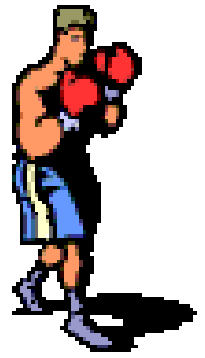


HISTORY OF THE CALIFORNIA
INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION
SOUTHERN SECTION
(CIFSS)



13th historical “tidbit.”

BOXING, SKIING, FRATERNITIES, CONCERNS OVER
BASEBALL, FIRST DUES, START OF EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE AND START OF THE “CIFSS BULLETIN”

- Boxing was a popular sport and many schools had “unofficial teams.” as can be seen from this “Los Angeles Times” article of June 13, 1916:

HILLTOP YOUTHS STEP INTO RING.
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More of It.

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**BOXING CONTINUES TO BE THE
CRAZE AT L. A. HIGH.**

Babe Henry and Sam Dougherty
Muss Each Other up Considerably.
Kid Frenchy and Willie Citrin,
Each Weighing Eighty Pounds,
Make Biggest Hit of Programme.

Yesterday's bouts were the best ever staged since the beginning of boxing at Los Angeles High School. The gymnasium began filling long before time was called for the first bout. Lads were hanging on the climbing rope, some were sitting on the acting bar, while others were crowding around the ring. The students were going to take no chances on missing any of the fighting. First comers got ringside seats, while those that came in late had to hang on to the apparatus.

Two bouts were put on during the fifth period. The first, between Babe Henry, center on the football squad, and Sam Dougherty was a corker. Both boys were after each other every minute of every round. Henry had an advantage of ten pounds over Dougherty, but Sam held his own throughout the battle. Henry showed good footwork, but was a little slow in handling his mitts. Dougherty was too anxious in trying to land a telling blow on Henry's chin, and kept missing.

The next go on the programme was between Kid Frenchy and Willie Citrin. Both boys are about as big as a minute, weighing eighty pounds each. These little fellows did not know what it meant to stop. They were going all the time and had the spectators wild during the entire contest. This bout was easily the feature of the day.

The sixth period was shortened, so there was only time for one go. James Smith and Peet, a junior college man, furnished the milling at this time.

The State CIF finally made it clear on their feelings regarding interscholastic boxing with the following from their minutes of May 24, 1941, “It was moved and seconded and carried that the request for permission to conduct interscholastic boxing in state be denied. This is a reaffirmation of past policy in regard boxing.”



- Interscholastic skiing was sanctioned in March, 1940, with an Invitational Skiing Meet on the slopes of McGee Mountain, 35 miles north of Bishop. This might have been one of the first CIF events to include girls as there were events to include cross country for boys, slalom for boys and girls and a giant slalom for boys. The event was held March 29, 30, 1940 and there was a heavy snowstorm accompanied by a high wind that added a “little tang to the event” (CIFSS Council minutes of April, 1940). The following note from those minutes is still true today”

“Some of the schools in the metropolitan area think they are being heroic when they go as much as twenty or twenty-five miles to take part in an athletic contest. Bishop had to go fifty miles to get to its own home snow field...the Commissioner of Athletics has always admired the puck and enthusiasm of our small outlying schools in battling adverse conditions in athletic competition.”

- From the September 26, 1929, CIFSS Council Meeting, the following motion...”that any boy who is member of a High School Fraternity on or after January 1, 1927, shall be ineligible for any further competition in CIFSS.” A Long Beach couple fought the rule, but lost.

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*Suit Seeks to Restrain
School Debarring Members
from Athletics*

Suit to restrain the Long Beach Board of Education and Principal John L. Lounsbury of the Woodrow Wilson High School of Long Beach from enforcing the dictum of the California Interscholastic Federation that members of high school fraternities shall not participate in interscholastic athletics has been filed in the Superior Court of Los Angeles by Attorney Rex B. Goodcell on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Edward T. Chase, 4337 East Second street, Long Beach.

