

# VIKINGS FORFEIT 3 LOOP TROPHIES

## New Hillman Minx Dealer

New Hillman Minx dealer in the area is Carl P. Pursche, at 16317 So. Vermont Ave., who will celebrate with a Grand Opening celebration beginning tomorrow.

In addition to the popular Hillman Minx, Pursche will also handle all the Rutes products including Sunbeam Talbot, Hummer, Rover, and Commer, he said.

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# Sports

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## CIF COMMISSIONER GETS STATE POST WITH GROUP

William W. Russell, Commissioner of the CIF, Southern Section since 1950 will resign his present position to become Assistant Executive Secretary of the State CIF, as of July 1, 1954, it was announced today. Mr. Russell will assist Mr. A. B. Ingham, Executive Secretary of the California Interscholastic Federation, on a state-wide basis.

Selection of a successor to Mr. Russell will be made by the CIF Southern Section Executive Committee at its next meeting June 22, in Santa Barbara. Applications from candidates are being accepted by Mr. Russell at his office in the Helms Athletic Foundation Building, 8760 Venice Blvd., Los Angeles.

Rated as one of the best organized high school athletic associations in the nation, the CIF, Southern Section has grown from a membership of 164 schools to 214 under Mr. Russell's guidance. Championship plays are conducted in eleven sports, including football, basketball, cross-country, track, water polo, swimming, wrestling, baseball, gymnastics, tennis, and golf.

Mr. Russell will remain in the Southern California area until January, 1955, working in the interests of the State CIF and assisting the new Commissioner with his duties. In January, Russell will go to Berkeley to join the State CIF staff at its headquarters.

## Three Ineligible Athletes Reported

Santa Monica forfeited three league trophies at a special meeting of the Bay League this week when school officials disclosed that three of its athletes had belonged to a secret fraternity in violation of league rules.

The three trophies, which included Varsity and Bee track championships and the Ironman Trophy, were forfeited by Santa Monica High School officials after they had made a thorough investigation of charges that three of the school's top athletes had been ineligible because of the fraternity activity.

Athletes involved are Leonard Bourget, outstanding member of the school's varsity basketball and track teams; Ronnie Dearborn, Class B 130-yard runner; and Richie Grigg, outstanding school swimmer.

**Frat Members**

The three athletes were reported ineligible by Samohi officials who said it had been determined that they were members of Delta Sigma Nu, a secret high school fraternity. Such fraternities are banned by State law and by league ruling.

Bourget and Dearborn were members of the varsity and Bee track teams, and their activity with the club caused the school officials to declare a forfeiture of those championships.

**Torrance Shares**

The Varsity championship forfeited by the Viking will now be shared by Torrance and Inglewood. Beverly Hills takes over the Bee track trophy and the Ironman Trophy, which is awarded on the basis of points acquired throughout the year.

The athletes were not expelled from school, although officials said the seriousness of the violations could have warranted such action.

Vice-principal Dale Harter of Torrance High School said the action would serve as a reminder to other athletes that school officials meant business when they talked of forfeitures in connection with such fraternities.

# Burt Smith Named to CIF Squad 3 Other Bay Loop Players Tabbed

## Smith Named To Group's Third Team

Burt "Pappy" Smith, Torrance High's "Athlete of the Year," rated the third team and three more Bay Leaguers were named to the second team in All-Southern California CIF baseball nine selections yesterday morning.

The honorary captain of the Tartar team who has a batting average of .484 was selected as an outfielder for the third string. First baseman Paul Zimmerman of Beverly Hills, second baseman Don Long, also of Beverly Hills, and catcher Wallace Newberry of Inglewood captured second team honors.

Selections were made by the Helms All-Southern California Board of Baseball at its annual meeting at the Helms Hall.

"Pappy" is a four-sport man who did everything well. He played tailback and safety man for the Tartars and was named to the All Bay League second team in football. Between football and track seasons he was a second-stringer on the varsity cage squad.

He ran the 440 in track well enough to take second place in Bay League finals and go to CIF prelims in that event and the broad jump. He also high-jumped and was anchor man on the relay team.

