

SPORT SHOTS

By BOB LEWELLEN
LOCAL MEN SEND STEWART TO NATIONAL A. A. U.

After several days of trying to raise funds from the local City Council and Chamber of Commerce to no avail at this tag-end of the fiscal year... Local merchants and friends of high jumper Bill Stewart raised the necessary funds late yesterday afternoon and sent the lad on his way, Lincoln, Neb., and the United States Junior high jump title will be his next stop.

Men of this community (along with a friend in Los Angeles) who contributed to Stewart's fund were: Jack McQuinn, Harry Abramson, Dr. R. A. Bingham, Harvel Guttenfelder, Dr. R. F. Bishop, Hank Uibrigt, Ed Schwartz, Sam Levy, Alden Smith, Fred Harder, J. O. Bishop, David Clark, Harwood Clark, Mayor W. H. Tolson, Henry Grubb, Leslie Prince, McCracken Grocery, Dave L. Roberts, George Morton, John Rogers, Gene & Ed's Service, Baker Smith, B. J. Scott, Chris Adzovic, Bill Werts, Charles Jones, Jack Miller, L. L. Jack, Koch, and the Torrance Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs.

The youth of this community certainly owe these men a vote of thanks for taking an interest in sending Young Stewart to compete in his first big meet.

Harry Abramson, president of the Rotary Club worked night and day the first of this week to raise the necessary funds, after finding out that the City Council and Chamber of Commerce could do nothing... Well anyway Bill Stewart is on his way.

LET'S GO TO THE BALL GAME!

For 23 days and nights, beginning July 8, sports interest in Torrance should be centered on the State Baseball Tournament which will be played by 20 teams on our own city park diamond. There's one particular feature about this event that I would like to commend to your attention. That is the fact that kids under 15 years of age are to be admitted free.

The Chamber of Commerce committee in charge of the Tournament could have levied a charge of 10 or 15 cents on all youngsters and thus derived some revenue from the young spectators. But they held that the boys and girls deserved some treat here this summer and that their presence at the games would do much for baseball in future years.

SHOULD PUT TORRANCE ON BASEBALL MAP

I'm told that the expenses of the Torrance will run pretty high. But here's a chance to put Torrance on the baseball map. This city is already on the track map and if we can be host to several thousand ball fans here during July 8 to 30 we might bring some extra business into town.

Another thing about the State Baseball Tournament that I'd like to pass on to you is the offer of a free season ticket to any former baseball player who can produce a picture of himself with a team in uniform. Here's your chance, you old-timers, to win yourself a pass to all of the big games. Just bring that picture—sand-lot, grade school, high school, college or what-not team—to the Chamber of Commerce and say: "That's me—standing there with a mouthful of teeth—give me my free season pass!"

Soldiers Defeat T-L Merchants

Making seven hits count for 10 runs by poling them out in the clinches, the Fort MacArthur post baseball team defeated the Torrance-Lomita Merchants 10 to 4 at the city park diamond last Friday night. The soldiers made every hit count, took an early lead and were never headed.

Riley Hamilton hurled for the winners. He was nicked for 10 hits but kept them well scattered. Blommens, Willis, Morris and DeHoog paraded to the mound for Lomita, none being particularly effective. Walter Lowry and Horace Birch, two stars for the post club, were hospitalized for treatment of injuries received in the game. Lowry was hurt when he ran into the fence while chasing Homer Check's home run inside the field. Birch was injured in a collision in the final half of the closing inning.

The Fort team is one of the entries in the California State Baseball Tournament which will start at the city park diamond July 8 and continue thru July 30. The T-L club is also among the contenders for the state championship in this event.

Big Man: Little Haircut
COLUMBIA, S. C. (U.P.)—W. R. Crapps, 6 foot 5 inch policeman, who weighs 242 pounds, saved a dime when he demanded a 25-cent children's haircut. The barber agreed to the deal but only after Crapps consented to sit in the children's chair.

State Championship Ball Schedule Being Drafted Here

TOURNEY BEGINS IN 9 DAYS

In just nine days (on Saturday afternoon, July 8) the California Baseball Championship Tournament will begin a schedule of 38 or 39 games at the Torrance city diamond.

But Dale Riley, state baseball commissioner in charge of the biggest sports attraction Torrance has ever staged, must complete drafting the first round schedule of the double-elimination series by tomorrow.

And that's a big order. Twenty teams, from Pismo Beach to El Centro, have qualified to participate in the Tournament and try for the large gold trophy, now on display at Howard's Jewelry Store, and the California State championship. It's Riley's current task to book the clubs equitably—bearing in mind the distance some must travel in order to compete here.

Barbers Selling Ducats
But the tourney head says he'll have that schedule worked out for announcement next week. Meanwhile, other members of the Chamber of Commerce committee in charge of the games turned their attention to final details of the July 8 to 30, inclusive, event this week.

They announced that all barber shops in Torrance and many in Lomita, San Pedro, Wilmington, and other cities have agreed to sell tickets for the Tournament. A special ducat, good for any five games of the series, is now on sale for \$1. Single admissions are modestly priced at 25 cents for those over 15 years of age. Children under that age will be welcome to attend all of the games free of charge.

Teams in the Pismo Beach district tournament, which will be played July 1 to 4, are: Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Salinas, Atwater, Corcoran, Bakersfield, Taft and Pismo Beach. The winner will enter the state tournament here.

With 20 teams entered, the schedule Riley is working on will call for double-headers Saturday and Sunday afternoons and games every night in the week under the new arc-lights recently installed at the city park diamond.

Widely Publicized
A number of big league scouts will be on hand to watch the teams in action, hoping to find another Joe DiMaggio, Sewerball Mungler, Bob Feller or Lou Gehrig among them. Old-time baseball greats now living in Southern California will be on hand to see how 1939 semi-pro players stack up with the slick artists and base-stealers of their day.

