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# SEMI-PRO SERIES STARTS IN MONTH AT TORRANCE PARK

Exactly one month from today—on Saturday afternoon, July 6—the 1940 California Semi-Pro Baseball tournament will get under way at the Torrance City Park diamond. Dale Riley, city recreation director who is again serving as state commissioner for the championship series, said this week that he has received more than 10 applications from teams throughout Southern California.

Tomorrow afternoon the Chamber of Commerce committee in charge of the major sports attraction, headed by Chairman Dean L. Sears, will meet to consider final plans for the games. Riley is expected to make an advance report on the line-up of entries. He will select 16 of the top aggregations for the tourney with the winning club to represent California at the national tournament in Wichita, Kan., in August.

The tournament will be the second for Torrance, last year's games having been the first suc-

cessful state championship hardball series in California. More than 12,000 paying customers saw the 38 games staged in 1939 in Torrance and inquiries regarding the 1940 race indicate an even greater attendance next month.

### Field Is Improved

Starting Saturday, July 6, with a feature opener following a brief but impressive inaugural ceremony, the games will be played every night and Saturday and Sunday afternoons until a champion is acclaimed.

A number of improvements have been made at the park since last year's games and additional seats are being installed. New dressing rooms for two more teams are now under construction and will be ready for the tournament opening. Setting back of the right field fence and raising the height to 10 feet will cut down home runs to that side of the field and should improve defensive play. The fence now is 336 feet from home plate, making quite a wallop necessary to get a four-bagger.

Torrance is justly proud of its achievement of last season in successfully promoting the state campaign. The city accepted the appointment purely as a recreational promotion, expecting to finance the deficit. However, astute management, wide publicity and the class of ball played attracted much larger crowds than had ever attended previous tournaments, making it a self-supporting proposition. Torrance guarantees the winner a \$500 award to defray expenses to the National tournament and the first five finishers share in the receipts.

### Race Is Wide Open

To prepare for the state tournament, last year the city purchased and installed a complete lighting system at the park, which has been approved by experts of field lighting, and it is said to be one of the best parks in Southern California.

Winnington Shell Oil, winners of last year's championship, will not defend their title this year; the team having been disbanded during the past winter in a curtailed employment program. The

race is wide open and competition is expected to be exceedingly keen.

Riley will continue to accept applications until June 15 and then may decide on an elimination plan to cut the list to the required 16 clubs. Most of the leading semi-pro outfits of Los Angeles will be entered.

Night games, testing the field and lights, are being staged twice weekly at the park, with the Torrance-Lomita Indians, home town club, meeting other leading aggregations of Los Angeles and surrounding communities.

Except for four Filipinos, all candidates for admission to the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis must be American citizens.

### Historic Events

Today—Y.M.C.A. organized in London, 1844.  
 Tomorrow—Earthquake nearly destroyed Messina, Italy, 1920.  
 June 8—Stephenson, inventor of locomotive, born 1781.  
 June 9—Charles Dickens died 1870.  
 June 10—First Dutch immigrants arrive in N. Y. 1610.  
 June 11—Detroit destroyed by fire, 1805.  
 June 12—"S and o w," world's strongest man first appeared with Barnum, 1893.  
 June 13—First "motion television broadcast" in Washington, 1925.

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### Zamperini Flies to East for Big Meet

Louis Zamperini will board a plane at United Air terminal in Burbank tonight to fly back to Princeton, N. J., where he will enter the Princeton Invitational track and field meet against such milers as Chuck Fenske, Walter Mehl and other stellar performers. He will run unattached.

On the following Saturday, June 15, he is scheduled to compete in the Big 10-Pacific Coast Conference meet at Evanston, Ill.

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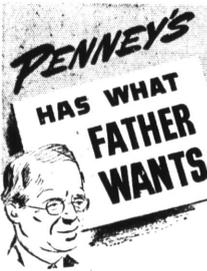
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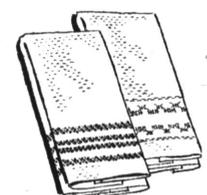


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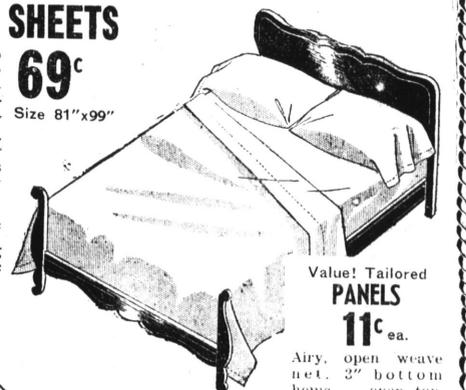
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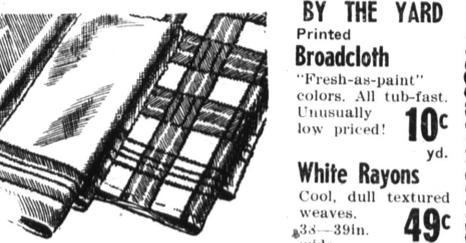
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