The outstanding athlete received an All-Bay League trophy for baseball and an autographed ball. His name will be engraved on the "Athlete of the Year" trophy and the All-American blanket and he'll also get a permanent "Athlete of the Year" trophy.



NO LUCK TODAY . . . says Miss Clara Conger as she is greeted at the door of their 1611 Post Ave. home by her friend, Miss Nora Wood, who is standing by with frying pan to the expected day's catch. Scene is the exception rather than the rule, because the 71-year-old deep sea angler usually fills the skillet—and has some left over for the neighbors.

## Retired Kansas Businesswoman One of City's Most Avid Anglers

"Let's go fishing."

"Say that to me and though I make a business out of sleeping, hating to get up early, I'll roll out at the crack of dawn (or before) with pole and bait in hand, ready to spend the day on the ocean," says Miss Mabel Conger of 1611 Post Ave. who, in spite of her 71 years is an avid deep sea angler.

"Whenever I think old age is creeping up on me," she said, "I just go fishing—and I find there's not a thing wrong with me!"

With the sparkle that is always present when she talks about her favorite sport in her eyes, Miss Conger told how she has been dragging the deep for about 10 years, ever since she came to California.

Retired from the dental supply business, she came here from Topeka, Kans., with her friend, Miss Nora Wood, who lives with her at the Post Ave. address, without much enthusiasm for angling.

**Prize Trout**

"Of course I used to go trout fishing on our vacations at the Colorado River—even had a prize trout that I caught mounted—but I really wasn't 'crazy' about it like I am now," Miss Conger said.

"My neighbor across the street, Bill Diesel, was a great deep sea fisherman and he took me with him one day shortly after we hit Torrance. That did it. Now I go deep sea fishing at least twice a month and most months I make trips three or four times."

"I knew absolutely nothing about it," Miss Conger continued, "but Bill, who is a fine fisherman and a grand chap too, was wonderfully patient with me, teaching me all that he knew. I still make mistakes and I've still got a lot to learn, even after 10 years practice at the sport."

**Beginner's Luck**

The 71-year-old woman has never duplicated her success the first trip out with a pole in her hand. "I had real beginner's luck," she recalled. "That day I caught 12 different varieties of fish."

"Maybe if I hadn't been so lucky I'd have given it up after the first try," she laughed, "but I don't think so. From the time Bill took me in his boat I was hooked!"

A 16-lb. halibut landed in 10 or 15 minutes, tops Miss Conger's "catch" during her decade stint at deep sea fishing. Mostly she goes after this variety, bass, or other "less temperamental" finned creatures because "I want to stay in my own class."

**Really Mine**

"I like to hook one I can land all by myself and know it's really my fish," she said. "Yellowtail, marlin, barracuda, or albacore flash and fight so much that they are hard to keep under control, and more than two hands really are needed for a successful landing."

The short, cheery woman, who looks more like a grandmother ready to open the cookie jar for the kids than a fisherwoman intent on her catch did catch a few barracuda (see photo) though—about eight years after her first trip out.

"They were the very small kind known as 'pencils,'" she said, "but I didn't care. They were barracuda to me and one of the most thrilling catches I ever made."

Like all fishermen (or women), Miss Conger talks about "the big one that got away."

"But most of the time," she said, "I could never really tell how big the ones I lost were, because when I lose a fish it happens right after he strikes—and it's my fault. My worst habit is a 'drag' that's too tight."

win over the Harbor Hornets on the Torrance Park diamond.

A sprinkling of young athletes including Burt Smith, Bob Moon, Harold Phillips, and other high schoolers opened a relentless attack on the Hornets in the first inning of the game and drove in two runs—only to wrap up the contest with seven more runs in the second inning.

Pitcher Bob Moon gave the Hornets a single hit in the second inning, walked two others, and let some on first by the error route. Otherwise the Hornets were wasting their time.

Hornet pitchers Bill Wiley and Junior King gave up a total of nine hits to the score-hungry Walteria crew. It was Walteria's second win, the Hornets' third loss.

## Walteria Team Blasts Hospital

Late starting Walteria businessmen showed a sign of potential power in the city's softball league here last Wednesday evening by blasting out a 17-5

## Fire Department Takes Over Blue Streak League

The Fire Department's B team emerged as the front runner in the Blue Streak softball league here Friday evening by handing the National Blues their first loss of the season.

