The Herald's Sport Page

SPORT SHOTS

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Trojan Sophomore Sprinter Looks Good in Early Meets . . .

Last week-end the writer of this column had the pleasure of meeting a fine young man, who probably will carry on the sprinting laurels of Dean Cromwell, and U.S.C. As you probably know by now, the Trojan track team has a new "speed burner" on its roster: Barney Willis, transfer from Sacramento Junior College, and formerly of the State of Oregon, where his parents own a huge ranch. This young man entered U.S.C. last month and is strutting his stuff for the institution already on the varsity team. During the Occidental-U.S.C. annual handicap meet, Willis ran the 100-yard dash in the amazing, early season time of 9.8 seconds. Just to show the lads and lassies of Los Angeles he was not fooling, last week in the annual Interclass meet, held on Bovard field, he again burnt the track for first place at the same speed, beating his team-mate and track captain, Payton Jordan, one of America's best, by two yards.

While attending Sacramento J. C. he ran the century in 9.6, his best time, but hopes before this year ends to step around 9.5. Another "White Hope" for the United Sates in the coming Olympic Games, Willis has two more years left for the Trojans.

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Zack Farmer Says, Louis Zamperini Great . . .

A letter received from the man who brought, and staged the 1932 Olympic Games in Los Angeles, that world known sportsman, Zack Farmer, quote—I suppose all of you fellows, like myself and other friends of Louie Zamperini, are looking forward to an interesting track season and definite indications that our boy is going to be the greatest in the world.—unquote.

Mr. Farmer, we of Torrance have thought for several years, and truly believe that your above statement is true to the "inth" degree. And also thank you for your interest in "Our Louie."

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A Few "Hot and Cold" In the World of Sports . . .

Several former stars of Torrance high school are back at the local institution taking Post-Graduate work, so they will be able to enter College in September. Jack Kent, former track and football star, attended Compton J. C. last semester, but is in his own back yard the last half of this year. He plans to attend Loyola next year. Kenny Pupkoff, star backfield man this year, is also studying in the local school; he will attend U.S.C. in September. All-City Gerald Grubb is making up a few subjects that will help him enter either Santa Clara, U.S.C. or Loyola in the fall . . . One of the Tartars best linesman a couple of years ago, Leonard Harris, will enter Brigham Young University at Provo, Utah in September. . . . Several World famous athletes are now attending U.S.C., and taking Post-Graduate work, namely, Ralph Metcalfe, famous colored sprinter in the 1932 Olympic games, and formerly of Marquette University. Also seen on the Trojan campus are two former U.C.L.A. track stars, Paul VanAlstine, one and two miles, and Bob Young, 440-yard star. Of course these three men are not eligible for the Trojan team, having used their athletic years at their former schools, but are taking studies that they missed during their college days. . . . Be sure and keep the third Tuesday night of this month, March 21 open. The American Legion post of Torrance is having its annual "Night of Champions." Already it has fifteen of America's best athletes lined up. There will be more about this event later in the month. But if you want to have a lot of fun . . . keep the date open and attend.

"KOONA" BROWN
. . . clowns at center for Clowns

One of the biggest basketball sports event in the Harbor District this season will be the game between the famed Broadway Clowns and the House of David quintet at the Redondo Union high school gymnasium next Monday night, March 6. The tip-off will be at 7:30 o'clock.

The game is sponsored by the Redondo Beach Junior Chamber of Commerce and is in the nature of a benefit with most of the proceeds going for the purchase of uniforms for the high school band.

Patriotic Youth Meeting in S. P. Open to Residents

The San Pedro chapter of the B'nai B'rith, with the endorsement of a number of civic, patriotic and church organizations in that city, is sponsoring the first Harbor District Youth Meeting for the "advancement of democracy in America," next Monday night, March 6, at 8 o'clock in the San Pedro high school auditorium.

Torrance residents are cordially invited to attend. The principal speaker will be John R. Quinn, county assessor and past national commander of the American Legion. Music will be furnished by the San Pedro boys' band. Admission will be free.

United States' horse population in 1937 amounted to 11,527,000 animals.

