

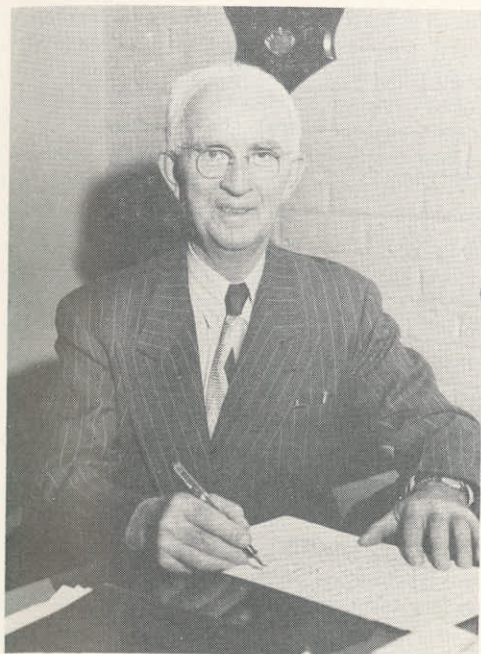
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IN MEMORIAM



SETH FIELDS VAN PATTEN

Mr. Seth F. Van Patten, highly respected former Commissioner of the California Interscholastic Federation, Southern Section, and one of the leaders in organizing athletics for high school boys, passed away at his home in Alhambra, August 11, 1952, victim of a heart attack.

Mr. Van Patten, 79 years old but with the carriage of a fine athlete, maintained his interests in sports right up to his last days, having attended the A.A.U. Track and Field Championship Meet and the Olympic Trials in the Coliseum, as well as numerous high school track meets, this past season. Voted an honorary life membership on the Southern Section Council, Mr. Van Patten attended each meeting of that group and participated in the discussions as he always had since he helped found the C. I. F., Southern Section in 1914.

Mr. Van Patten came to California soon after his graduation from the University of Illinois in 1900. He taught school in Escondido, Ventura, South Pasadena, and Los Angeles. Always in his spare time, he could be found on the athletic field coaching a team of one kind or another. After the C. I. F., Southern Section was formed in 1914, Mr. Van Patten was named Chairman of the Track Committee, and he conducted the Championship Track Meets during those years. When the C. I. F. began to grow big enough to require consolidating the various chairmanships into one office, Mr. Van Patten was the obvious choice as the first Commissioner, on a

part-time basis. When he retired from the Los Angeles City Schools and had more time to devote to his hobby, he "retired" to a full time job in 1936 as the full-time Commissioner of Athletics for high schools in southern California.

While he was Commissioner, the C. I. F., Southern Section grew in stature to the point where the office's work closely approximates that of most state high school athletic offices, which look upon the C. I. F., Southern Section as a well organized and efficiently administered body. The records established by high school boys in southern California can compare most favorably with those of any section of the United States.

In 1950, after fifty years of devoted interest and service to the high school youth of our country, Mr. Van Patten asked to be relieved of his duties. He was 77 years young at the time.

Mr. Van Patten found time to help with the A.A.U. program, and for many years was an official of that organization. He served as the President of the Southern Pacific Association of the A.A.U. (Southern California area) from 1932 to 1936. Mr. Van Patten gave to the C. I. F., Southern Section, upon his retirement in 1950, a plaque presented to him by the A.A.U. in recognition of his outstanding work for that body.

Among the many awards bestowed upon him for his achievements, Mr. Van Patten was honored with a life membership on the Federated Council of the State C. I. F.; he was presented with the Los Angeles Examiner Scholastic Sports Association Award for the year of 1950; and his work has been recognized by a plaque dedicated to him by the Helms Athletic Foundation, and lodged in the Helms Hall of Fame. Space does not permit listing all the honors bestowed upon him.

Mr. Van Patten's thousands of friends will sorrow at the news of his death. But they will all consider it a privilege to have known and worked with such a man as Seth F. Van Patten. As his successor, the writer's duties take him from time to time throughout this area. At each event or meeting, many of Mr. Van Patten's admirers would come up to ask "How is Mr. Van Patten? Please be sure to give him my best regards when you see him!"

Surviving Mr. Van Patten is his widow, Mrs. Edna Van Patten, who resides at the family home, 2200 Westminister, Alhambra, California.

