Local All-Stars Bow to Green Streaks of L. B.

By "RED" MOON

A large crowd of softball fans turned out Saturday night at the Torrance City Park to witness one of the best exhibitions of pitching seen here since the days of Torrance Bluebird's famous Louie Novikoff. In nine innings, but five hits were allowed by six pitchers, which were all charged against the local hurlers. Pitcher Mott of Shepard Brothers, starting for the Stars got off to a wobbly start beginning in the first inning. Three walks and three errors produced four runs with nary a hit. These errors were all results of very hard hit balls. Mott retired the side in order in the second inning and got a nice hand. Kelley, the first batter for the visitors in the third greeted Mott's second pitch with a lusty wallop deep center, Gar Johnson sprinted after the ball and just got within speaking distance of it as Kelley crossed the plate with the first earned run. To prove to the fans that it was all a mistake Mott retired Maygre, Smith and Rubiee in order.

Doak's swell young pitcher, Barrett, took over in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings and turned in a perfect job in retiring all nine batters to face him. Iron Man Fiore of Bohn Aluminum, who had pitched five consecutive nites helping his team mates to win the Torrance Industrial League title for 1945, now took over for the last three innings. Thiery hit him for a double to start the seventh, Vierra flied to Gomez at short, Shortstop Jones was out unassisted at first, as he and Tuzzalino reached the bag almost instantly, they collided shaking Jones up. Daley then singled scoring Thiery, Watson forced Daley at second, Gomez to Regret. Fiore let them down without a hit or run in the eighth and started the ninth well, Gomez going deep behind second and leaping high to rob Thiery of a sure hit. Vierra was safe on a juggled ground ball but was forced at second by Rodgers, Daley got his second single of the game advancing Rodgers to second where his antics set the crowd in an uproar, he took one look at Watson at the plate and lay down for a snooze using second base for a pillow, his famous red bandana to wave goodnight to the crowd and shield his eyes from the lights.

Watson hit a home run to left field which equalled Kelley's in power and distance, the crack of the bat seemed to awaken Rodgers who slowly got to his feet as the following runners threatened to run him down, he calmly brushed the dirt off and led a dog trot procession to third where he changed to a goose step walk to home plate.

This ended the scoring as Kelley hit a long fly to Lazzaretto in right to end the inning. Throughout the contest Greenstreak pitchers Bledsoe, Maggren and Spence handcuffed the local batters, allowing nary a hit or run. Final score 9 to 0.

Five persons who have seen every team in action, four of whom have not missed a game this season have chosen the following players to go to Lakewood Stadium in Long Beach, Tuesday, August 7: Bohn Aluminum — Murphy, Tuzzalino and Regret; Shepard Brothers — Mott, Montgomery and Smith; Doak Aircraft — Barrett, Gray and Pierce; Dow Chemical — Totel and Bradshaw; Columbia Steel — Gar Johnson and Lazzaretto; Shell Chemical — Lorenz; National Supply — Jimmy Carlin; Goodyear — Tine and Tuttle.

Unanimous choices were: Barrett, Murphy, Tuttle, Gray, Tuzzalino, Regret, Lazzaretto, Carlin, G. Johnson and Lorenz.

Honorable Mention: Fiore of Bohn, Gomez and Jackson of Columbia, C. Shepard of Shepard Brothers, Captain Smith and Morgenstern of Army Hospital, Bennett and Waters of Ideco.

Local fans who wish to see the preliminary game should be at the Long Beach Lakewood Stadium at Cherry and Carson at 7 p.m. next Tuesday, August 7.

ON EXTENDED LEAVE . . . Pfc. Carl J. Gramling, Jr., arrived last week at the home of his parents, 908 Cota ave., for an extended leave. He had been under treatment at Hammond General hospital, Modesto, for wounds suffered in action in the battle of the Belgian Bulge last Dec. 23.

LOCOMOTIVES BY AIR

The Air Transport Command recently used 27 transport planes to fly 18 locomotives from Miami to Burma.

AROUND WORLD

Four times around the world in 60 minutes is the potential speed of rocket-driven planes, flying above the earth's atmosphere.

By United Press

Most expressions of these Germans are grim as they watch the occupation of their zone of Germany by British troops. Note the Hitler mustache worn by the man in the center. The young boy at right looks interested, but hostile.

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Mulches Keep Soil from Baking Hard in Sun

During warm weather plant mortality reaches high proportions. One of the greatest obstacles to plant growth is crust formation on the surface of the soil. This arises from complete exposure to the sun, a condition greatly aggravated whenever the ground is at all moist.

A friable soil, slightly damp, may be transposed in just a few hours of direct sunlight to an impenetrable crust that may be cracked only with a pickaxe. Against such insurmountable difficulties you can see what scant chance a tiny seedling has of pushing its head above the soil.

A mulch will minimize this problem during the summer season. There are many different types of material that may be utilized, including leaf mold, peat moss, straw and even bits of torn newspaper. Shade provided under a lath will also be worthwhile. Many commercial growers cover the seed bed with sections of old burlap or sacking.

The sacking is stretched across the surface of the seed bed and wetted down thoroughly. It checks evaporation and prevents the soil from caking. Remember, this has value only up to the time that seedlings show above the ground. It must then be removed or it will

interfere with the normal growth of the young plants. A canopy of muslin or similar material may be then erected above them, to ward off the hot rays of the sun. After the plants become fairly well established this canopy may be removed.

Plenty of moisture must be provided plants during hot days. Regular and constant irrigating is the best kind of crop insurance when the mercury hits the higher levels.