T-L NINE WIN OVER CLAYMEN

By running a score in the seventh inning to take a one-run advantage and hanging on to that lead thru the final cantos, the Torrance-Lomita Merchants defeated the Pacific Claymen 4 to 3 in a game at the city park diamond Sunday. Roy Willis hurled for the T-L squad, allowing eight well-spaced hits.

The Claymen scored twice in the first frame and again in the third. Manager Walt Morris' men put over three runs in the sixth and the winning marker in the seventh on hits by Orval Smith and Bill Jewel.

Benny Markham, regular infielder, was shifted to center field for the day, with Ray Olson, who is going to St. Joseph, Mo., taking over the hot corner. Markham threw out two runners at home plate. Horace Evans was on the receiving end of Willis' slants.

Ross Recruits Win Decision

Manager J. D. Davidson of the Dr. Ross ball club is a resourceful sportsman. Forced to recruit players in a hurry late Saturday when his scheduled game with Compton was cancelled and his team ordered to San Bernardino, Davidson did a good job and came home Sunday with an 8 to 4 decision over the ABC nine.

Red Zar hurled for the Ross nine, allowing seven hits but keeping them well scattered. Louie Briganti topped the locals with a triple, double and two singles at the plate. Swayne Johnson hit a homer over the center field fence at San Bernardino to take long-distance hitting honors for the day.

Three Rats in One Trap

WOODRUFF, S. C. (U.P.)—W. M. Swink, city attorney, now is known as the Pied Piper of Woodruff. Swink set a rat trap that was supposed to catch one rodent at a time. The first night it caught two, the second night it bagged another double and the third night three rats were caught.

OLDSMOBILE STARTS 31-DAY CONTEST

Approximately 4,000 newspapers throughout the U. S. have been selected to announce Oldsmobile's big, public contest in which 31 1939 Oldsmobile "60" two-door sedans will be given away, one each day for every day this month, to motorists who write the most interesting impressions resulting from their ride in a new Oldsmobile Sixty, according to D. E. Ralston, general sales manager of Oldsmobile.

Oldsmobile's nationwide contest starts March 1 and extends through to March 31, inclusive. Entry blanks and complete information may be obtained from Mullin's Service, Oldsmobile dealer in Torrance. Rules of the contest are simple and any resident of the U. S., over 16 years of age, is eligible to compete. Oldsmobile dealers will provide trial drives to all who wish to enter. After the demonstration has been completed the contestant is provided with an official entry blank on which space is provided for six comments, of 25 words each, under various headings as, ease of handling, performance, riding qualities, etc.

When the contestant has received the demonstration and has had the entry blank signed by the dealer, it should be mailed to the Oldsmobile factory at Lansing, Michigan. In the event that a winner has purchased a 1939 Oldsmobile during the period of the contest, credit for the retail delivered price of an Oldsmobile Sixty two-door sedan, in the city where the purchase was made, will be allowed.

Former Teacher Opens Day Nursery

Mrs. Della Dye, former Los Angeles teacher, has opened an attractive day nursery for pre-school children at her home and garden at 1508 Post avenue and is now serving a number of parents who are regularly leaving their youngsters in her care. Mrs. Dye also announces she will care for children in homes' evenings. Her rates are said to be reasonable and she is well known for her ability and dependability.

BRONCO INJURES RIDER

Wilbur Patchin of the Hammerton Tract, near Torrance, was thrown while riding a bronco pony Sunday and sustained a badly broken pelvic bone. He is being treated at the General Hospital, Los Angeles.

Fleet Reserve Finishing Work On Headquarters

Tomorrow night members of the Fleet Reserve club in Lomita expect to hold their first meeting in the former bakery and garage at 248th street and Narbonne avenue that has been converted by the organization into an attractive headquarters.

Under the direction of Herbert Richardson, in whose name the club has taken over the building, club carpenters, plumbers and electricians, some professional craftsmen and other amateurs, reconstructed the place during the past few weeks. One large hardwood floored dance hall and banquet room will be provided in addition to two smaller meeting rooms and a kitchen.

The Fleet Reserve's clubhouse will be available for the use of all Lomita community groups, it is announced.