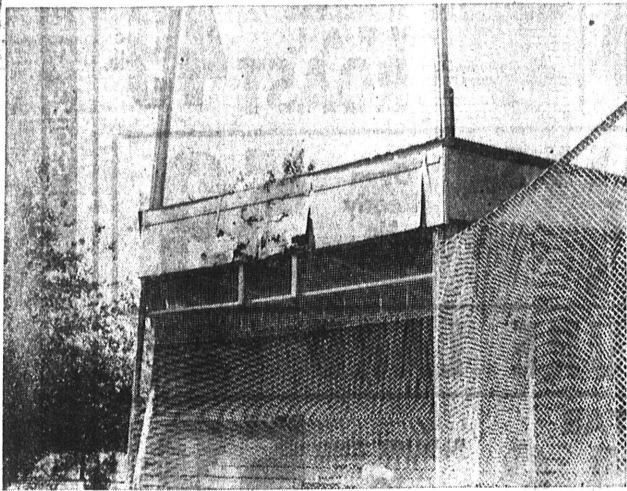


# Torrance's Ball Park Gets Face Lifted

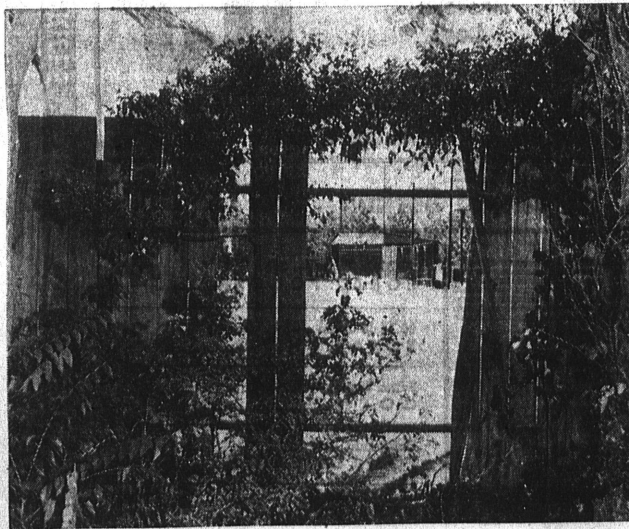


## TORRANCE PARK --- BEFORE AND AFTER

**OLD AND NEW . . .** They're putting a new face on Torrance Baseball Park. The old park, built by the WPA in 1939, was torn down last August—before it fell down. Seems the WPA neglected one important ingredient when they built the park—paint. Dry rot forced the city to tear the old bleachers down, and with them, a lot of memories dear to local baseball fans. Now the park is being rebuilt along a new, cleaner line, as the pictures on the right show. Note the

contrast between the old backstop and bleachers and the new (top pictures). The picture of the old wooden fence, below, presents quite a cluttered and battered appearance compared to the new chain-link fence that now surrounds the field. Bleachers are lacking thus far, but with money provided by the bond issue just passed by local voters, plenty of seats will be provided behind the new backstop. They won't be covered bleachers, and will lack the pioneer-like

glamour of the former cavernous set of seats, but they'll be sittable and non-splinterous. The cheering mobs that once filled the old grandstand during the Torrance Tournament for top semi-pro baseball clubs will be replaced this year by parents and friends of the new Babe Ruth League for boys and fans of the summer softball leagues. The outfield has been covered with a bright mantle of rich green grass to complete the "New Look."



### ROD and GUN CHATTER

Torrance Rod and Gun Club

### School To Train Umpires For City Softball Leagues

Surf fishing remained in high gear throughout last week with hundreds of eager anglers lining the beaches of Redondo and Hermosa from four in the morning until late at night, reeling in excellent catches of the tricky barred perch. Almost every fish taken was in the two-pound class, with three pounders more than common. As of now, it's a bit spotty with early morning fishing best.

Deep sea fishing slowed down a bit during the week, but boats still netted their share of halibut, culpin, cabezons, and a smattering of barries.

Last week's \$5 purchase order from the Torrance Cycle and Sport Shop went to Carl Hanni, for his three pound 11 ounce barred perch, Paul Smith, co-owner of the shop, holds top honors for his catch topping three pounds 14 ounces, but he's a real sport. Won't collect from himself!

A "School for Umpires" will start Wednesday, April 21, in San Pedro and men and boys who go through the school will be certified umpires for the Southern California Municipal Athletic Federation and able to officiate at any game played by SCMAF teams, according to Red Moon, city athletic director.

Under the plan, umpires will be rotated from city to city each week so that one umpire may not officiate for the same team more than once or twice a season.

The school will be held at Anderson Memorial Field, Ninth and Mesa Sts., San Pedro in two sessions, both to start at 7:30 p.m. The second session will be held on the following Wednesday, April 28. An umpires' film will be shown, the rules will be discussed and written and field tests will be given to students. Moon said.

Umpires from the SCMAF will officiate at Torrance softball games this summer. Moon reminded managers that the next meeting for Slo-pitch team representatives will be held April 23 at the Recreation office at 7:30 p.m. and this will be the deadline for filing entry fees.