The Torrance games have been widely publicized by the National Semi-Pro Baseball Congress, under whose auspices the California State Tournament will be held. President Ray Dumont of the Congress has taken an active interest in the plans for the tournament here and may attend if he can get away from his headquarters in Wichita, Kansas. However, he is busy with plans for the national tournament, which the winner here will be qualified to enter, that is to be held there in August.

The Torrance Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the California games with the following committee in charge: Alden W.

Who, What and How of State Ball Championship Games

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El Centro
Torrance-Lomita Merchants
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North American Aviation, Inglewood
March Field
Pasadena Merchants
Fort MacArthur
Hermosa Beach
Illinois Cleaners, San Fernando
San Pedro Jadrans
San Pedro Longshoremen
Standard Oil Refinery, El Segundo
L. A. Carpenters' Union
Pepsi-Cola
Dr. Ross Dog Food
Shell Refinery, Dominguez
Glendora
U. S. Rubber
Gaffers and Sattler
Nat'l Youth Administration,
Hermosa Beach
Winner of the Pismo Beach District Tournament to be held July 1 to 4.

AWARDS: Winning team receives a large gold trophy, a cash prize and the right to represent California at the National Congress. Five leading will share in gross gate receipts. An All-California Semi-Pro team will be picked by national league scouts, veteran players and officials during the course of the Tournament.

FINAL: Play-off for the championship will be Sunday night, July 30.

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Boys' Softball Teams Forming

Softball leagues are being organized by the city Recreation department for boys. One league will consist of teams whose players will be under 12 years of age and the other division will include boys from 12 to 15.

Sponsors of the leagues are the following firms: J. C. Penney company, National Home Appliance company, Safeway Stores, A. & P Market, M & M Transfer and Storage company. The Police and Fire departments are also sponsoring a team and will provide the young players with sweat shirts expected to arrive this week.

Each team will play a game a week and all boys not yet signed with one of the above squads may get a chance to play by coming to the city park diamond any day this week and listing their names.

Four Birds on Par Nine
PERRY, Okla. (U.P.)—Here's one for the golfers: Al Singletary, playing in a foursome, shot a par score for the first nine holes at the Perry course, yet he did not par eight of the holes. He got four birdies, one par, and went over par on the other four holes.

Smith, Tom McGuire, Dale Riley, L. J. Gilmeister and Michael Straszar.

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Bandit Robs Bootblacks And Orders Shine, Too

WILKES-BARRE, Pa. (U.P.)—The newest candidate for title of "meanest man" is the youth who robbed three Wilkes-Barre bootblacks of 80 cents, their total earnings that day.

Not only that—he made the three 12-year-old boys shine his shoes after he took their money.



SOME CATCH!... A record that will last for some time was set by Leo Harmon, when he caught this huge, 46 1/2 pound white bass on 3-6 light tackle in the waters of Santa Catalina Island. Hammon displays his catch.

THREE GAMES CARDED HERE

Tonight the San Pedro Longshoremen and the Oil Workers' Union of Long Beach will play at the Torrance city park diamond, beginning at 8 o'clock. Torrance-Lomita Merchants will play the L. A. Colored Giants at the local field tomorrow (Friday) night at 8 o'clock. This will be the first night engagement for the Giants here, according to Manager Walt Morris.

Sunday's game will be between the Merchants and Bank of America, both teams being entered in the State Baseball Tournament that begins here July 8.

The Herald's Sport Page

Zamperini and Stewart Bound for Lincoln, Neb.

Bound for Lincoln, Neb., and the National A.A.U. meet, two former Torrance high school track aces left last night to compete in the big event next Monday and Tuesday. They are Louis Zamperini, who is entered in the Senior division mile against such notable distance men as Glenn Cunningham, San Romani, the Rideout twins and Chuck Fenske; and Bill Stewart, California state champion high jumper.

Competing in big track meets is old stuff for Zamperini, veteran of many a race and co-captain-elect of the U.S.C. track team for 1940. But the Lincoln event will be a new experience for Stewart who graduated from Torrance high school last Thursday night.

Local businessmen, clubs and sports followers banded together this week to raise funds that are paying Stewart's way east. (For further details of this exhibition of public interest in that young fellow's athletic career, see Bob Lewellen's "Sport Shots" column.)

Stewart will compete in the junior division high jump and if his springy legs leap true to form, he should win that event. In that case, and providing he feels fit, he intends to enter the senior division meet which will be run off July 4.

Zamperini is expected to gallop off with the mile even though he'll meet the stiffest competition of his 1939 season at Lincoln.

Almonds on Palm Tree
HANFORD (U.P.)—Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Black see no reason why a palm tree shouldn't be useful as well as ornamental.

They pruned away a few fronds, inserted almond sprouts and now have a palm tree that has several flourishing almond shoots on it.

Olympic Barge in New Location

New choice fishing location was found this week by Capt. J. M. Andersen, for the big Olympic fishing barge. Andersen says the new spot, about two miles out from the end of the Hermosa Pier, is the best in Santa Monica Bay. Adding strength to the statement were the large hauls brought in from the famed old barge. Sculpin, rock bass, sheepshead, white sea bass, salmon-groopers, barracuda, sand dabs and mackerel are biting well at present.

Ross Nine Wins Shut-Out Game Sunday

Led by John "Red" Zar, who recently returned to the Southland after a trial with El Paso in the Arizona-Texas league, the Dr. Ross nine scored an 8 to 0 shut-out over the Azteca nine in an association game on the Ancon-O'Farrell diamond in San Pedro last Sunday. Zar replaced Hague on the mound in the third inning and allowed but three scattered hits over the remainder of the game.

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