

Why Are Our Athletes Penalized?

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sons will close just before the usual date for the Southern Cal meet. So far no date has been set for the city finals, but the supposition is and the tentative arrangement is to hold this meet which will be restricted to athletes of the city school system.

Since the jurisdiction of the city board over a student ceases with the close of school on Friday night and is not resumed until Monday morning, it would appear that a trackman might compete in any meet on Saturday without interference from the school authorities, since he is supposed to be under the protection of his parents or guardian.

BUT, here's the rub. The city superintendent in imposing this ruling that city high school athletes must not compete in outside meets, no matter on what day they are held, can call the principal of the athlete's school on the carpet and FORCE him to impose a penalty on the offending student, whether he likes it or not.

In order to avoid such penalties, Torrance and other city high school contestants will remain out of such meets, and thereby give up their chances of retaining their titles as champions in their divisions.

How long this state of affairs is to continue is something that followers of amateur sports would like to find out. Every year for some time past friction has developed between the Los Angeles city system and other athletic organizations. It appears that the city system feels that it is sufficient unto itself, and that it can draw aloof from the rest and hold all the glory.

This is nonsense. No part is greater than the whole, and if the city system is going to withdraw itself from general competition it will soon find that its whole athletic program will break down, and instead of playing the part of the "whole" it will be playing the part of the "part" and a very small part at that in the realm of athletics.

This is just another of the many penalties which Torrance, one of the most profitable assets of the Los Angeles city school district, pays for remaining in this district. Why should Torrance, with its world famous athletic star, be deprived of the favorable publicity which would accrue to this city if it had its own school district, such as Redondo Beach, Compton, Inglewood, Long Beach and other Southern California cities? Why should Torrance continue to pay school taxes in excess of \$100,000 per year over the actual cost of operation of its schools for the "privilege" of being dictated to in regard to school matters?

Date Fixed For Opening Bids

March 7 is the date fixed for opening of bids for the improvement of State street, between Stanley avenue and Loma avenue, in the vicinity of Long Beach and Signal Hill. The link is seven-tenths of a mile in length.

Cement concrete and asphaltic concrete will be used in the paving process, according to the specifications. The bids will be opened at the State building in Los Angeles. Construction of the highway that will tie in with State street now is nearing completion.

Confederate Veteran is 101. FAYETTEVILLE, N. C. (U.P.)—North Carolina's oldest Confederate veteran, George Slate, is 101 years old, has a wife who is 31, and the youngest of four children is six years old.

Winning Essays In Americanism Contest

Senior High

ELLA LEVY First

Stay in the middle of the road, think for yourself, value and respect the freedom given you by the constitution, and think of others; these are the main points which constitute good Americanism. Our parents and grandparents who came to America as Englishmen, or Frenchmen, or Jews, were thrown together, maybe by fate or some greater power, but their hardships and heartaches were forgotten, and they struggled as one to build up this great United States. This has made them stand out in history, maybe not individually but as a whole, and we respect them as true Americans.

In accordance with the present times every American citizen can show his true color by pulling with and aiding the administration. We should, nevertheless, realize that our advancement in the 19th century has brought about many subjects not dealt with in our constitution. This is, and always will be, one of the greatest of written documents, but its faults should be recognized and changed to meet the present day crisis. There is no place for radicalism or communism in this country as these are forces which tend to tear down Americanism. It is up to every loyal citizen to see that any radical movements are checked.

If we today could organize and work together and strive to not only improve ourselves but revert the ideas of individualists to altruism, we would be doing our part as real Americans.

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RUTH GRANGER Second

What lucky people we are! Born citizens of this United States of America and born with the right to freedom of speech, press, and religion; and protected under our constitution which was ultimately framed after the trials and tribulations of our courageous grandparents had been conquered and the rough seas had been braved! But what a decided disadvantage we have taken over these privileges! Yes, we are alert and ready to serve, but serve whom? Ourselves, not our country! The selfish, egotistical, bigoted characteristics of our fellow citizens seem to overpower the reasonable qualities of brotherly love and the result is our nation is in a great economic and social chaos. The crisis in which we have been involved for the past five or six years is a splendid example. A few rich citizens gain the undue confidence of the bulk of the middle class, and with this confidence influence the social order of the country; then, through unscrupulous methods obtain more money and influence at the cost of the lower class. This embitters people and so they go to extremes and deal in violence. A hostile spirit is aroused and people let their opinions be swayed and all reasoning is terminated. Could our ancestors be here they would have the courage to stick up for the right and would be willing to measure their success in terms of the betterment of conditions of the many and not in terms of wealth acquired by themselves. With the modern improvements of today in science, communication and transportation, everyone in our nation could be living in a "seventh heaven" if the factors which cause panic and misuse were omitted.

I believe that a true American should be broadminded. He should listen to all sides of a question and let his judgment rule. He should not set his mind on one thing and be blind to all others. He should try to gather the best ideas from everything and apply them to his own conception of what is right. He should travel "the middle of the road." He should try to live up to the constitution of his country and should try to help his fellow men. He should remember "United we stand—separated we fall."

JULIEN ISEN Third

The kind of American I am! I am an American. Thank God for that. I have been accused of being everything from a fed to a prohibitionist, but I have always comforted myself with the knowledge that I am a far better American than my accuser. I at least know that since I am an American, I have a right to my own views on all subjects. I have a right to my own religion, and I have the right of my own pursuit of happiness. If some ignorant person brands me with an uncomplimentary title, I know that it is his privilege, but I am sorry for him because of his lack of knowledge as to what constitutes true Americanism.