Personnel of the two Slo-pitch leagues will be the same as last year with the exception of the Lutheran Men in the Service Club League, who will be replaced by the Junior Chamber of Commerce, and the Columbia Employees in the Blue Streak group. They will be replaced by the City Workerteam.

The Optimists and Mayfair Creamery are on the fence, Moon reported.

### Hit Halibut Limit

Limits of halibut were taken off Seal Beach Monday by Roy Hayes, Jack Booz and Kenny Gabehart drifting in Jack's 17-foot skiff. The largest bounced aboard went 12 1/2 pounds, taken by Kenny.

### Dewey Fix, Carl Hanni, Clowie and John Justice were another group hogging limits of flatfishes Sunday off Long Beach. Clowie's 12 pounder took the jack pot.

Two locals, Nick Chaykowski and George Fukumoto, tried their luck Sunday in the San Diego Yellowtail Derby on the Pularis. Five yellowtails were taken, two of them brought to gaff by George. Nick bagged a lone white sea bass, sinking the scales at 28 pounds 10 ounces, giving him the \$41 jack pot. Well worth the trip!

### Stock Car Race Set For Spring Finale At Oval

The last big Spring auto racing program of J. C. Agajanian's is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, April 25, at Carrell Speedway with late model AAA stock cars competing in a 300-lap, 150-mile Gold Cup Marathon.

Anglers in search of bigger game might possibly succeed right off local banks, about ten miles off that is. Last Sunday a bait boat brought into the Redondo pier a 480-pound black sea bass that had become entangled in their nets. Should have seen the people stare! If Paul Smith had been there he would have told onlookers that the monster was a barred perch, as he did coming back from San Diego last year with one in the back of his truck. What a joker he is!

At least eight drivers who will also compete at Indianapolis are expected to vie for the big purse. They are 1952 stock car champion Marshall Teague; 1953 AAA stock champ Frank Mundy; Chuck Stevenson and Johnny Mantz of Mexican Road Race fame; Troy Ruttman, 1952 Indianapolis winner and also winner of the last Carrell Speedway stock car race; Bob Scott, Dempsey Wilson and Van Johnson.

The marathon is expected to attract even more makes than the last show because of the anticipated big purse and the fact that some of the lighter makes are conceded a better chance as sheer power is not all-important! One thing is certain, the fans will see much activity in the pits as tires will not go the distance and overheating will be a big problem.

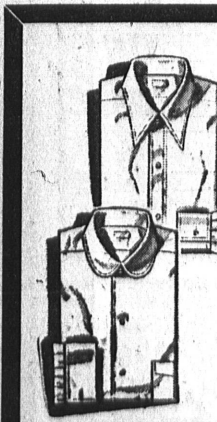
### NORTHROP MEN'S HANDICAP

No. Team	Won	Lost
1 Terraces	87%	43%
1 Weasels	86%	43%
1 Snappers	85%	43%
2 Dusters	85%	43%
7 Alley Cats	49%	50%
8 Bobcats	43%	54%
8 Doughboys	44%	58%
5 Hotshots	41%	58%

### FRIDAY NIGHT LADIES HANDICAP

No. Name	Won	Lost
8 Schultz & Peckham	78%	29%
3 Bickler Electric	72%	29%
6 Ruth's Sew. Mach.	58%	49%
4 N. Tor. Fuchsia So.	58%	50%
1 Team No. 1	38%	69%
3 Team No. 8	47%	61%
1 Team No. 7	41%	66%
2 Team No. 2	37%	71%

## Picture YOURSELF IN THE EASTER PARADE



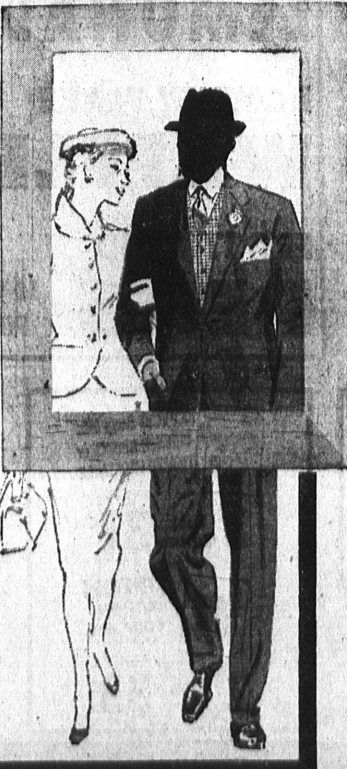
Yes, Picture yourself this East-er Sunday in one of Treskes' handsome lightweight woolens, tweeds, flannels or wosteds.

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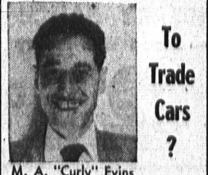
#### SUNDAY MIXED FOURSOME

No. Team	Won	Lost
5 Weasels	72%	28%
2 The Neighbors	61%	48%
1 All Stars	57%	50%
4 Pipers	54%	53%
4 Rams	54%	53%
8 Lions	50%	52%
8 Hotshots	41%	69%
8 Has Beens	39%	69%

#### Weekly High Scratch

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High Team Game	Team No. 2
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Ind. High Game	J. McKee

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