Mr. Van Patten was a man of the highest ideals. We know that the C. I. F. will always stand for the code that he instilled and made a part of that organization: good citizenship through friendly competition based on sportsmanship and fair play for all.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING JUNE 20, 1952

The meeting of the Executive Committee was called to order by Chairman B. L. Bergstrom at Santa Barbara High School, at 1:30 P. M., June 20, 1952. Those present, in addition to the Chairman, were: A. G. Ogborn, Harvey J. Holt, Winston Nelson, S. Chester McIntosh, Floyd Johnson, and William W. Russell. Absent: Dr. A. E. Konold.

1. Minutes of the June 10, 1952 meeting of Water Polo and Swimming Coaches were presented to the Executive Committee. The calendar for aquatic events was approved. The Executive Committee recommends to the Council the amendment of the By-Laws for Swimming to provide "Whenever there is a controversy over the number of entries in dual swimming meets, not covered by league rules, the C. I. F., Southern Section recommends that each school may enter three (3) boys in each event, and points scored accordingly." It was moved by Mr. Ogborn, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and carried that above recommendation be made to the Council.

2. Santa Paula HS, C. I. F., Southern Section Gymnastic Champions for 1952, informed the Commissioner that one of their competitors was ineligible when he competed in the Championship Meet for 1952. The revision in the point scoring left Santa Paula with 48½ points, followed by Pasadena HS with 41, as second place. A question in connection with the penalties for playing ineligible, (see paragraph 2 page 19 of the 1949 Blue Book) in a contest arose; does the word "contest" mean team sport title and individual sport title, or team sport only? It was moved by Mr. Ogborn, seconded by Mr. Holt, and carried that the Executive Committee recommend to the Council the amendment of the By-Laws covering this section by adding after the word "contest" the following: "in team or individual sports." In the future, if an ineligible

boy is used in a track meet or a gymnastic meet, the team trophy won by that school must be forfeited as well as the boy's individual awards; and the Executive Committee may prescribe additional penalties in conformance with the By-Laws.

3. A question was raised by one of our member schools in reference to the number of semesters in which a boy may compete, in the event he is forced to repeat work not accepted from a previous school. The Executive Committee authorized the printing of the following statement in clarification of Rule XI of the By-Laws, Grammar and Junior High Graduates: A boy has eight (8) semesters of competition remaining following completion of the eighth grade; if a boy completes the ninth grade in a junior high school, he has six (6) semesters remaining.

Case: A boy finished the ninth grade in junior high school, and enrolled in a four year private school which did not accept his ninth grade junior high school credits but forced him to repeat the ninth grade in the private school. The boy completes the ninth grade in the private school, transfers to a public high school and enrolls in the tenth grade. Question: How many semesters of competition does he have remaining? Answer: Since he completed the ninth grade in a junior high school, he is entitled to six (6) semesters immediately following. He used up two semesters at the private school, hence he has four (4) semesters remaining.

4. Following the 1952 Class B and Class C Tennis Tournaments, it was proposed by several tennis coaches to amend the rules to award one point for each match won in this tourney through default. The present rule does not include awarding a point for matches won by default, but awards a point only for matches actually contested. It was moved by Mr. Nelson, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and carried to recommend to the Council the amendment of the By-Laws XX Tennis Regulations to include the sentence: "Points shall be scored for matches won by default."

5. The Executive Committee reviewed Santa Barbara HS football schedule in order to establish the standard to be met by Santa Barbara if she is to qualify for the Central Group Football Playoffs in 1952. It was moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Nelson and carried that Santa Barbara HS may qualify for the 1952 Football Playoffs if Santa Barbara loses not more than one game of the schedule from October 3 to November 14 inclusive. Santa Barbara's complete 1952 football schedule is as follows:

Sept. 20 Loyola
Sept. 26 Redlands
Oct. 3 Muir
Oct. 10 Chaffey
Oct. 24 Leuzinger
Oct. 31 Canoga Park
Nov. 7 North Hollywood
Nov. 14 Ventura
Nov. 27 Jordan of Los Angeles (tentative)

6. Santa Barbara's qualification for the 1953 Basketball Playoffs in the Central Group was

LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP 1952-53 As Approved by C. I. F., Southern Section Council

Arrowhead League
Big Bear, Big Bear Lake
Elsinore N & M
Newman, Fontana
Saint Bernardine's,
San Bernardino
St. Francis de Sales,
Riverside
Twentynine Palms
Twin Pines, Banning

