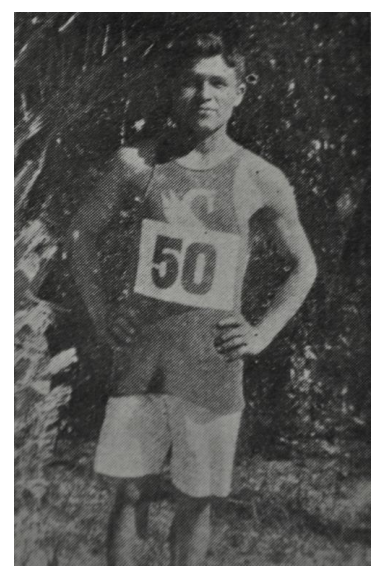




**HISTORY OF THE CALIFORNIA
INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION
SOUTHERN SECTION
(CIFSS)**



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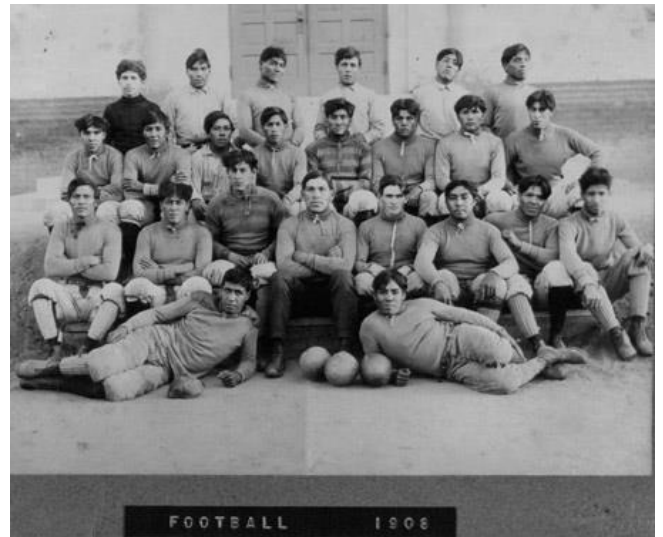
SHERMAN INDIAN HIGH SCHOOL



Welcome to the Sherman Indian High School Website



Sherman **Indian**
Museum





“SHERMAN TIDBITS”

- Perris Indian School founded in 1892...due to lack of water moved to Riverside sight and merged with Sherman Indian Institute in 1902-1904
- Original buildings were a hospital
- First student from Arizona enrolled in 1902
- Dry goods boxes served as desks...some students had to stand for their meals
- Sherman Institute designed to reeducate Natives for purposes of integrating them into white society
- Native customs were suppressed
- Native languages were forbidden
- Tribal unity discouraged
- Members of same tribe could not share a room
- Men and women were separated and could not talk to each other
- Early education stressed industrial and service trades...machinery, carpentry, painting, printing, wood working, sewing, baking, etc.
- Named after James Schoolcraft Sherman who was Chairman of Indian Affairs in U.S. House of Representatives
- James Schoolcraft Sherman later becomes Vice President of the United States under William Howard Taft
- Sherman was one of the first to wear eyeglasses...called “Sunny Jim”
- In 1908, they had 550 students enrolled
- The students had their own farm on campus
- All students (same as today) boarded on campus
- All students must be native Americans (official documentation from their tribe)
- Over 100 Indian nations have been represented on campus
- Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) ran the school and recruited students from all over the United States to attend free of charge
- They are called the Braves
- Colors are Purple and Gold which was also their first official school song
- School population decreases as Natives assimilated into American culture...influx of Navajo students increase student population



