

Film on Mexico To Be Shown at El Camino

"Wonderful Mexico," a color motion picture will be shown in Room 2 of the Commerce Building at El Camino College at 8 p.m. Friday, January 24. The public is invited to attend. The film will depict scenes of Mexican life against a backdrop of Mexico City, Cuernavaca, Taxco, Oaxaca, and Acapulco.

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Recreation Department Will Offer Radio Drama Classes

The Torrance Recreation Department is initiating a new program that is somewhat unique to most recreation departments. Beginning Thursday January 16, the department plans to begin a radio experience for teen-agers.

The program, which will be divided into eight week series, and is designed to give experience and background in radio to as many interested boys and girls as possible. The group will meet from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the foyer of the Victor E. Benstead Plunge each Thursday evening beginning January 16.

The program is to be under the supervision of Ed Novak of the Recreation Department. Novak comes well-qualified in this area having had extensive experience in radio drama and stage productions in New York.

Basketball Clinic Series Underway

Over 250 boys took part in the first set of a series of basketball clinics on January 11, sponsored by the Torrance Recreation dept. Held simultaneously in both Torrance High and North High Boys' Gyms, the same program will be given again on January 18 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the same locations. The clinics were called to give the boys of the Torrance area, skills and techniques of playing basketball in preparation for the Department's forthcoming basketball league.

Several of the qualified recreational leaders put the boys through such fundamentals as dribbling, shooting and passing a basketball. In addition to basic skills, other things such as guarding and play patterns were covered.

The program was set up in such a way that each recreation leader covered a different skill or fundamental at different stations in the gyms. The boys were divided into groups averaging 12 boys. Each group of boys moved from one station to the next until they had received all the instructions and practiced all the skills.

High School Art Contests Starts

With more than 7000 individual entries anticipated, the 1958 Scholastic Art Awards competition for junior and high school students is underway in the eight-county Southern California region.

Ida May Anderson, Los Angeles City Schools art supervisor and regional contest chairman, said that art work entries are now being received. Scholastic Art Awards, which awards gold keys and certificates of merit at the regional level, also presents more than 100 art scholarships and about \$18,000 in cash prizes to winners in the national competition.

Pete Radisich Holds Bowling Loop Honors

Local league bowlers buckled down to some hard and fast contests last week at the Torrance Bowl-O-Drome.

The Manhattan Beach team is two games out in front of Wilmington No. 1 in the Harbor Lions Club League. Pete Radisich holds the high series honors with a 696 while D. Radisich has season high game score of 276.

Both bowl for the Torrance Lions Club. In the 16th week, D. Francisco is maintaining an average of 191 in the Bowl-O-Drome 850 Scratch League. B. Kuster and H. Maxson trail with 190s. Marine Sheet Metal continues to hold top spot in the league.

B. Lindsay with 704 and M. Milford with 286 hold top season spots in the Tuesday Men's Handicap race. Rigby's bowlers are two games ahead of United.

Teenagers Dig Divots

The Torrance Recreation Department is continuing its "Teenage Golf" program at Sea-Aire Park, located at 22730 Lupine drive, with additional golf activities for interested youths in grade 7 to 12.

Bill Wood, athletic coach at North High School, will be in charge of the program every Saturday morning from 9 to 11, starting Saturday, January 11 and January 18.

There is a 10 cent fee for each lesson, which will include the use of golf clubs and balls. Ed Simpelaar, who heads the program, announced that monthly passes are available for 50 cents to boys and girls, which will entitle them to 10 rounds of golf on weekdays.

The participants of the program will be given membership in the Sea-Aire Teenage Golf Club. Planned special activities include such things as parties, tournaments and matches open to all members. The Golf Club will hold a very important meeting Saturday, January 18 at 11 a.m.

Further information may be obtained by calling the Torrance Recreation Department.

Gas Tax in 16 Days Tops 1st Year Total

Somewhere in California today a gasoline sale will bring gasoline taxes paid since the first of this year to the total paid in the whole first year of its enactment in 1923, F. R. Schmieder, Southern California Oil Information Committee Chairman, reported.

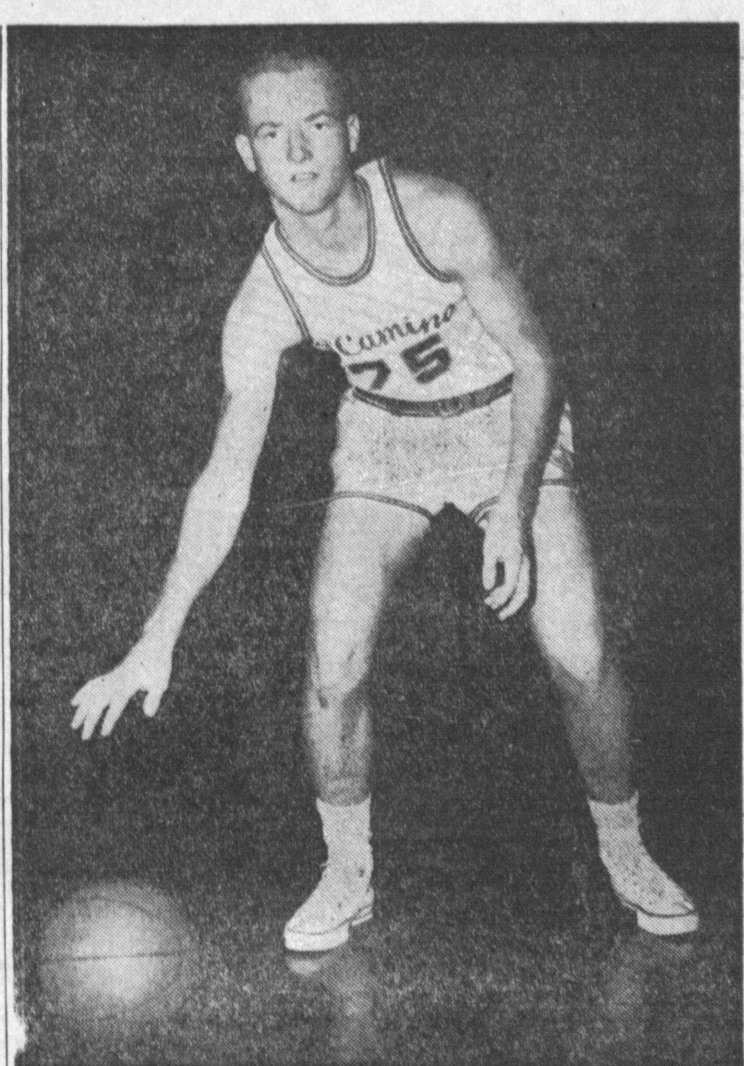
Schmieder said that figures released by Felix Chappellet, vice president and general manager of the Western Oil and Gas Association, reveal that \$19,511,000 will have been collected sometime today.