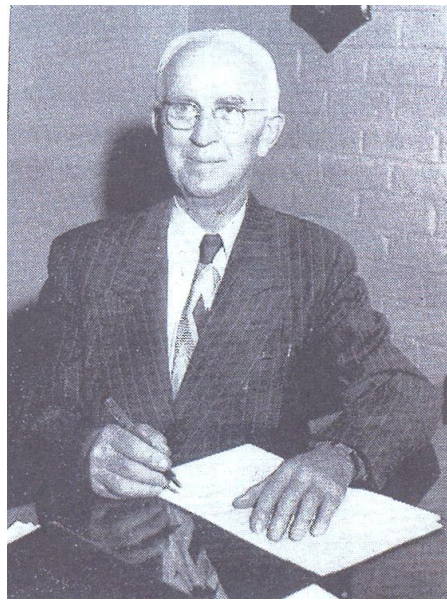
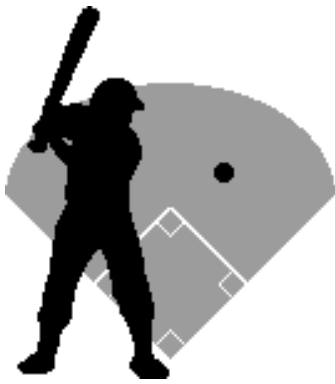
The plaintiffs are the parents of Ted Chase, a student at Woodrow Wilson High School, and a member of the Phi Beta Tau Fraternity.

Judge Albert Lee Stephens has directed the Long Beach board and Lounsbury to appear in Department 28 of the Superior Court the 17th inst. to show cause why an injunction should not be granted the plaintiffs.

The board is maintaining a neutral attitude, according to Herbert Ahlswede, president of the board, who has called a special meeting of the body for tomorrow.

The suit is said to be the first test case of its kind. California has at present a law forbidding secret fraternities in the secondary schools. Long Beach permits fraternity membership so long as such organizations are not of a secret nature.





- The CIFSS Commissioner Seth Van Patten was always concerned about revenue for sports...especially during the depression years as can be seen from this “Los Angeles Times” 1930 article on... “a terrible state of affairs.”

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RABBIT PUNCHES

BY PAUL LOWRY

THE BASEBALL TOBOGGAN

MR. SETH VAN PATTEN is disturbed about the waning interest in prep baseball.

Mr. Van Patten is one of the powers of the C.I.F., southern section, and reports some very discouraging facts.

He says that in the recent semifinals for the Southern California championship Inglewood High and Cathedral High played to exactly \$24 worth of cash customers.

Now, the umpires were paid \$22 and four baseballs cost \$6.

That left a deficit of \$4.

This is a terrible state of affairs, and Mr. Van Patten doesn't know what to make of it.

He says that ten and twenty years ago a game of this importance would have drawn at least 2000 persons, and now the turnout scarcely surpasses the number of players on the field of play.

In an attempt to seek out the reason for such an appalling situation Mr. Van Patten plans an early visit to President Harry Williams of the Coast League, who from the hoary information of years may be able to furnish the solution.

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- Due to the depression it was decided at the September 30, 1933 CIFSS Meeting, to assess member schools dues for membership. There was much debate about this as some felt that the CIFSS was trying to do too much and they were especially concerned about the expenses of the track meet while others felt they needed a “full-time” commissioner and more clerical help. They dues levied for the school year were:



100 ADA less	\$ 2.50
101 to 500 ADA	5.00
501 to 1000 ADA	10.00
1001 to 2000 ADA	15.00
2001 and above ADA	20.00

- The CIFSS Executive Committee was formed during October, 1929 after Seth Van Patten’s title was changed from Secretary to Commissioner. The Executive Committee was to be elected by the Council and was to become the chief administrative body of the CIFSS. The Commissioner was the secretary and the Council the legislative body and all administrative powers were delegated to the Executive Committee, The first Executive Committee had three members.
- The first CIFSS Bulletin appears in October of 1930 and the first glossy CIFSS Bulletin was printed in September, 1937, with the cost of printing taken care of by the Helms Olympic Athletic Foundation. This was the first official ongoing publication of the CIFSS and, “suggestions from school men interested in high school athletics are invited.”



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