- In 1964, the school was denounced because it had no rigorous academic standards or leadership...school now led by an all-Indian Board of Directors that stresses academics and expresses Indian concepts
- In the 1960's the name was changed from Sherman Indian Institute to Sherman High School
- School had to be brought up to earthquake codes in the 1970's and the only original building that exists is the Sherman Indian Museum which was entered into the National Register of Historic Places
- 90% of student body is from states other than California...most from Arizona and New Mexico
- 50% of the students speak tribal languages
- Indian Flower Day is May 3rd when students leave flowers at the cemetery
- Los Angeles County has the largest Native Indian population in the United States
- The early football (rugby) teams were very powerful and defeated college teams including USC...circa 1908
- The early Sherman runners, especially the Hopi, were world famous and raced all over Southern California
- In 1925, Covina High School was censured by the San Gabriel Valley League for playing two recently transferred Sherman Institute Indians (Jerry Cole and Willie Roy Arenas) because they were adopted by Covina coach "Chief" Newman, a graduate of Sherman Institute. Covina would play for the State Football Championship in 1925 and 1926. Coach Newman would later coach Richard Nixon at Whittier College
- Sherman High School applied to CIFSS to play other teams in the late 1920's. The school was too small to play in the powerful Citrus Belt League (May 1934 CIFSS Council Minutes... "Mr. Westhaver, of the Sherman Institute, requested they be a member of the Citrus Belt League. The Citrus Belt League stayed the same with a, "...recommendation that the League do all possible to further the athletic interests of the Institute...")
- Sherman was placed in freelance competition until 1939

- In 1939 they were placed in the Riverside League with Elsinore, Hemet, Perris and San Jacinto High Schools. Sherman High School was the largest with a population of 520 and Hemet was next with 216
- The Braves dominated the early sports in the Riverside League
- Sherman Institute hosted the CIFSS Wrestling Championships in 1940 and 1941
- The Braves are currently in the Arrowhead League
- In 1913, Albert Ray, a Pima Indian at Sherman, won the Los Angeles Athletic Club Marathon (actually, a 10 miler) and could have won the 1916 Olympics which were cancelled due to WWI. Ray died in action in that war
- In 1924, the famous Olympian Paavo Nurmi (“The Flying Finn”), while touring the United States, raced against students from the Sherman Institute



- In 1936, Kenneth Comyestewa, was the individual cross country CIFSS champion in the C division
- During the 1970's and 1980's, Sherman dominated the lower division in CIFSS cross country championships winning titles in 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1980, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1986, 1988 and were runner-up in 1977, 1979, 1985 and 1994. In 1934, Sherman Institute was the CIFSS lower division (c) runner up in boys cross country
- The boys cross country team was the California State Division III Cross Country title in 1988



