



**THE FIRST CIF-SOUTHERN SECTION
CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY
LOS ANGELES
TRIBUNE PERPETUAL TROPHY
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
INTERSCHOLASTIC
TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP**



Historical “tidbit” #67
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The CIF-Southern Section was created to establish a governing body that would regulate interscholastic sports in Southern California. The major high school sport at the turn of the century was track and field. The high school track coaches in the Los Angeles area were tired of the local colleges running their Track and Field Championship and under the leadership of Seth Van Patten, Meet Manager, and Earnest Oliver, Vice Principal at Los Angeles High School, a track meet was held on March 29, 1913, at the YMCA Field. The CIF-SS was organized at noon on that day prior to the running of the finals in the afternoon. The “Los Angeles Tribune” stated, “The offering of the Tribune perpetual trophy is one of the biggest boosts that scholastic athletics has ever received as the coaches and men will realize that they will have something worthwhile to train and strive for.” Seth Van Patten said, “I am sure I am relating the sentiments of all high school authorities interested in clean athletics which I say that we feel under great obligation to The Tribune for its gift and its stand of clean sport.”

1913



The Tribune Trophy and the two men behind the Southern California championship meet. Vice Principal Oliver of Los Angeles high school (who is on the left) has been instrumental in making the meet possible. Van Patten has personal charge of it. This picture gives an idea of the size of the Tribune Trophy.

2013 (100 Year Anniversary)

Jim Monico & Rob Wigod



Description of the Tribune trophy

“The Tribune Trophy, including base and pedestal, stands fifty-six inches, almost five feet in height. The cup itself is seventeen inches in height and the bowl thirteen and a half inches in diameter. The spread across the handles is twenty inches. The cup, pedestal and base are harmoniously finished in verd silver. Pierced scrolls of sterling silver cover a large portion of the bowl and pierced silver figures showing runners, discus throwers, pole vaulters, jumpers and shot putters in action. These figures, typical of the various events in track and field athletics, are hand engraved.

On the opposite side, the same class of lettering is the inscription: ‘Los Angeles Tribune perpetual trophy, Southern California interscholastic track and field Championship.’

Around the base, supporting the cup are twelve silver shields. Each year the name of the high schools winning the meet and the date on which it is won is to be engraved and enameled.

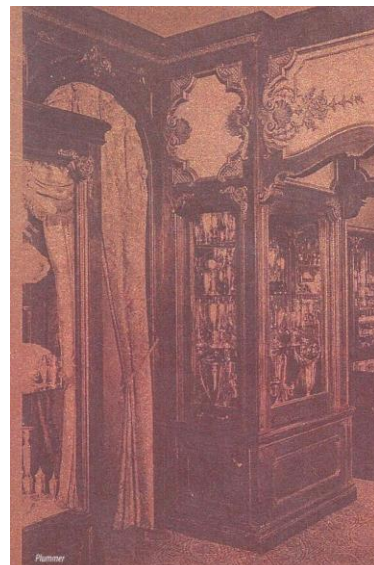
Room has been left for additional shields, for the trophy is intended as a permanent part of southern athletics.”

“Los Angeles Tribune” – March 2, 1913

The trophy today has changed. In 1919, the trophy was sponsored by the “Evening Express” newspaper and the inscription now reads “Evening Herald & Express Perpetual Trophy” to represent the change in newspaper ownership during the 1920’s. In addition, three more bases have been added to accommodate the winners from 1913 (Pomona High School) to 1980 (John Muir High School.)

The trophy was made by Feagans & Company, Exclusive Jewelers, located on 218 W. Fifth Street in the Alexandria Hotel Building.