He stated that the present six-cent state gasoline tax is expected to take in an estimated \$300.6 million this year, while the three-cent federal tax will bring the total motor fuel tax collections in this state to an estimated \$445.7 million.

This, he pointed out, means that gas tax revenues are now being collected from California highway users at a rate of \$1 million every 17 hours, or more money within sixteen days as the two-cent 1923 tax produced in a whole year. The federal tax was not added until 1932.

"It is true," Schmieder said, "that there are now 5.9 times as many motor vehicles in use in California as there were in 1923, and that many of these vehicles are receiving greater use, but this only partially explains the fact that gas tax revenues are now running 33 times as high." It must be noted that the present combined tax rate is now 4 1/2 times as high." He added:

"An interesting fact about gasoline is that this is one product on which the price today, excluding taxes, is actually lower than it was back in the 20's." He noted that in 1920, the average price of regular gasoline in California was 24.2 cents a gallon. Today motorists are getting a far better quality of gasoline for less, but taxes now add 41 per cent to the cost.



LOTS OF SPEED is demonstrated by El Camino's Karl Bailey, versatile All-Pioneer Leaguer in '56. At 6'4", Bailey is one of Coach George Stanich's two tallest men, along with Center Don Ray. Bailey is expected to start tomorrow night against the Harbor Seahawks.

EC Hoopsters Meet Seahawks Friday

El Camino's cage Warriors return to the local scene Friday night when they meet the LA Harbor Seahawks in an 8 p.m. tiff on the El Camino courts.

Always strong on the basketball floor, the Hawks promise to furnish stiff competition to the Warrior crew, a flossy looking first-half squad which has suffered second-half nightmares in conference outings thus far.

In their opener against Long Beach, the El Cam's pulled a reverse Cinderella act, dropping from a half-time lead to a frustrating 87-61 loss to the Vikings. Second-half jitters reoccurred

Friday night when the visiting East Los Angeles Huskies left the floor for the rest period trailing by four points, but went all out in the second half to win by a lopsided 67-58.

El Camino could do nothing but foul and miss the basket in the second half. John Bernard hit for 12 in the first half but couldn't net a single point in the second.

Foul shots helped ELA with the Huskies getting 42 although hitting for only 50 percent. The Warriors scored on a mere 37 percent of their free throws.

EC Grapplers Grab 2 Meets

El Camino College grapplers will take on the San Bernardino Indians today following a successful trip to Northern California. The two squads are rated as top wrestling contenders in Southern California mat circles this season.

The first of the northern meets was against Cal Poly getting the nod over the Warriors by the score of 17-6. Of the matches, coach Dave Hengstler was impressed by three in particular.

"Dewey Weber, Mike Coyle, and Don Wood all turned in outstanding performances and had to work exceptionally hard for their wins," said Hengstler, "although all the fellows on the team did a fine job and I'm very satisfied with their performance."

From Cal Poly, the Warrior grapplers headed for the next battleground, Modesto J. C. This meet turned out to be a decisive victory for the Warriors with the final tally reading 29-3.

The El Camoans turned in another fine performance at the Modesto meet, according to Hengstler, but Wayne Atkins copped the honors for having turned in the outstanding show-

ing of the event. This he did by pinning his opponent in two minutes of the second period. Right behind Atkins was Mike Coyle vying for top honors by edging out his foe by the score of 2-1 in the third period on an escape.

"The boys must have felt pretty good," Hengstler noted, "because they went swimming right after the meet; in 35 degree weather."

Next in line on the Warrior tour was Fresno, where the Warriors nabbed a decisive 27-3 win. Again the outstanding match of the meet was turned in by Mike Coyle.

Consistently winning in practice performances and counted upon by Coach Hengstler as a top performer this season is Larry Swallow, 157 pound mat man.

"El Camino's chances look very promising in the Southern California Junior College Wrestling League," Hengstler comments, "our main obstacle being San Bernardino, which is favored to win the Eastern League crown."

Mosaic Class

The Torrance Recreation Department is announcing the beginning of a workshop in Mosaics for all interested persons in the Torrance area.

The sessions will be held on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., the first of which will be January 28 at the Victor E. Benstead Plunge at 3031 Torrance blvd.

Sue Scully, the instructor, announced that the cost of materials and use of equipment will average about \$1.25 a session. The project cost will depend upon the amount of materials used. Mrs. Scully suggests that those attending bring an old pair of leather gloves.

Interested persons are asked to call the Torrance Recreation Department, FA 8-4108 to register and obtain further information.

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