Bay League

Beverly Hills
Inglewood
Leuzinger
Redondo
Santa Monica
Torrance

Catholic League

Cantwell, Montebello
Cathedral, Los Angeles
Loyola, Los Angeles
Mount Carmel, Los
Angeles
Notre Dame, Sherman
Oaks
St. Anthony's, Long
Beach
Saint Monica's, Santa
Monica

Citrus Belt League

Chaffey, Ontario
Colton
Pomona
Redlands
Riverside
San Bernardino

Coast League

Compton
Downey
Excelsior, Norwalk
Jordan, Long Beach
Polytechnic, Long Beach
W. Wilson, Long Beach

Desert-Inyo League

Barstow
Big Pine
Bishop
Burrroughs, China Lake
Lone Pine
Mohave Desert, Edwards
Owens Valley,
Independence
Randsburg
Trona
Victor Valley, Victorville

Foothill League

Burbank
Burrroughs, Burbank
Glendale
Hoover, Glendale
Muir, Pasadena
South Pasadena

Imperial Valley League
Brawley
Calxico
Calipatria
Central, El Centro
Holtville
Imperial

Metropolitan League

Chula Vista
Coronado
Escondido
Mar Vista, Chula Vista
Oceanside
San Dieguito, Encinitas
Sweetwater, National City
Vista

Mount Baldy League

Boys' Republic, Chino
Emerson Jr., Pomona
Fremont Jr., Pomona
Upland Branch, Upland
Webb, Claremont

Orange League

Brea-Olinda, Brea
Capistrano, San Juan
Capistrano
Garden Grove
Laguna Beach
Tustin
Valencia, Placentia

Pacific League

Alhambra
Arcadia
El Monte
Keppel, Alhambra
Monrovia
Pasadena
Whittier

Parochial League

Bellarmine-Jefferson,
Burbank
Junipero Serra, Gardena
Mater Dei, Santa Ana
Mission, San Gabriel
Pomona Catholic
St. Agnes, Los Angeles
St. Francis, Flintridge

Pasadena Jr. High League

Eliot Jr., Altadena
La Canada Jr.
Marshall Jr., Pasadena
McKinley Jr., Pasadena
Temple City Jr.
Washington Jr., Pasadena
Wilson Jr., Pasadena

Pioneer League

Bellflower
Culver City
El Segundo
Hawthorne, Lawndale
Mira Costa,
Manhattan Beach
Morningside, Inglewood

Preparatory League

Avalon
Bellflower Christian
Black-Foxe, Los Angeles
Chadwick, Rolling Hills
Culter, Los Angeles
Flintridge, Pasadena
Harvard, North
Hollywood
Pasadena Academy
Spanish American,
Gardena

Riverside County League

Banning
Beaumont
Coachella
Elsinore
Hemet
Palm Springs
Perris
San Jacinto
San Diego City League
Grossmont
Hoover, San Diego
Helix, La Mesa
Kearney, San Diego
La Jolla
Point Loma, San Diego
San Diego
San Gabriel Valley League
Bell Gardens
Covina
Lynwood
Montebello
Rancho, Whittier
Rosemead

San Luis Obispo League
Arroyo Grande
Atascadero
Coast Union, Cambria
Lompoc
Paso Robles
San Luis Obispo Jr.
San Luis Obispo Sr.
Santa Maria
Santa Ynez
Shandon
Templeton

San Gabriel Valley League

Bell Gardens
Covina
Lynwood
Montebello
Rancho, Whittier
Rosemead

San Luis Obispo League

Arroyo Grande
Atascadero
Coast Union, Cambria
Lompoc
Paso Robles
San Luis Obispo Jr.
San Luis Obispo Sr.
Santa Maria
Santa Ynez
Shandon
Templeton

Sunset League

Anaheim
Fullerton
Huntington Beach
Newport Harbor
Orange
Santa Ana

Southern League

A & N Academy,
Carlsbad
Brown Military, S. D.
Fallbrook
Julian
Mt. Empire, Pine Valley
Ramona

Tri-County League

Bonita, La Verne
Chino
Citrus, Azusa
Claremont
Corona
Puente

Tri-State League

Boulder City, Nevada
Basic, Henderson, Nev.
Kingman, Arizona
Needles, California
Palo Verde, Blythe, Calif

Tri-Valley League

Carpinteria
Cate, Carpinteria
Moorpark
Nordhoff, Ojai
Santa Barbara Catholic
Santa Clara, Oxnard
Simi
Thacher, Ojai
Villanova, Ojai

Ventura League

Antelope Valley,
Lancaster
Fillmore
Hart, Newhall
Oxnard
Santa Paula
Ventura Sr.