He believes that to be a true American, one must not disagree with any form or any administration of our government. He believes that all persons suggesting improvements are radical. He believes that all criticism is destructive. He believes that the government established by our forefathers is beyond human improvement. He has failed to realize that times have changed. He has failed to realize that the world has progressed in more fields than one, since our government was founded. He has failed to realize that even the fathers of our country changed the government from time to time as the necessity arose. He is truly in a rut.

I believe that we should improve our government when necessary. I believe our democracy is the most successful form of government in the history of the world. I believe that we should improve the government, but never—never change the system. We can change minor functions of government to meet our needs, but when it comes to a complete change—look out true Americans.

HARVEY ABRAMSON First

What is "Americanism"? Is it the democratic government the framers of the constitution meant it to be, or is it just a word symbolizing to other countries graft and corrupt politics? Our country is taking on the aspect of communism, nazism and all of the other "foreignisms." A few men such as President Roosevelt are trying to keep the country out of such a chaos but their efforts are useless unless John Public gets behind them and starts to think his own mind. Americans should stick to "Americanism" and leave the dictatorship government of Hitler and Lenin to Germany and Russia.

If Washington were alive today he would be ashamed. His public yields to the lash of the crooked politician who is trying to drag us into foreign affairs. When the United States of America was formed, Washington said to the people of his country to leave the affairs of Europe, to Europe, and to devote their efforts to the affairs of this side of the ocean. What we need in America is complete "Americanism," which means the people's government.

ROAD DISTRICT tax is eliminated IN COUNTY AREA

Elimination of the 10-cent road district tax in Lomita and other unincorporated territory of the county was voted by the board of supervisors late Wednesday, thereby effecting a reduction in the tax burden to the extent of \$289,000 annually on the basis of last year's valuation.

The board's declaration was made by adoption of a resolution introduced by Supervisor Roger W. Jessup, chairman of the board's road committee, which set forth that "it is imperative that further additional relief be granted property owners in Los Angeles county."

Levy of 10 cents for each \$100 of assessed valuation has been made by the supervisors for the last four fiscal years in the unincorporated territory of the county, Jessup explained. The maximum levy for road tax is 40 cents on each \$100, it was pointed out.

COMPLETE COVERAGE—All Torrance Herald ads run in the Tri-City Shopping News without extra charge.

Junior High

ARTHUR WOODCOCK Second

An American is trustworthy. He is to be trusted at all times and places. His honor is to be relied on.

Loyal. He is loyal to his country, parents, friends and home. He is ready to give his all in behalf of them.

He is helpful at all times. He will leave his own work or play to help a person in distress.

An American is friendly to strangers and newcomers. He helps them to get acquainted with his friends.

Obedience to orders is an essential part in American history. It has been necessary to America's rise to power. He obeys laws.

Reverence is present in every true American. He is reverent toward God. He holds his country and laws to be sacred.

He is courteous to old people, the sick, his parents and official commanders.

An American is brave in the face of danger. He is ready to uphold what he believes is right in the face of opposition.

Ideal Americanism contains cleanliness. He is clean in body and mind. He keeps his thoughts clean.

Kindness is present in all true Americans. They are kind to animals of all kinds and will not harm them.

An American is quiet and reserved at all crucial moments. He is calm in face of danger and meets it with a clear head and steady hand.

Local Graduates Enter Compton

Adding to the already 188 new students enrolled at Compton Junior College are five students graduated from Torrance high school. They are Richard Card, Ellen Madsen, Mary Beth Peckham, Bob Perkins and Lillian Strahl. Two Narbonne graduates, Will Chellis and Nondus Stump, also entered. Of the new enrolled students at Compton J. C. are these three representing the most distant towns, one each from Brawley, California; Valley Junction, Iowa, and Twin Falls, Idaho.

Five-Legged Calf Born TYVAN, Sask. (U.P.)—A five-legged calf was born to a cow owned by H. Kinney, Tyvan farmer. The "spare leg" is only a foot long and projects from the right shoulder.

Here and There with the Girl Scouts

Recently 20 Girl Scouts and two leaders enjoyed a trip to the snow at Big Pines. Mr. Miller of the Miller Furniture Company, on El Prado street, was kind enough to furnish transportation for the trip. There was plenty of snow to make an eventful day.

Last Wednesday the troop was taken to the Redondo plunge by Mrs. Allen of Torrance high school, Mrs. Hill and Captain Millard. The swimming was fine and several of the girls succeeded in passing some of their swimming tests.

Within the last two months, Virginia Rhind, Madelyn Plinkham and Virginia Lira have been voted into membership.

HIGHWAYS in county system ARE NUMBERED

Granvia La Costa, the Pajon Verdes coast highway, is designated as No. 1 in the county's system of highways, under the proposal laid down by the county regional planning commission for an orderly development of the county's highways during the years to come.

Under the plan, which was scheduled for adoption this week by the board of supervisors, each county highway is given a number. Those in the vicinity of Torrance, in addition to Granvia La Costa, are given the following numbers: Lomita boulevard, No. 23; Sepulveda boulevard and Willow street, No. 25; Carson street, No. 27; Torrance boulevard, No. 29; Redondo Beach boulevard, No. 31; Rosecrans avenue, No. 45; Pacific Coast highway, No. 60.

Resident of Harbor City Dies

Mrs. Nancy Jane Watson, age 65, passed away at her home, 1416 28th street, Harbor City, Tuesday, February 26. She had resided in Harbor City for the past 13 years. She leaves two sons, Ernest, with whom she made her home; William; and one brother, James Harrington, all of Harbor City. Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from Stone & Myers chapel, with interment at Roosevelt Memorial Park.

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Who Owns the Edison Company?

Who owns the Southern California Edison Company? This is a fair question to ask and a simple one to answer.

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