Feagans Store 1913



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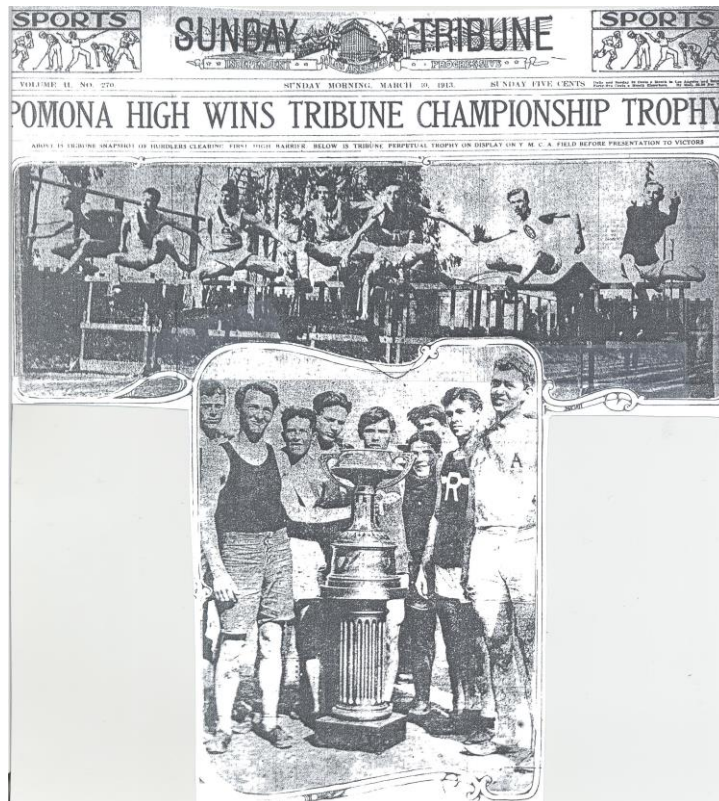


Trophy currently located at Santa Ana High School





First time the trophy was presented, March 29, 1913, to Pomona High School by John H. Francis, Superintendent of Los Angeles City Schools.