Free Lance Members

Baldwin Park
Culver City Jr. H.S.
Fontana
Laguna Blanca School,
Santa Barbara
Las Vegas, Nevada
Mary Star of the Sea,
San Pedro
Mesa, Arizona
Midland School,
Los Olivos
North Phoenix, Arizona
Paramount Brethren,
Paramount
Phoenix, Arizona
Rancho del Campo,
Campo
San Diego Vocational, S.D.
San Marino
Santa Barbara
St. Augustine's, S. D.
St. Mary's, Phoenix, Ariz.
University School,
Pasadena
Yuma, Arizona

discussed. Subject to the acceptance of its schedule, Santa Barbara may qualify as a first place league entry if they lose not more than 2 games, and as a second place entry if they lose three games of a twelve (12) game schedule. It was moved by Mr. Ogborn, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and carried that the above standard be established for Santa Barbara HS for 1953 Basketball Playoffs qualification.

7. It was moved by Mr. Nelson, seconded by Mr. Holt, and carried that since Mission High School of San Luis Obispo, a member of the San Luis Obispo League, did not pay its dues for the 1951-52 school year, that the membership of Mission HS be cancelled. Membership of Mission HS may be reinstated upon payment of dues by Oct. 1, 1952.

8. It was moved by Mr. Holt, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and carried to authorize necessary expenses for Mr. Russell to attend the Workshop of the California Association for Health, Physical Education, and Recreation at San Luis Obispo as a member of the instructional staff.

9. It was moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Ogborn, and carried to recommend to the Council the acceptance of application for membership in the C. I. F., Southern Section from Lincoln HS of San Diego. Lincoln High School will have enrollees in the ninth and tenth grades this coming Fall, and dues will be based on enrollment in these two grades the first year.

10. Mr. Floyd Johnson was appointed a Committee of one to attempt to find a suitable golf course available as a site for the C. I. F., Southern Section Team Golf Championship for 1953. The Recreation Park Golf Course in Long Beach has been graciously making its facilities available each year. While we are always pleased to return to Recreation Park, a change in the site from year to year would provide a more true team champion.

11. Mr. McIntosh and Mr. Russell presented the proposed retirement plan for the Commissioner. It was moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. McIntosh, and carried that the proposed plan be adopted, with the C. I. F., Southern Section assuming 50% of the cost, with 50% of the cost assumed by the Commissioner. The plan calls for taking out social security benefits, and the purchase of a \$12,000 retirement at age 65 life insurance policy. Employees other than the Commissioner will be subject to social security benefits.

12. By unanimous action the Executive Committee set the salary for the Commissioner for the 1952-53 year at \$6,400.

13. It was moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Holt and carried to adopt the budget for the 1952-53 year as presented by Mr. Russell and Mr. McIntosh. The budget calls for estimated incomes and expenditures of \$20,235.00 for the fiscal year.

14. It was moved by Mr. McIntosh, seconded

by Mr. Holt and carried to send Mr. Russell to the annual convention of the National Federation of State High School Athletic Associations as the C. I. F., Southern Section representative. The meeting will be held in Estes Park, Colorado June 29-30, July 1-2, 1952.

15. It was moved by Mr. Holt, seconded by Mr. Ogborn and carried to send Mr. Russell to the annual meeting of the National Federation Football Rules Committee to be held in Kansas City in January 1953, as the C. I. F., Southern Section representative.

16. It was moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Holt and unanimously carried that Mr. B. L. Bergstrom be elected Chairman of the Executive Committee for the 1952-53 school year.

17. Mr. Russell presented some samples of suggested award plaques and medals. Mr. Russell was authorized to proceed with negotiations and to confer with Mr. Bergstrom before making final decision.

Respectfully submitted,

William W. Russell

Commissioner of Athletics

ELIGIBILITY RULE INTERPRETATION

In questions involving the "administrative necessity" transfer rule, it has been suggested that principals refer each case to the C. I. F. Commissioner for interpretation and ruling. This suggestion was made in the hope that more uniform interpretation throughout the Southern Section would result from this procedure.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF SWIMMING AND WATER POLO COACHES JUNE 10, 3:00, AT C. I. F. OFFICE

1. The meeting was presided over by William W. Russell, Commissioner of Athletics, and representatives from the schools sponsoring aquatic sports were present. The purpose of the meeting was to review the 1951-52 program and plan for the 1952-53 school year.

