

Why Are Our Athletes Penalized?

An Editorial By LUTE FRASER

When the Long Beach relay carnival gets under way Saturday afternoon, Torrance high school athletes will be on the outside looking in. Or to be more exact, they will probably be in the bleachers looking on.

With approximately 1,000 contestants in the various track and field events, representing two universities, six colleges, a dozen junior colleges, 40 high schools and some athletic clubs, the Torrance track team, and especially the relay team which set a record in their class last year will not get a look-in; thanks to an arbitrary ruling of Superintendent Frank Bouelle of the Los Angeles city school board.

The mailed fist is shutting down on all inter-district competition. The probability is that at some not too far distant date there will be no more competition in any line of sport or other curricular activity but that all such will be confined to the narrow limits of the school playgrounds and auditoriums.

The football teams were the first to feel the weight of school board dictation. Formerly top teams were allowed to compete with tops in other leagues in an annual playoff for championships. This was done away with, and now no post-season games of any kind are permitted.

The baseball teams do not play outside of their own ballpark. Now the track team is relegated to the discard and is to be kept out of all competition except that provided by the august powers that sit in Los Angeles and make arbitrary rules for all schools in its district.

Even the Future Farmers, agricultural students who need the contact with representatives of other schools in other districts, for the keeping of their powers of discrimination in judging contests, are to come under the ban and will no longer be permitted to go to San Bernardino to compete in the National Orange show, or anywhere else.

Probably the final result of all this red tape will be that representatives of the city high schools in oratorical contests and other battles of wits which are supposed to improve their minds and make them conscious of their civic and social powers and duties, will be kept off the debating stages everywhere except in their own auditoriums, and the question arises, Is this a provincial attitude or not? Is this a suitable way to train young minds to take their natural part in contacts with others of their like, or to teach them to meet the competition of life that they will find when they leave the high school forever?

The postponement of the track season, to get back to athletics, until after the baseball season, had as its alibi, the fact that the weather during the early spring is more adapted to other sports. Baseball players are more warmly clad than trackmen and better able to resist the hazards of weather conditions because of that fact. This reason, so far as it goes, is logical.

But, what the people of Torrance would particularly like to know, is this: Why has the school board, Mr. Bouelle, or the athletic director Mr. Lopez, or whoever it is who has arranged this new schedule, arranged the city track season so as to overlap the most important athletic meet of the season, the Southern California preliminaries and finals?

Under the present arrangement the regular league season (Continued on Page 5)

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City Council Opposes Cash Dole Action

Resolution Adopted Favoring Adoption of President's Program

Expressing its approval of President Roosevelt's plan of relief by the construction of worthwhile projects, in order to relieve unemployment, the city council authorized copies of a resolution adopted Tuesday night to be forwarded to California senators and members of Congress.

The resolution sets out that in the view of the council the President's program "is constructive and forward-looking, and any attempt to substitute the cash dole for the plan of work relief is unwise and un-American."

Torrance, as an industrial city, is vastly interested in the proposal to provide constructive work, since the results in purchase of materials will be productive of more general improvement in business conditions with a corresponding lift in employment.

In view of the fact that the proposed substitution of the direct relief by cash dole by amendment to the bill now before Congress, threatens to destroy the whole plan of relief, the city council of Torrance as well as representative bodies of many other communities throughout the country have joined in a concerted effort to defeat the amendment, and bring about the passage of the President's plan without destructive amendment.

Way Is Cleared For Issuance Of Bonds

Money For Water System Available in 30 Days

Government approval of the plans for sinking one well and the erection of a steel storage tank on the reservoir site west of Cedar street, purchased by the City of Torrance, was announced at the meeting of the city council Tuesday night.

With the adoption of a revised resolution, and an ordinance authorizing the sale of bonds to the amount of \$128,000 which will be passed on second reading at an adjourned meeting Monday night, the way will be prepared for the completion of the improvements. The money, from the sale of bonds and the grant of \$42,000, is expected to be available within 30 days.

Mrs. Morford Passes Away

Mrs. Ada Morford, wife of Charles Morford, 2213 Cabrillo avenue, passed away at her home Tuesday evening, February 28, at the age of 75 years. She had resided in Torrance for the past nine years. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Stone & Myers and will be held at their chapel Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Americanism Essays Win Awards in Contest at Torrance High School

Six students of Torrance high school, three from the junior and three from the senior divisions, were given first, second and third places in an Americanism contest held last Friday in which practically the entire student body of 800 pupils took part.

The contest followed an address by Principal Arthur G. Walditch, who had been invited to speak on this subject in observance of Washington's birthday. When the program had been concluded, the students retired to their home rooms, and there each prepared a brief essay, giving their views on Americanism.

