found anthrax organisms on one of the suspected shaving brushes which has been turned in, thus verifying the report sent out from the Federal government thru the State Department of Public Health.

The public should remember that the mark on these brushes is "Imperial sterilized Japan No. 332," and anyone who has in his possession such a brush is advised to destroy it by burning immediately. Ordinary methods of disinfection will not kill anthrax germs.

DENY PETITION

A petition for an on-sale beer license was denied James L. Archer for his Border Club at 1741 Border avenue by the State Board of Equalization this week for two reasons: The premises are in proximity to residences and previous operation has not been favorable, it was reported.

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