GREATEST SHERMAN INDIAN HIGH SCHOOL
GRADUATE...WALLACE J. "CHIEF" NEWMAN

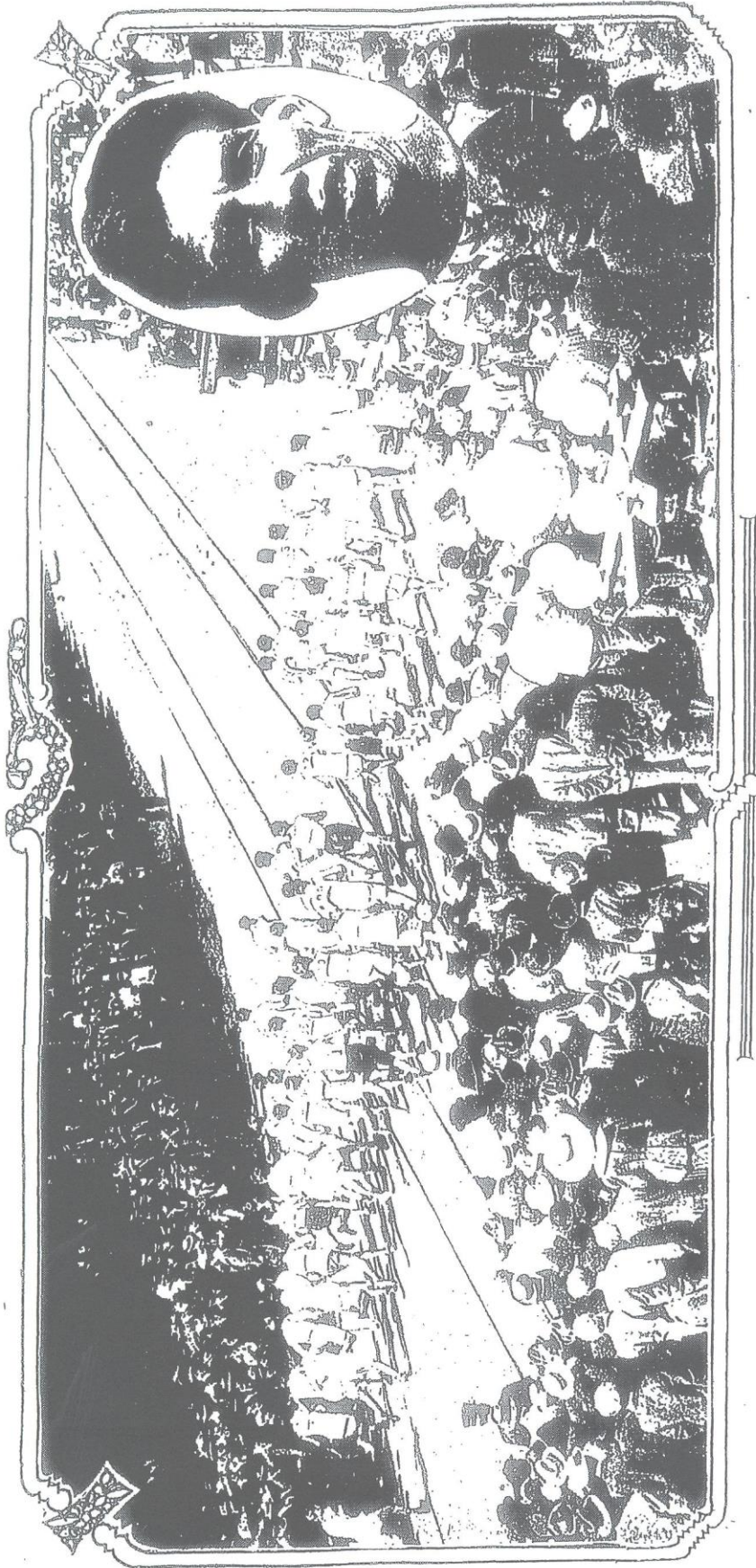
Luiseno Tribe – Shoshone Linguistic Family...born on La Jolla Indian Reservation. Entered Sherman at age of 11 (1913). Played football, basketball, baseball and track at Riverside Poly (Sherman only had two grades in the early days.) Starred for Sherman in football in 1921 and received scholarship to USC. He was an outstanding passer under Coach Elmer Henderson. Became head coach at Covina High School at age 23 and led them to State Football Championship games in 1925 and 1926. Coached football and baseball at Whittier College for 22 years. Coached Richard Nixon in 1933. Inducted into the NCAA Coaches Hall of Fame.



PIMA INDIAN BOY WINS "TIMES" MARATHON RACE.
HARRY CARR.

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ALBERT RAY, PIMA INDIAN, WINS "THE TIMES" MARATHON.