Teachers in charge of the home rooms selected three papers which in their opinion were best. These were turned over to a committee from the student body council, for final grading. The committee announced its findings yesterday.

New Library Building City Council Considers Plan To Establish New District

Miss Helen Vogelsang, county librarian, paid a visit to Torrance Tuesday, and contacted city officials to take up with them the matter of improvements to the branch library here, and to learn what progress had been made regarding a new building to house the branch.

Camp Will Move to Alondra

Extensive work in the development of Alondra Park, 319-acre tract along the south edge of Riverside-Redondo boulevard between Torrance and Hawthorne, will be launched immediately by Civilian Conservation Corps Camp No. 56 for a personnel of approximately 200 young men.

Preparatory to moving the camp to Alondra Park, six camps on the Sierra Madre mountains, in the board of supervisors this week authorized a lease between the county and the federal government, at the rate of \$1 a year.

The lease will extend for three years, until December 31, 1937, being retroactive to January 1, 1935. Formerly the government did not enter into leases for these camps, but they now are required, it was explained to the supervisors.

Only cost to the county for the work that will be done on the park, which will serve the entire southwestern corner of the county, will be for a supervisor. This supervision is furnished through the county forester and fire warden's department, it was explained by Spence D. Turner, county forester.

During the fiscal year ending last June 30, four rustic bridges were built in the park, a 10,000-gallon water tank was installed on a rustic tower, and 610 tree basins were constructed. A garage has been built also.

Eye Operation Is Successful

Rev. O. D. Wonder, pastor of the Central Evangelical church, who underwent an operation Tuesday, February 19, at the Hospital of the Good Samaritan, Los Angeles, for the removal of double cataracts, is improving steadily, and expects to return to his home, 1548 Marcellina avenue, in a few days. The delicate operation, which was quite successful, was performed by Drs. Jeancon and Mills.

Court Clerks Get Class 'A' Rating

Advancement of three court clerks from the old Lomita, Redondo and Gardena justice courts, all class B courts, to clerks in the enlarged class A Inglewood township, was approved this week by the county civil service commission.

The three clerks are Bertha W. Wilcox, transferred from the old Lomita township; Robert A. Beard of the old Redondo township, and William Griffin from the old Gardena township court.

Ball Gets Wide Publicity

Nation-wide publicity was given to the hospital ball, held at the Surf and Sand club last Friday night, in United Press dispatches which were reprinted in newspapers all over the country. A clipping from a Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, newspaper, and others from Colorado, Iowa and other eastern states, were received here by residents who had friends in those localities, who were intrigued by the list of prizes awarded. The bearer of the Harrisburg clipping, an acquaintance of Mrs. Olive Lee, came to Torrance last Sunday night to learn the date of the ball, which had not been included in the dispatch. He was disappointed to learn that he had missed it by two days.

ROY SLYE, arrested February 12 on a statutory charge, was given a preliminary hearing in Judge Robert F. Lessing's city court Monday morning, when the charge against Slye was dismissed.

Around the Council Table

A communication from W. E. Bowen, relative to parking on El Dorado avenue, was referred to the police and fire committee for a report at the next meeting. Mr. Bowen pointed-out that El Dorado is a very narrow street and when cars are parked on both sides of the street, between Engracia and Portola avenue, there is barely room for one car to be driven along that block. He requested that parking be restricted to the south side of the street only, which would leave room for cars to pass each other in this block.

A communication from the Chamber of Commerce regarding sewers in the Vista Highlands district west of Cedar avenue, was referred to City Engineer Frank R. Leonard. The chamber asked that this be included among the projects forwarded by the City of Torrance to the Public Works Administration to be constructed out of federal funds. Mr. Leonard stated that he believed it was being taken care of through the action of the sanitation district which is partitioning funds for similar projects, and that any action taken should be had through the district. He was instructed to contact the sanitation district officials to see if this project is on their list for improvement. Since a part of the cost will have to be borne by property owners, there is the cost of house connections, it was believed that no action should be taken unless the property owners of Vista Highlands present a petition asking for the work to be done.

A letter from A. K. Warren, chief engineer of the sanitary sewer district, was read, in which permission was granted to the Coast Insulation Products Company, to discharge not to exceed 500 gallons of waste per day into the sewers. This waste it was stipulated, should not contain acids or other harmful substances except after proper treatment to insure that they would cause no damage to the sewage treatment plant. The company has heretofore been discharging this waste into an open ditch.

