

LA Airport Shoestring Topic

History of Los Angeles International Airport, from its infancy to the proposed expansion, provided for in last year's bond issue, will be traced by a speaker at the June 4 meeting of the Shoestring Strip Council.

ATHLETE-MINISTER INSPIRES AUDIENCE

Rev. Robert Richards, the "flying parson" translated the world of sports into a spiritual drama of life itself before a spellbound audience attending the Chamber of Commerce banquet last week.

"I hope that I can say something out of my little world of religion and sport that can have some tie in with this event," the athlete-minister and Olympic champion began.

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Many Romances Bloom In 'Paint Your Wagon'

One of the several romances woven into the pattern of "Paint Your Wagon," South Bay Light Opera production starting Friday, May 31, is that of Jake, (Gino Leonetti) who strikes it rich and opens a dance hall in Rumson Creek, and Cherry, (Nadine Nickol) dance hall queen, who brings a troupe of girls to entertain the lonely gold miners.

Then there is Ben Rumson (Ed Knowlton) who buys the "spare" wife of a Mormon, and Ben's daughter Jennifer (Helene Seaton) who loves Julio (Dean Peters), the handsome young Mexican.

Alan Jay Lerner and Frederick Loewe, who collaborated so successfully on "Brigadoon" and "My Fair Lady" have created here a rugged and humorous story of restless men, and gold

principles of life are to be found in the world of sports" and that one can see there "all the drama of human existence" he went on to paint a vivid word picture of Olympic champions whose physical challenges express the struggles of the spirit.

The "desire to win" is the quality needed for greatness, Rev. Richards emphasized, and it is often "that little bit more" effort which makes the difference between victory and defeat. If an individual has this desire, he will pay the price of victory, whatever the cost, he went on to say.

"Goals, dreams, ideals must become obsessions in your life," Rev. Richards continued.

Handicaps
Victory often means overcoming what appear like insurmountable obstacles.

Documenting his point by citing example after example of athletes who overcame crippling

physical handicaps and deficiencies, he declared.

"Sometimes God has to give man a terrific handicap before bringing out the deepest within him."

One other element which makes for greatness is the desire for perfection, Rev. Richards went on to say.

Many a race has been won by an infinitesimal margin, all because the victor knew that "the slightest flaw can beat a man's product," the speaker declared.

"Be Ye Perfect"

"Be ye therefore perfect even as your Father in heaven is perfect," Rev. Richards reminded the audience, tracing the athlete's principle of perfection to this Biblical injunction given by Christ.

Climaxing his address with the need for prayer and a spiritual dimension, Rev. Richards told the audience of numerous athletes who have a deep and abiding faith in the power of God and who call upon God in the hour of victory and defeat.

If you desire to live up to your highest self," he concluded, "let the Divine Dimension come into your life."

This, coupled with the desire to win and the striving for perfection prepares everyone for this "thrilling, wonderful race called life."

rush days in early California.

In addition to those already mentioned, Patrick Myers, Barbara Goodyear, Pat Leonetti and Pete De Camp have featured roles. The dancers are Jean Manning, Betty Willoughby, Cynthia Perkins, Karen Brunel, Susan Marchant, Evelyn Moore and Emily Chambers.

Mel Tully, musical director, Pat Coates, drama director, and Jan Darien, dance director, are in charge of the production.

The production will run Friday and Saturday, May 31, June 1, and next week-end, June 7, and 8. Curtain time is 8:15.

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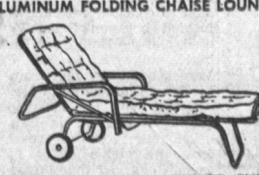
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