2. The Coast League schools will conduct their own water polo competition within the Coast League. Whittier, Fullerton, El Segundo, Anaheim, Inglewood, and Huntington Beach will enter the C. I. F. sponsored league. It was moved by Mr. Holloway, 2nd by Mr. Borns, and carried that the Commissioner of Athletics draw a schedule with a double round robin of play, to be held on Wednesdays Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19; and Fridays Nov. 14, and 21. Each team will play ten games, five at home and five away. It was recommended that the winner and runner-up in last year's schedule be paired to meet in the final week of play. The Class C game will start at 3:00, to be followed by the Class A game, and the Class B in that

order. A playoff game with the Coast League water polo champion will be held Nov. 26 or Dec. 3, 1952.

3. Officials for the C. I. F. sponsored water polo league will be appointed by the Commissioner of Athletics. Two men will be appointed at \$12.00 per man.

4. It was suggested the C. I. F. Office secure 24 copies of the NCAA Swimming Guide for 1953 to be available at the list price of \$1.00 to member schools and coaches.

5. It was moved by Mr. Holloway, 2nd by Mr. Detrick, and carried to recommend to the Executive Committee and Council the Amendment of the By-Laws, Section XXII, Swimming, to add paragraph 10 to read as follows: "10. In dual swimming meets, each school may enter three boys in each event in each class, and points scored accordingly."

6. The following schedule was drawn for the C. I. F., Southern Section Championship Meets:

Prelims 7:00 May 8 at Beverly Hills and Whittier HS. Each League and the Free Lance Swim Meet may enter 6 boys in each event in each class. The fastest 6 boys by time from Whittier and the fastest 6 boys by time from Beverly Hills will qualify for the semi-finals.

Semi-finals, swimming 3:30 May 12 at El Segundo HS. The fastest 6 boys by time will qualify for the finals.

Semi-finals, diving 3:30 May 13 at El Segundo HS. This will be the first competition for divers. Six qualify for the finals.

Finals 7:30 May 15 at El Segundo HS.

Free Lance Swim Meet 1:30 May 1, 1953 at El Segundo HS, will be held for schools whose league do not conduct a championship league swim meet. Each school may enter three boys in each event.

A Games Committee was appointed for the Championship Meets, to consist of Mr. Saari, Mr. Archer, Mr. J. Smith, and Mr. Russell.

7. The following schedule was drawn for the C. I. F. Invitational Swimming Meet for 1953:

Prelims March 20 at 7:00 at Wilson HS and Beverly Hills HS. The fastest 6 boys by time from Wilson and Beverly Hills will qualify for the finals.

Prelims, diving, March 25 at 3:30 at Jordan HS. Six to qualify for the finals. (No diving on March 20)

Finals March 27 at 7:30 at Polytechnic HS, Long Beach.

A Games Committee was appointed for the Invitational for 1953, consisting of Mr. Archer, Mr. J. Smith, Mr. Detrick, and Mr. Russell.

8. The following schedule was drawn for the Annual Swimming Relays for 1953:

Prelims Feb. 24, 1953 at 2:30 at Whittier HS. The fastest six teams by time, will qualify for the finals.

Finals Feb. 27 at 3:15 at Whittier HS.

In the Relays, a boy may swim in three events only.

A Games Committee was appointed, to consist of Mr. Holloway, Mr. Archer, Mr. J. Smith, and Mr. Russell.

Respectfully submitted,

William W. Russell

Commissioner of Athletics

VENTURA SCHOOL SYSTEM UNDERGOES CHANGE

The Ventura City School system changes over from the 6-4-4 plan to the 6-3-3-2 scheme this Fall, with the result that Ventura Junior High School, which formerly had 9th and 10th grade students, will now drop its membership in the C. I. F., Southern Section since it will no longer field interscholastic teams. Ventura High School, formerly with 11th and 12th grade pupils, will now have students of the 10th, 11th, and 12th grades, and will be administratively separated from the Ventura Junior College.

Dr. Norman Scharer, whom many remember for his fine work at Alhambra High School, will be the Principal at Ventura High School. We understand there will be no change in the physical education staff at Ventura.

WATER POLO CLINIC

Coaches, Officials, and interested parties are cordially invited to attend the Second Annual Water Polo Clinic to be held Wednesday, September 24, 1952 at the El Segundo High School Plunge at 7:30 P. M.

Water polo enthusiasts are urged to make this clinic a MUST ATTEND date on their calendars.