A letter from the Pacific Electric Railway Company stated that this company will construct a culvert at 220th and Border avenue, to take care of flood waters, which make this corner a lake during rainy weather, provided the city will furnish a permit, sewer and labor. The railroad will furnish materials and supervision of the job. The city engineer was authorized to sign the enclosed agreement.

The matter of adequate drainage at the corner of Craven, Cabrillo and Carson street, was referred to the city engineer.

Photographic Display On Aqueduct

Building and Loan Windows Devoted to Details of Construction

Details of construction activity on the world's largest water carrier—the Colorado river aqueduct—are being given to Torrance residents this week through the medium of maps, photographs and geological samples on display in the windows of the Torrance Mutual Building and Loan Association, El Prado and Sartori.

Arranged by City Attorney Charles T. Rippey, who represents Torrance on the board of directors of the Metropolitan water district, the aqueduct exhibit includes latest information on progress being made on the huge project. Huge photographic enlargements of aqueduct tunnel driving operations and construction work on the big aqueduct siphons, as well as an up-to-date map of the job, are included in the display. Samples of various types of rock, excavated far underground by aqueduct tunnel crews, have been assembled to give local residents an accurate idea of the nature of the work which is going forward along a 250-mile construction front.

M. B. ABRAMSON, father of local MERCHANTS, DIES

Morris Bennett Abramson, 74, father of Harry M. Abramson, manager of the Star Furniture Company at Torrance, and Jack Abramson, proprietor of the Torrance Upholstering Company, died suddenly last Thursday night. Mr. Abramson was stricken with a fatal heart attack after he retired at his home in Venice, California. Funeral services were held Sunday. Besides the two sons in Torrance, the deceased leaves a wife, two daughters, and a third son, who lives in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Business Classes At High School

A new course on business training for high school graduates and adults will be offered at the Torrance high school starting next week. The course will be offered five days a week, for eight weeks, and classes will be held in the mornings. Efforts will be made to find jobs for those who complete the course. First classes will be held Monday, March 11.

First Hospital Ball Is Wonderful Success Both Social and Financial

Climaxing a campaign of several weeks in which the communities of Torrance, Lomita, Gardena, Hermosa, Manhattan and Redondo Beach, worked steadily and well to make it a great success, the benefit ball, given for the Torrance Memorial hospital was held Friday night. So successful was the affair that plans have been made to make it an annual event.

More than 700 people attended, devoting the evening to dancing, cards and general sociability. Guests were present from all the contributing cities, as well as from other communities in this section. Many others bought tickets, so that the ball was a decided financial as well as a social success.

Dr. George P. Shidler, chairman of the committee which had as its members the physicians of the district, and Sam Levy, acted as masters of ceremonies. Mrs. Jared

NATIONAL SUPPLY DONATES \$100

Proceeds of the hospital ball were substantially augmented by a \$100 cash donation from the National Supply Company of California, which has been gratefully acknowledged by the committee.

Sidney Torrance, widow of the founder of Torrance; Miss Esther Z. Maxwell, superintendent of the hospital; members of the hospital staff and many other prominent citizens were introduced over the microphone, and extended their thanks and greetings to all those who helped in the promotion of the ball.

Dancing began at the conclusion of the grand march, which was led by Dr. Lancaster and Mrs. Torrance, Don Findley and Miss Maxwell.

The grand prizes were awarded early in the evening. Co-incidentally, Mrs. Torrance's number was drawn as the winner of the first prize, an appendix operation, but she declined the honor and on the second drawing the prize went to R. McCallum, an employee of the Columbia Steel Company, residing at the Mayfair apartments in Torrance.

The second prize, an obstetrical case, was awarded to Lewis Foster, Jr., of 1006 Budlong, Gardena, a young bachelor.

The tonsil operation went to A. Tillman Cox, 444 South Western avenue, Los Angeles.

Prizes at bridge were awarded to Mrs. Wayne Pringle, Lincoln, Nebraska, first; Miss Jane Forrester, Palos Verdes Estates, second; Dr. Fred Abbott, first men's prize; no second prize awarded.

According to Dr. Shidler, who has been in charge of the arrangements for the ball, over \$1250 was cleared above all expenses. Fifteen hundred tickets were sold. The Gardena committee, which included Mr. Whittington, chairman, Madames Venneman, Gotzinger, Mitchell, Ross, Geisert, Mowatt and Derocier, were awarded gold badges at the ball in token of their going over 100 percent in the sale of their quota of tickets. This group was the only one to report all tickets sold.

Officers and directors of the Torrance Hospital Association have requested the Herald to express their sincere gratitude and hearty appreciation to all those throughout the district who assisted in making the benefit ball such an outstanding success.

