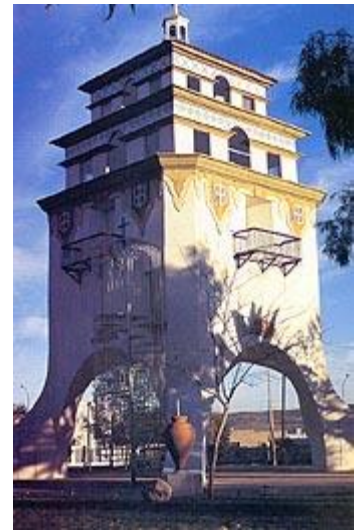




**HISTORY OF THE CALIFORNIA
INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION
SOUTHERN SECTION
(CIF-SS)**



29th historical “tidbit.”

CIF-SS BECOMES INTERNATIONAL

It is interesting to note that according to the CIFSS Council minutes of March, 1940, the CIFSS became international. The State Council Meeting of February 10, 1940, approved the arrangements of CIF-SS games with the **Instituto Tecnico Industrial** of Tijuana, Mexico. This was a boy’s industrial school located in the gambling center buildings at Agua Caliente. The February, 1940, CIFSS Council minutes state:

“A Mexican Boys School has been opened recently at Agua Caliente in Lower California. This school has asked permission to schedule games with schools of San Diego County. Mr. Perry had visited the school on request of the C.I.F. Office. Mr. Van Patten and the Releaguings Committee had also visited the school on a Committee trip to San Diego. It was the opinion of all who had visited the school that favorable action the request be granted...motion made to ask permission of the State Council for such games....passed.”

The school had been established in 1939 as a boarding school for rural students. The school occupied the old beautiful mosaic gambling casino complete with its own radio station and presses. The hotel became a dormitory for the students and the actual gambling hall became the library. The race track and golf club were one kilometer away from the main buildings. Carpentry, electrical skills and mechanics were taught to the students and the swim team worked out in the large pool. The school produced the “Hot Water” newspaper and the many refugees of the Spanish American War found their way to the school. Due to lack of resources the boarding school closed down in the 1950’s. When the school closed, many tunnels were found under the old casino that had been used by Al Capone to smuggle alcohol into the United States during prohibition.

Agua Caliente Hotel and Casino circa 1940

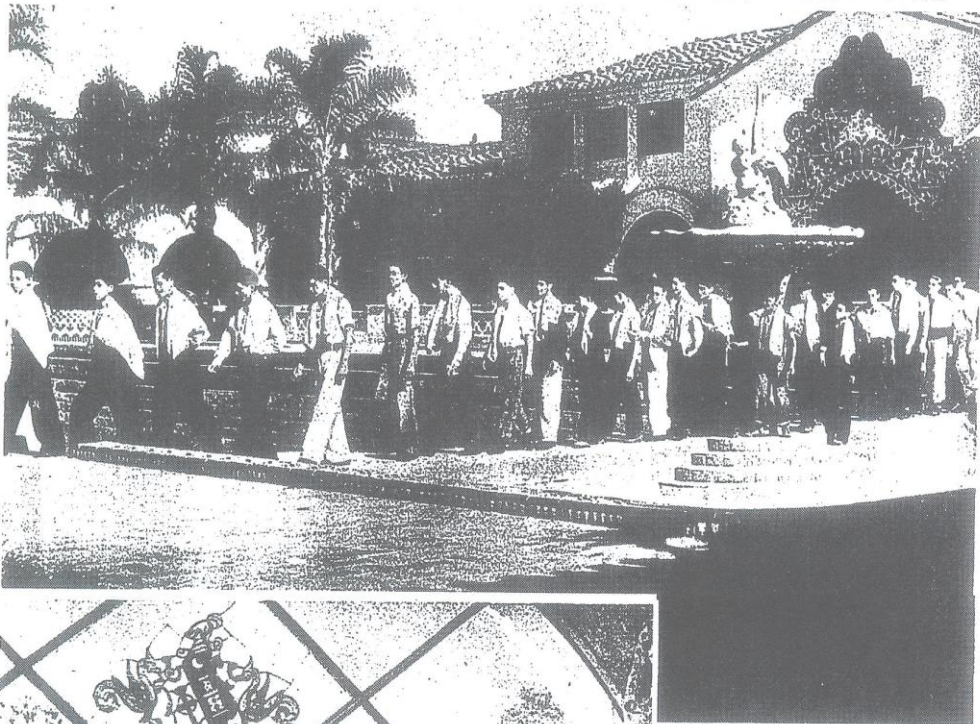


Al Capone

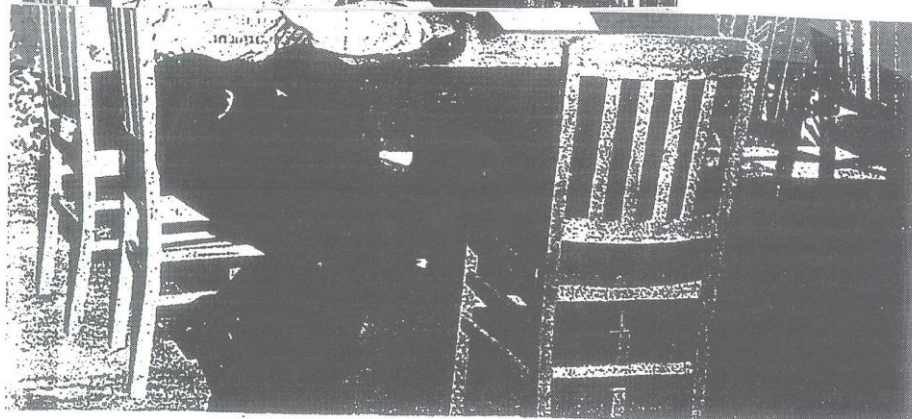
Boys Now Go to School Where Roulette Wheels Once Whirled

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Swimming pool, where persons whose names usually are spelled out in electric lights once disported selves, is empty, but showers still are available.