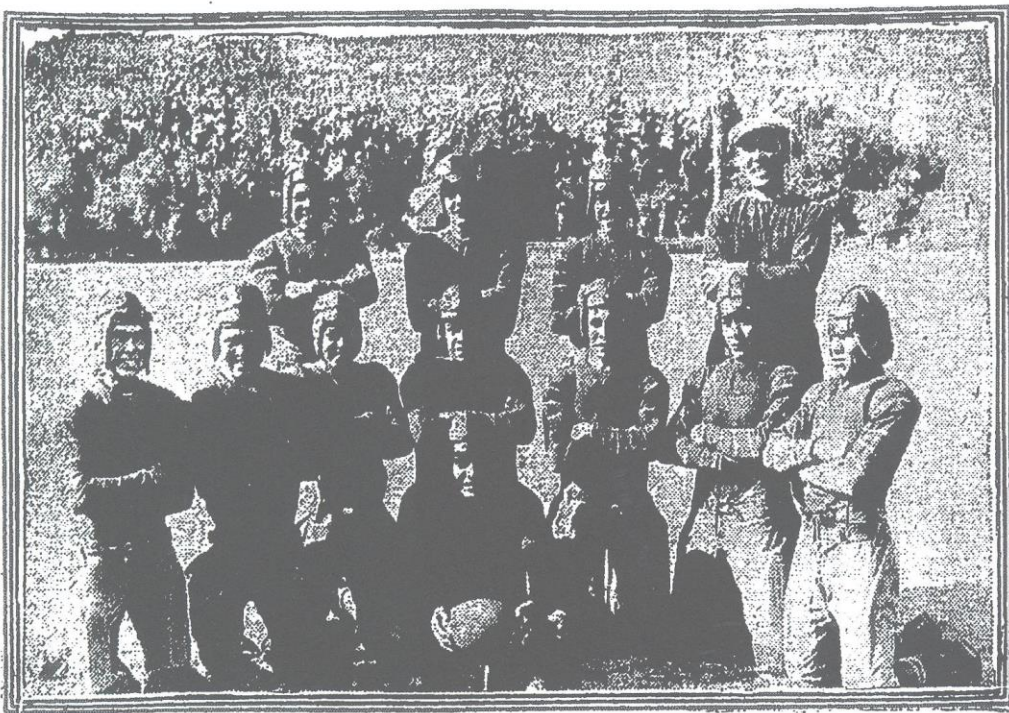


"The Times" Marathon and the winner.
The picture shows the start of the main race up Broadway. The portrait is of Albert Ray, the Pima Indian boy, who won the race.
Great Race.

PIMA INDIAN BOY WINS
"TIMES" MARATHON RACE.

READY FOR FAMOUS GRIDIRON BATTLE

Football Game Feature of Riverside Fair



Sherman Indian Institute Team

Left to right, upper row—William Lorentino, Jerry Cole, Ross Julian and Bemus Pierce, coach. Left to right, center row—William Arenas, Luke Wills, Edward Roosevelt, Pedro Elmore, Mack Tsosr, Oscar Bazadi and Bisby Lomas. Lower center—John Nick, captain.

[EXCLUSIVE DISPATCH]

RIVERSIDE, Sept. 24.—Sherman Institute's crack football eleven is up on its toes for the Southwest Indian School football championship game to be played here during the Southern California Fair with the eleven from the Phoenix school in Arizona.

The big match is scheduled for the afternoon of Indian Day, which is October 1, next, and the local boys are holding heavy work-outs every day in order to achieve the peak of perfection.

Bemus Pierce, Carlisle graduate, is acting as coach, and has picked the finest from a bunch of more than 100 huskies.

John Nick, captain of the team, will play quarterback and has shown some speed in the try-outs, which will be hard to beat. Others on the team are Ross Julian, halfback; William Lorentino, halfback; Jerry Cole, fullback; Luke Wills, tackle; Edward Roosevelt, tackle; William Arenas, right end; Pedro Elmore, center; Mack Tsosr, left guard; Oscar Bazadi, right guard; Bisby Lomas, left end.

Another feature of the Indian day will be a field meet, at which Thomas Humphrey is scheduled to be the star. Humphrey has a record of running six miles in 31m. 18s.

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Football—Victory for Sherman.

THE football game in Evans Athletic Park, Riverside, on Saturday afternoon between the Sherman Indians and U. S. C. Law School was a walkover for the Indians. In every department of the game they excelled the college boys, and the score of 40 to 0 in favor of the Indians did not show the superiority of our team. The attendance was small. Sherman, however, turned out en masse and cheered the boys on to victory. But the interest was not as great had it been a more closely contested game. The next regularly scheduled game will be played with Pomona College on November 7.