

"Naah! We don't t'ank Santa Claus! We t'ank dem people sleepin' upstairs. They didn't keep a light on all night!"

## Petit vs. Baylor In Tonight's Meet

Bob Pettit vs. Elgin Baylor is the attractive headline attraction for the St. Louis Hawks-Los Angeles Lakers basketball fracas at the Sports Arena tonight. Tipoff is at 8 p.m.

Pettit, the 6-9 former Louisiana State star, has been All-Pro for the past seven seasons. He has been red-hot in recent outings, getting into the 40's and 50's. Too, the husky Hawk ace is one of the great rebounders of the league.

Pettit is a fine team player, as well, frequently sacrificing his own shots to set up a teammate. His mates on the front line—Clyde Lovellette and Cliff Hagan—are also tremendous scorers.

Baylor, like Pettit, is an All-Pro great, having won the laurel in all of his three seasons in the National Basketball Association. He is scoring at his record pace—an amazing 37 points per game.

Elg tossed in 63, the third best of his career, the other night against Philadelphia. Baylor, although only 6-5, is one of the great rebounders in the league and averages several assists per game.

Jerry West is back in top shape again and that means the Lakers are mighty tough to handle. They now occupy a position in the Western Division similar to that the Hawks enjoyed for years.

New Coach "Fuzzy" Levane is at the helm of the "hurting" Hawks.

The KJH disc jockeys, including Lucky Pierre, Paul Compton and Perry Allen, will participate in a Christmas community Sing-Along at halftime.

## NEW THS BUILDING . . .

## Groundbreaking Ceremonies Officially Kickoff Torrance High's 'Facelifting'

Groundbreaking ceremonies starting construction of the new student services and administration building at Torrance High School were held Monday morning.

On hand for the ceremony were William Hanson, president of the local school board; Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of the district; Carl Ahee,

principal of Torrance High; Ray Bynum, student body president; the Reverend H. M. Sippel, of the city's recreation commission; and Mrs. Paul Roberts, president of the school's PTA.

"Awarding of the contract to build a new administrative building at Torrance High and the turning of the first shovel

of earth starting the construction was a long awaited event at the school," Ahee reported yesterday.

Construction of the building is the first step in carrying out a master plan to double the capacity of the school.

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## Scranton, Compton, Cook Clash Sunday in Gardena

Arley Scranton, Compton and Dick Cook, Lakewood continue their battle in quest of the 1961 CJA stock car racing championship, this Sunday afternoon at Gardena's Western Speedway, 139th and So. Western Avenue, where a 40-lap main event highlights the day's nine event racing car.

Scranton who drives an Oldsmobile is currently on top for the coveted title, but Cook, last year's champion is closing fast and is only 455 points behind with three races left on this year's racing calendar. Both will be trying hard for their fifth main event win of the year on Sunday.

Top threat to stop their victory drive will come from "Wild" Bill Foster, Newhall, winner of six feature wins this year, a new stock car record. Foster drives an Oldsmobile as he shoots for feature win, number seven. Foster is sixth in this year's points and could make the top three in the remaining races.

### PILOTS

Other pilots who will tackle the job of stopping the above trio include: Bob Price, Burbank (Olds); Jim

Cook, Norwalk (Dodge); Marvin Heinis, Sylmar (Olds); Clem Proctor, Compton (Dodge); Ronnie Donelson, Inglewood (Lincoln); Gene Davis, Santa Monica (Olds); Harold Bates, Buena Park (Pontiac); Chuck Townsen, Gardena (Olds); Gabby Garrison, Long Beach (Dodge); Jimmy Jack, Van Nuys (Olds); Eddie Kusch, Compton (Buick); Walt Price, San Fernando (Olds); Bill St. James, Gardena (Ford); Frank Denny, Los Angeles (Olds); Gerald Rae, Lawndale (Chevie); "Sad" Sam Stanley, Newhall (Olds); Ray McKinley, Bell (Ford); Cliff Garner, Culver City (Olds); Bill Ferrier, Oxnard (Olds); and Ernie Swift, Gardena (Ford).