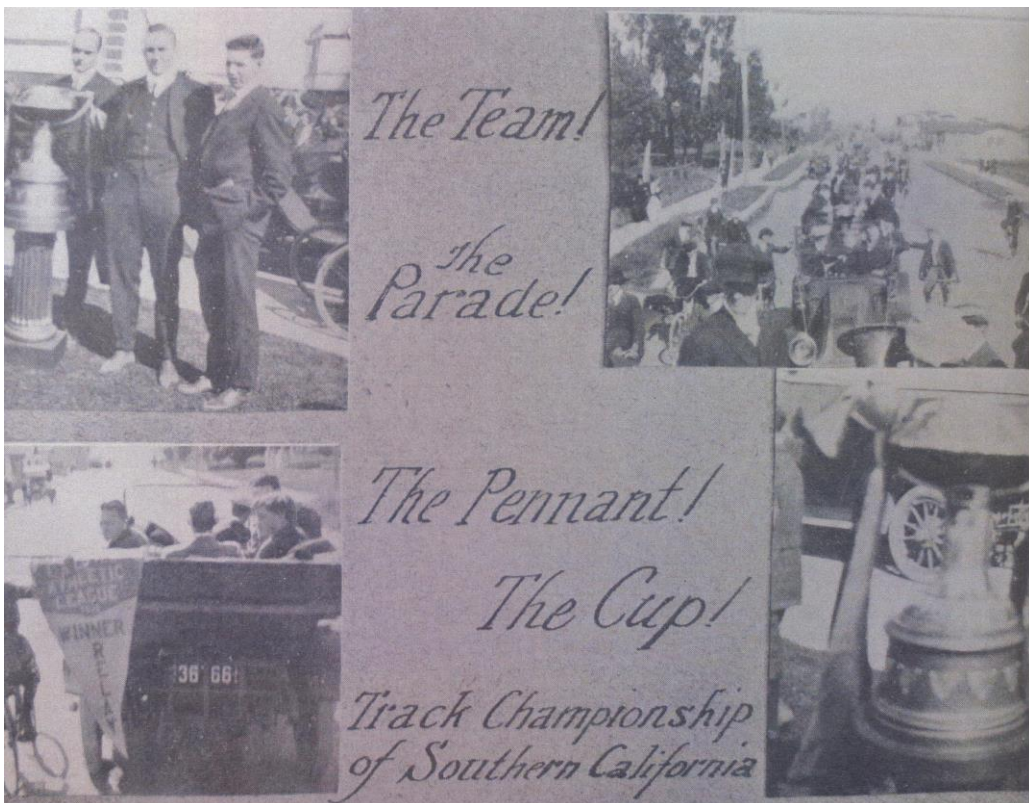




Long Beach (Poly) High School wins the trophy in 1914



The trophy was featured in a parade held for the Long Beach Track Champs 1914



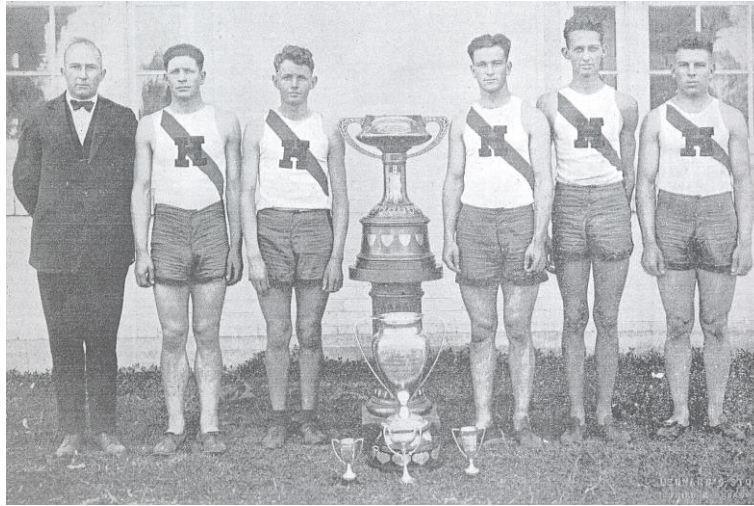
Clarence "Bud" Houser, Oxnard High School, on the right who is arguably the greatest high school track athlete in California history- six time CIF-SS Champion in the shot put and discus throw – 1920 to 1922.



1914
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and
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Huntington Beach High School – CIF-SS Champions 1924



Santa Ana High School – 1953



John Muir High School – 1974



Compton High School – 1952



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This is the Los Angeles Express perpetual trophy for the Southern California interscholastic track and field championship. Below is shown the inscription on the bowl of the immense trophy.

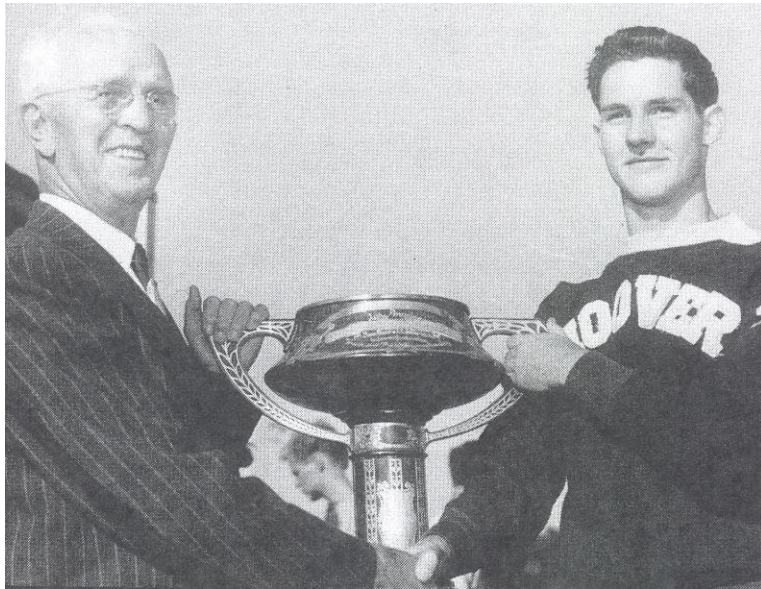
Trophy in 1919

*Cheers Greet Express Trophy Winners
Championship Prize at Manual Arts*

HERE is the Express perpetual trophy, with some of the Manual Arts victors and Bob Weaver, A. A. U. president and referee and starter of the interscholastic championship meet. The two athletes on the right of the trophy are Captain Lucien Griffen (left) and Pete Herman. The trackman on the left of the prize is "Mac" McGarry. Next is Sid Foster, Manual Arts coach, and on the left is Bob Weaver.



Seth Van Patten, Commissioner, presents trophy to Glendale Hoover in 1947



Coach Earl Engman (fourth from the top right) and jubilant *Santa Ana High School Track Team after winning the 1972 title.* The Tribune Trophy was given to Santa Ana High School by the Engman family during the dedication of the Earl Engman Track at Santa Ana High School. The Tribune Trophy is currently housed at Santa Ana High School.