Behind the tight pitching of Bob Moffatt, the firemen ramed 12 runs across the plate in the third and fifth innings to win 12-2.

In other games this week, the Midland Rubber nine added another win to their record by nipping the Torrance Gardens-Plaza homeowners 4-3. The Rubber men got three of their runs in the first inning to set the pattern of the game.

The City Workers took a one-point win off the Lutheran Men's Club Thursday evening by winning a 9-8 contest in the last half of the ninth inning with two runs. Deadlocked at 7-7 at the end of the seventh, the team went into the ninth still tied. The Lutheran men scored one run in the top half of the inning; the City Workers romped back with a pair in the lower half and the game was over. Both runs were made after two men were out.

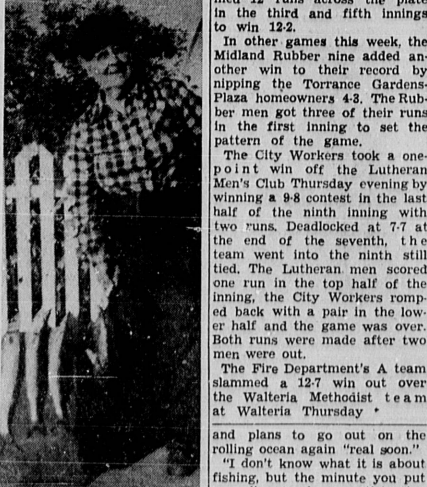
The Fire Department's A team slammed a 12-7 win out over the Walteria Methodist team at Walteria Thursday.

and plans to go out on the rolling ocean again "real soon."

"I don't know what it is about fishing, but the minute you put your line in, hope, anticipation are the things that keep you out," she said. "The moon may be just right, you may feel it's your lucky day, but at the last minute Mother Nature steps in and riles up the water—and all you can do is hope the fish will bite."

The way she feels about fishing can best be summed up in an article she read recently, Miss Conger said. "This is what I believe:

"Fishing is an avocation that gives a man a different way of thinking and method of living and leaves a mark upon his spirit that is discernible only by his fellow anglers."



THRILLING CATCH . . . Miss Mabel Conger of 1611 Post Ave., 71-year-old deep sea fisherwoman, poses with barracuda catch.

Said Nora and two other friends, Misses Gertrude Murri-son and Kathryn Ritter of 1403 Anacia Ave., went with Miss Conger on her latest fishing trip up at June Lake. "I was the only one who fished, though," she laughed. "I anchored my rowboat out in the middle of the lake and came home with 23 trout."

She's had enough of still-water fishing for a while, though.

## Smorgasbord Planned By B'nai B'rith

Final preparation for today's 1954 Smorgasbord, described as the finest ever presented, have been completed by members of the South Bay B'nai B'rith, according to President Norman Horwitz.

A varied menu, including at least four main courses in addition to appetizers, salads, relishes, dessert, and beverages, is being planned. Serving line will open at 6 p.m. and will remain open until 8:30 at the Alan Richard Hall here, according to Bernard Snitzer, chairman of the affair.

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## Sport Scenes

WASHINGTON—It begins to look like Cleveland's Indians and Chicago's White Sox might make a race of it for the Yankees this year. The Indians are off to a faster start than usual. The White Sox are starting hot in the traditional manner.

This may be Cleveland's last chance to win a pennant in some years. Bob Lemon isn't getting any younger. Bob Feller is definitely in his final years. Mike Garcia and Early Wynn have been star hurlers for some years now.

Thus, the Indians' pitching can't continue to keep them up there, certainly not this same staff, for too much longer. Al Rosen can't get any hotter. Generally speaking, Cleveland must make the grade now or go down hill.

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## PRIZE AWARDED FOR BALLOTING

Gerald L. Alter, president of Alter Realty Co., thought up a novel way to induce employees of the company to vote at Tuesday's primary. To compete for prizes, entrants in the contest had to write their names on the back of their ballot receipts.

Edgar Schaffer, salesman at the Walteria office of the firm, proved lucky and went home with a fancy can opener. The idea proved so successful, Alter announced Wednesday, it would be repeated at all future elections.

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