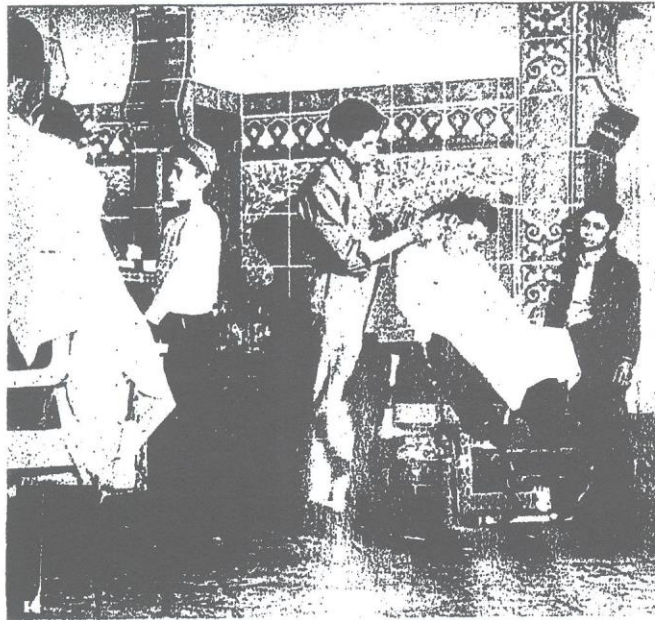
Dining room now is an assembly hall for study purposes; the gambling casino has been turned into a library and the golf club into a hospital.

AGUA CALIENTE HOTEL WILL BECOME PREPARATORY SCHOOL

AGUA CALIENTE (Mex.) can government, and Batiz said May 27. (AP)—The Agua Caliente the plant will be remodeled and Hotel and Casino, once the mee- an additional building erected to ca for pleasure seekers from all meet the demands of the school. over the United States, will be When completed, facilities will be opened October 1 as a prepara- sufficient to house 500 boy and tory school for the University of girl resident students and 250 Mexico at Mexico City. day pupils from this area.

This was the announcement More than 5000 books already today by Juan D. Batiz, chief have been moved into the build- Mexican Department of Techni- ings, where spinning roulette cal schools, who inspected the wheels and brilliant floor shows the palatial plant and conferred once attracted celebrities from with local labor leaders. Hollywood. Batiz said 20,000

The once-famous resort recent- more books will be brought here ly was expropriated by the Mexi- from Mexico City.



Barbering is taught in the onetime ornate shop by the swimming pool.

THE MULTI-MILLION-DOLLAR HOTEL AGUA CALIENTE, onetime Mecca of Hollywood film stars and devotees of the game of chance, now is a school-house for 400 under-privileged boys of Baja California, under an order of President Cardenas. It was opened last week to teach trades to boys from 12 to 18 years of age. These are views on the opening day recently.

CALIFORNIA INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION

Meeting of the Federated Council
Pacific Grove--February 10, 1940

The meeting of the Federated Council was called to order at 9:30 a. m. at the place and on the date above mentioned, by President Harry J. Moore.

Present were: E. O. Talbott, Los Molinos; Homer S. Toms, Stockton; D. R. Lightner, Strathmore; J. F. Graham, Lemoore; Harry J. Moore, Long Beach; S. Chester McIntosh, Puente; Maurice G. Blair, Los Angeles; Claude L. Reeves, Huntington Park; W. H. Orion, Sacramento; J. R. Alltucker, Vallejo; and A. B. Ingham, Pacific Grove. Mr. C. L. Geer of Coalinga, an honorary life member, was also in attendance.

Mr. D. R. Lightner, football coach at Strathmore High School reported on the National Federation Interscholastic Football Rules Committee meeting which was held in Chicago, January 5th and 6th, 1940. Mr. Clarence H. Schutte, coach of Santa Barbara High School, was also in attendance, having been sent to the meeting by the Santa Barbara Board of Education. These two men were given a very courteous reception by the National Committee and through them the recommendations given by the football coaches of California were conveyed to the National organization. The changes made this year in the Federation Football Rules were recommended by the California football coaches by a vote of 10 to 1. It was pointed out that the high school coaches of the country are requested to vote upon changes in the rules and that their vote determines whether or not changes will be made.

On motion it was decided to call attention to the fact that events at the State Track Meet at Visalia will be run in the order given in the 1936 Constitution of the C. I. F.

On motion it was decided to extend an invitation to the National Federation Interscholastic Football Rules Committee to hold a meeting in Los Angeles during the school year of 1940-1941.

On motion it was decided that Lubbock High School in Texas should not be permitted to take part in the baseball tournament held under the auspices of Pomona High School.

In response to requests by outside organizations to hold athletic events for high school students, the stand of the C. I. F. was reaffirmed prohibiting such athletic events.

On motion it was decided to request the secretary to write to the state headquarters of the Y. M. C. A. asking that the different local organizations of the state be requested not to hold boxing and wrestling contests for high school boys. (Such matches deprive the high school boy of his eligibility for high school athletics.)

On motion it was decided to accept the recommendation of the Southern Section that the Technical Industrial High School of Agua Caliente be accepted as an associate member of the Southern Section.

The meeting was adjourned.

A. B. INGHAM, Secretary-Treasurer
Pacific Grove, California