A 40-lap feature will highlight the days racing program, with a 15-lap semi-main, five 8-lap heat races; and 8-lap handicap dash, and a four lap trophy dash. Racing begins at 2:30 p.m. preceded by time trials at 1 p.m.

All ticket holders have a chance at the 1962 Ford Falcon to be given away free on Sunday, December 24 by the California Jalopy Assn.

## Twelve States Sign in for 1962 Winter Drag Races

Led by the Golden State of California, twelve of the nation's 50 states are already represented in the forthcoming Winter National Drag races slated for the Los Angeles County Fairgrounds in Pomona, Calif., February 9 to 11.

According to National Hot Rod Association headquarters in Los Angeles, this is the greatest initial response ever experienced for a major event of national importance. The rapid response, after a lapse of only ten days from the time entry blanks were placed in the mail to competitors indicates that more states will be represented in the 1962 Big Go West than ever before. An uncounted number of entries were contained in the initial batch of mail this week and, with more than a full month remaining before the final entry deadline, a total of more than 500 is expected.

### CAL. FIRST

California took the early lead while Texas and Indiana moved into second and third place. Other signed forms came from Pennsylvania, Iowa, Minnesota, New Mexico, Tennessee, Ohio, Nebraska, New York and Arizona. As the hosting state for the three-day meet, California is expected to furnish the largest number of participants when the Winter Nationals get underway. Enthusiastic and eager representatives from the state of Texas, however, may have something to say about

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### COURAGEOUS

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that according to NHRA's South Central Division Director Dale Ham.

The planned seven days of automotive activity will get underway on February 1 with the opening of the 2nd annual Winter Nationals Rod and Custom Car Show at the Great Western Exhibit Center in Los Angeles. Here, California enthusiasts and visitors from all parts of the nation will see spectacular exhibits ranging from championship customs and Indianapolis cars to drag boats, motorcycles, a jet car, Bonneville machines, and classics, many of which have never been on public exhibit.

Following the show which closes February 4, action will get underway at the repaved Pomona strip where NHRA officials will begin technical and safety inspections of all competing cars. With 6 competing classes, participating cars will include everything from 1000 horsepower dragsters and altered coupes and sedans to modified sports cars and showroom production models. The Big Go will mark the debut for many of the new 1962 Detroit cars making up the various stock classes.

## Reserve Officers Form Chapter

Formation of the Centinela Chapter of the Reserve Officers Association of the U.S. was announced this week by Lt. Col. George Mefan.

"We welcome any reserve, retired or active officer of the Armed Forces to become affiliated with this new chapter," Col. Mefan said.

Next meeting of the organization will be a business meeting at 7:30 p.m. Friday at 3434 W. Imperial Hwy., Inglewood.

For information officers may call Lt. Col. George Mefan, PL 4-8487.

At the last meeting Col. Mefan was elected president of this new chapter.

Other officers named are Lt. Col. John McKinney, Army vice president; Comdr. Elmer Harris, Navy vice president; Maj. Guy B. Fluck, Air Force vice president; and Maj. Carl Bechtolt, secretary.

## El Camino Holds Lead in Metro Dash for Trophy

Maintaining a slim one-point margin over Bakersfield, El Camino College currently leads all Metropolitan Conference colleges in the race for the Carl White Iron Man Trophy.

With three sports completed, football cross country and water polo, ECC has earned 22 points to second-place Bakersfield's 21.

Given annually to the college with the finest aggregate athletic teams, the Iron Man Trophy was awarded to Long Beach City College last year. The Viking's football club went to the Junior Rose Bowl last year and walked away with a win, and LBCC was a constant threat to annex the conference crown in practically every other sport.

### FIFTH TIME

It marked the fifth time

## Brownies Troop To Normandale

Normandale Park will be the scene Thursday of a Christmas party for Brownie Troop 2461.

