

# Local Man Challenges Archie Moore to Fight

Joe Griffin, 28, former AAU champion, is planning to step into the ring again after a two year's absence. He believes he can beat any of the light heavies including Archie Moore, and hopes that soon he will be able to prove it.

Griffin, of 23019 Arlington ave., has had over 100 fights, losing only three, fighting mostly in the open division.

"I'm going after Archie Moore's title," Griffin stated. "I have 68 knock-outs to my credit and I'm known for hitting hard."

"I've been fighting since I was 16 years old," Griffin said. "I won the AAU title in Pensacola in the light heavy weight division. I just fought everyone that came along."

When asked why he plans to return to the ring, Griffin said that he needs the money and believes that he can knock out any of the leading contenders.

Griffin, recalling his own fights, said he was proudest of the one he fought when he took on a middle weight and heavy weight the same night, knocking them out in the second and third rounds, respectively.

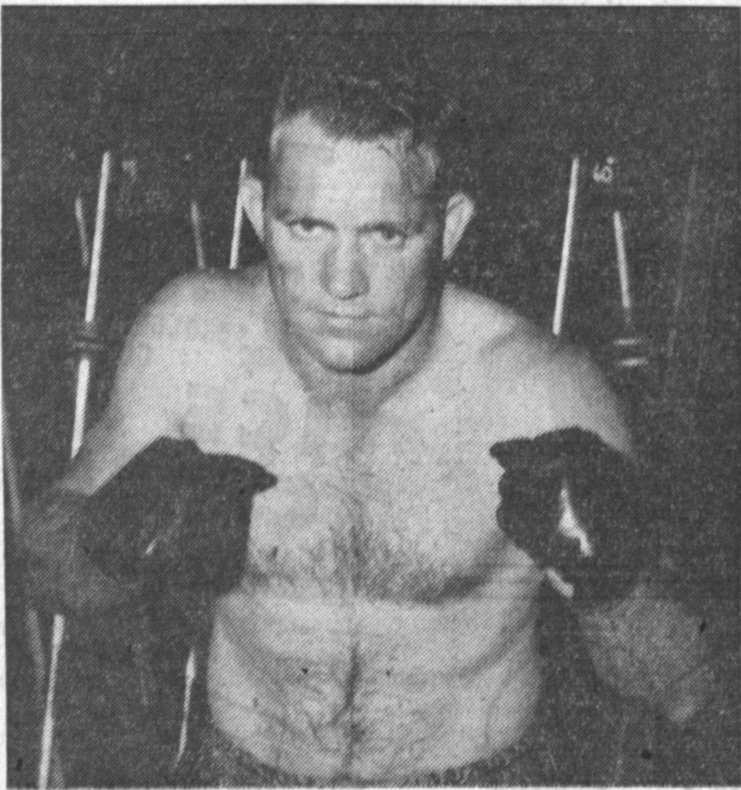
The heavy weight was Freddy Gurko of Cleveland and the middle weight was Johnny Head of New Jersey.

When you first start fighting, Griffin said, you fight for the glory and the fame.

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"But when you're mature, you're after making a living," he continued. "I don't think a fighter is telling the truth if he says he enjoys beating someone up or getting beaten up. It's hard to take physical punishment. You fight only out of necessity."

Griffin added that the good fighter is the one who possesses a physical and mental superiority over his opponent.

The boxer admitted that boxing is a cruel sport, but the audience, he said, is largely to



HE WANTS TO FIGHT THE CHAMP  
Joe Griffin of Torrance has indicated that he wants to box Archie Moore.

blame.

"If you put up a good scientific fight, they don't like it," he explained. "But let someone have his brains knocked out, they love it. I used to pay attention to who was getting the loudest applause . . . me or my opponent . . . but after a while I stopped doing that. I just went in there and fought and thought of nothing else."

Griffin, who was born in Duquoin, Ill., but who has lived in this area since 1947, said he plans to go into three months

training in Fraser park.

He has a cement business in Torrance.

"I'll fight anybody," he said. "If I can get a \$1500 guarantee. I won't throw any fights . . . they'll have to beat me to win."

## National Guard Promotions Told

National Guard promotions were announced this week by Public Information Officer Nap Bilodeau of Company E, 132nd Armored Engineer Battalion, California National Guard, as follows: Sgt. Salvador Gonzales and Pfc. Angel Arellano, Jr., Tony O. Gasset, Michael J. Gonta, Lee A. Mellen, Gerald W. Morris, Joaquin L. Pedroza, Leo L. Pedroza, Keith D. Pierson, Allen P. Smith, and Robert H. Robinson.

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## LITTLE LEAGUE SCORES

On Monday, June 24, the Jack Bynum's Phillies edged Bill Turrentine's Yankees out in a 6 to 2 ball game. Although it was a very good game there were very few hits on either side.

On Wednesday, June 26, Al Whelan's Stars beat Gordie Smith's Braves 7-6. Johnny Cambon of the Stars led the hitting with two hits which were the deciding factors in this game.

Friday, June 28, Mel Miller's Cubs took Pat Malone's Cardinals by a score of 4 to 2. Top Cub hitters for the game were John Kelly, Jack Campbell and John Conners, while Rodney White, Don Goll and Jimmy Wilson led the Card hitters.

On Saturday, June 29, Gordie Smith's Braves topped Bill Turrentine's Yankees 2-0. Steve Waters of the Braves hit his tenth homer of the season while Woodward of the Braves got two hits.

On June 30 in the first of a double header the most thrilling game of the year was played between the learing Al Whelan Stars and Pat Malone's Cardinals.

The Stars seemingly had the game on ice going into the sixth and last inning with a leading score of 14 to 3, when Rodney White of the Cards exploded with a homer to start the most sensational scoring spree in National Little League history.

Don Coll and Harry Brown both followed Rod White with one homer each for the Cards.

Outside of the homers the Cardinal hitting was backed up by Jim Wilson's 2 for 3, Mike Sircio's 2 for 3, and a solid double by Allan D'Ornellas. The Stars shone brightly during the first few innings of the game when Jason Castillo and Dexter Patrick both got three hits each while Danny Carasco ended with 2 for 4.

In the second part of Sunday's double header, Mel Miller's Optimist-sponsored Cubs overpowered Jack Bynum's Phillies in the last inning by a 16 to 13 score. The Cub hitters consisted of Steve Stanley and Mike Crenshaw and Ronnie Hagenbaugh, while Jerry Scribner led the Phillie hitting with two hits for the game.

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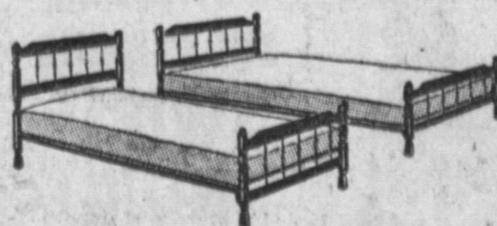
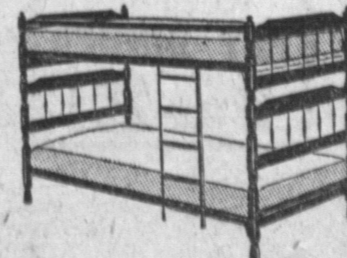
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