Besides being a financial success, the bringing together of citizens from the various communities in this district has resulted in a more sympathetic understanding and closer unity which will redound to the benefit of all, Dr. Shidler states.

Trained Dogs On Exhibition Tonight

Dwight Lanham, 2831 23rd street, South Torrance, the owner of two fine police dogs, will exhibit his pets in a 15-minute act on the program of the Parent Teachers Association to be given at the Narbonne high school this evening.

Mr. Lanham brought his dogs to the Herald office Tuesday morning, where they gave a brief exhibition of their accomplishments for the benefit of the staff.

The older dog, Gretchen, a beautiful highstrung animal, has a repertoire of 75 tricks, taught her in the past three years by Mr. Lanham, who has exhibited her on various programs during that time, and is now considering offers from two movie studios for her services.

Hansel, the young male, seven months old, has just begun his education and possesses only a few tricks, but according to Mr. Lanham, gives promise of becoming a very successful performer.

Gretchen, in her brief exhibition Tuesday, mounted the flight of stairs in the Herald office backwards, stood on her hind legs and twirled around, walked lame, played dead, made a bow, and shook hands politely with the reporter, at command. Hansel went through his brief repertoire equally well, and both dogs were on the alert to catch the low-voiced words of their trainer, who uses no whip or harsh methods to bring them to obedience. According to Lanham, most of their training is for outdoor performance.

Postmasters of first, second and third and a few fourth-class offices will have a sale within a short time, baby savings bonds which are offered by the federal government to the public for investment. The bonds will be sold in denominations of \$25, \$50, \$100, \$500 and \$1,000 and will have ten years to run.

Prices of the bonds are quoted at \$18.75, \$37.50, \$75.00, \$375.00 and \$750.00. Persons who purchase them, who wish to cash their bonds before maturity date will be repaid at face value according to the length of time they have held them. The bonds are non-taxable both as to principal and interest.

VERY ILL

Mrs. Charles Stein, 1622 Amphipola, is very ill at the White Memorial hospital, Los Angeles, where she underwent a major operation several days ago. Her condition is critical, according to word this morning.

Steel School Building For a Steel Town Is City Council Slogan

Steel school buildings for a steel town. With this as their slogan, the city council on Tuesday night adopted a resolution addressed to the board of education of the Los Angeles district, asking them to consider the construction of all steel buildings in the replacement of the Torrance elementary school, work on which is expected to start soon.

Three members of the school board are known to be favorably inclined to the proposition, and the city council and other interested citizens hope to be able to secure the approval of others, so that when actual rehabilitation work begins, it will be planned along this line.

While all steel construction is said to be eight or ten percent more costly than brick or wood, it is approximately 40 percent less expensive than cement construction which is the type generally used for school buildings.

One-story buildings, all-steel frame, stuccoed without and plastered over metal lath within, would be weather proof, fire proof, earthquake proof and termite proof. The cost of upkeep would be small due to the fact that steel protected from weather is practically indestructible. The use of steel for buildings larger than the skyscrapers of smaller cities has been demonstrated to be practical and economical. The adoption of plans for all-steel school buildings here in Torrance would bring this community another distinction, that of being the first community to use this type of construction and it has the mills to supply all the material necessary. The use of Torrance made steel in a Torrance school building, would be an asset, and also a decided economic advantage to local residents who are employed at the mills.

P.O. RECEIPTS UP 50 PERCENT OVER LAST YEAR

Indications Point to Best Year in History of Local Office

When receipts for February at the Torrance postoffice are compiled at the close of business today, it is expected that the total business for the first two months of this year will equal that of the first three months of 1934. In other words, the local postoffice will show a 50 percent increase in business over last year, reflecting a substantial upturn in business in this city.

In fact, Postmaster C. Earl Conner states that present indications lead him to believe that 1935 will be the biggest year in the history of the Torrance postoffice, even exceeding the boom years of 1923 and 1929. There is ample evidence that the more commodious quarters of the new postoffice will be badly needed in the very near future to handle the rapidly increasing business.

At noon yesterday, Postmaster Conner stated that receipts for January and February up to that time were only \$283 less than the entire first quarter last year, which is considered a most remarkable showing when it is recalled that 1934 was the biggest year in local postoffice history since 1930.

A study of the receipts at the Torrance postoffice, given below, reveals the extent to which this city is recuperating from the depression.

Year	Receipts
1920	\$5,071.73
1925	23,299.51
1928	27,518.33
1929	31,182.28
1930	29,243.59
1931	23,492.19
1932	20,301.91
1933	20,946.79
1934	25,615.94

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