The troop, sponsored by 223rd Street School PTA, is preparing Christmas gifts for parents. Mrs. Robert Dossey is leader.

that Long Beach has received the Carl White Trophy, more than any other Metropolitan Conference college. Santa Monica has captured the award three times, while El Camino's victory in the rugged competition came in the 1955-56 athletic season.

El Camino earned four points for its fourth-place finish in football and eight points for a second-place showing in water polo. The Warriors grabbed 10 digits by knocking off a first place in both the dual meet schedule and league meet in cross country.

The Tribe boasted an undefeated cross country squad the past year, as the harriers reached the pinnacle of their success by romping home victorious in the Southern California Junior College finals.

Competition for the trophy was begun in the 1950-51 season. ECC wound up in fourth place last year.

Currently the point standings read: El Camino, 22; Bakersfield, 21; Long Beach, 18; Santa Monica City College, 12 1/4; San Diego City College, 10; Valley College, 4 1/2; East Los Angeles College, 3 1/4; and Harbor College, 1.

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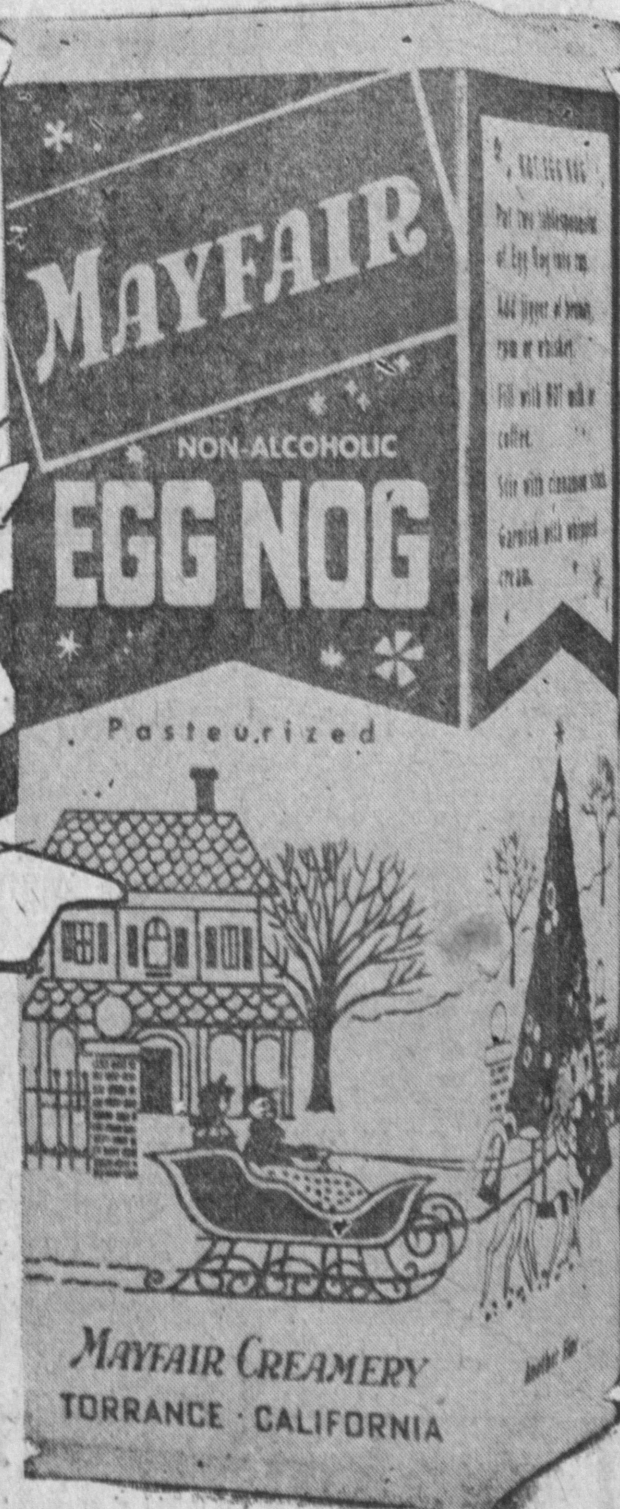
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