

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

123rd historical "tidbit." Dr. John S. Dahlem



**CHARLES GROSS FLETCHER ("Nuts")**  
**SAN DIEGO HIGH SCHOOL**  
**1919-1920**



This swimming medal for the "So. California Interscholastic Swim Meet" in 1919 was for sale on eBay. I bought it for the CIF-SS Historical Collection, researched it and was able to see who won the medal. The meet was held interestingly enough on Catalina Island.

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**Long Beach Makes  
Effective Showing  
in Swimming Meet**

The southern California inter-scholastic swimming meet was held Saturday at Catalina Island, San Diego high school winning the affair. The dope was rather upset as San Diego was not figured to win or even near it. The results of events follow:

50-yard dash—Rouling, San Diego, first; Bowers, Venice, second; Vultee, Poly, third.

100-yard dash—Walter Rau, Venice, first; Rouling, S. D., second; Vultee, Poly, third.

220-yard dash—Clavert, S. D., first; Miller, Long Beach, second; McMath, Hollywood, third.

100-yard back stroke—Starr, S. D., first; Rau, Venice, second; Hickman, Long Beach, third.

100-yard breast stroke—De Pons, S. D., first; Unruh, Pasadena, second; Fletcher, S. D., third.

150-yard dash—Clavert, S. D., first; Miller, Long Beach, second; Lockhart, Poly, third.

Diving—O'Brien, Manual Arts, first; Smith, Pasadena, second; Straue, L. A., third.

Plunge for distance—Jacobson, Poly, first; Gifford, Poly, second; Henning, Venice, third.

Relay—Won by San Diego, Venice, second, Long Beach, third.

# Water Dogs Will Sail For Chewing Gum Isle



**W**ITH more than a hundred entries the annual Southern California high school swimming championships, to be staged at Bill Wrigley's Catalina island, tomorrow, for the first time, bid fair to be a success.

Referee Johnny Burke, guiding spirit of the affair, has been working hard for several weeks and his trav-

eling bag is packed with the medals and his other collar. He's ready to start.

The statistics follow:

Manager of meet, W. L. Richer; referee, J. C. Burke; starter, Vance Vieth; clerk of course, C. H. Mahoney; score, G. A. Young; assistant scorer, John Richer; judges of the finish, W. F. Burke, E. Solomon, I. N. Richer; timers, Harry Trotter, Fred Johnson, Sid Foster; judges of diving, Kenneth Carraher, Vance Vieth, Sid Foster; announcer, Charles Keppen.

Abbreviation key:—Manual Arts (M. A.), Hollywood (Ho.), Pasadena (Pas.), Lincoln (L.), Huntington Park (H. P.), Inglewood (I.), Redondo (Red.), San Diego (S. D.), Long Beach (L. B.), Venice (V.), Los Angeles Poly (L. A. Poly.), Chaffey Union (C. U.), Los Angeles (L. A.).

## Entries

50-yard dash—M. Lippman (M. A.), W. O'Brien (M. A.), Brown (Ho.), Allen (Ho.), Felix Welch (Pas.), Geo. Chisholm (Pas.), Kenneth Nutt (L.), Ed Purcell (L.), W. Baker (H. P.), H. Bowers (L. A.), J. Phelps (L. A.), F. Lucas (L.), L. Messall (M. A.), A. Kilham (Red.), E. Rouling (S. D.), A. Erickson (S. D.), T. Schilling (L. B.), C. Prowell (L. B.), W. Rau (V.), R. Peabody (V.), Vultee (L. A. Poly.), Kirchner (L. A. Poly.).

220-yard free style—D. Hufford (M. A.), J. McLean (M. A.), Hinchley (Ho.), P. Ross (Ho.), H. Grandy (Pas.), R. Stever (Pas.), A. MacNabb (H. P.), N. Davis (L. A.), G. Hathrell (I.), L. Messall (Red.), C. Clavert (S. D.), G. Neale (S. D.), R. Miller (L. B.), L. Britch (L. B.), H. Dickson (V.), J. Henning (V.), Lockhart (L. A. Poly.), Mattha (L. A. Poly.).

100-yard dash—J. Binney (M. A.), L. Griffen (M. A.), Smith (Ho.), Walker (Ho.), H. Unruh (Pas.), G. Mortimer (Pas.), L. Anderson (H. P.), H. Tries (L. A.), H. Volke (L. A.), G. Hathrell (I.), C. Grant (I.), A. Kilham (Red.), L. Messall (Red.), C. Clavert (S. D.), W. Depons (S. D.), J. Barclay (L. B.), H. Evans (L. B.), E. Gerety (V.), M. Carr (V.), Knight (L. A. Poly.), Flunkier (L. A. Poly.).

100-yard dash—M. Lippman (M. A.), D. Emmons (M. A.), Coburn (Ho.), Hinchley (Ho.), W. Smith (Pas.), F. Welch (Pas.), E. Nutt (Lin.), E. Purcell (In.), R. Schaefer (C. U.), A. MacNabb (H. P.), W. Baker (H. P.), H. Bowers (L. A.), J. Phelps (L. A.), F. Lucas (L.), L. Messall (Red.), A. Kilham (Red.), E. Rouling (S. D.), C. Clavert (S. D.), R. Miller (L. B.), T. Schilling (L. B.), W. Rau (V.), R. Peabody (V.), Vultee (L. A. Poly.), Kirchner (L. A. Poly.).

Diving—W. O'Brien (M. A.), P. Herman (M. A.), Brown (Ho.), G. Chisholm (Pas.), W. Smith (Pas.), L. Anderson (H. P.), W. Baker (H. P.), H. Straube (L. A.), P. Higgins (L. A.), E. Rouling (S. D.), W. De Pons (S. D.), G. Prowell (L. B.), T. Schilling (L. B.), M. Carr (V.), D. Armstrong (V.), McMathion (L. A. Poly.), Phillips (L. A. Poly.).

Backstroke—W. Blewett (M. A.), Lampton (Ho.), H. Unruh (Pas.), H. Weaver (H. P.), C. Millison (L. A.), A. Felts (L. A.), S. Blong (I.), L. Messall (Red.), D. Starr (S. D.), F. Thomas (S. D.), J. Herman (L. B.), P. Coleman (L. B.), W. Rau (V.), R. Peabody (V.), Col (L. A. Poly.), Phillips (L. A. Poly.).

440-yard, free style—N. Snyder (M. A.), G. Reewine (Ho.), Ranger (Ho.), H. Grandy (Pas.), H. Unruh (Pas.), A. MacNabb (H. P.), W. Davis (L. A.), S. Blong (I.), J. Trimble (I.), L. Messall (Red.), C. Clavert (S. D.), G. Neale (S. D.), R. Miller (L. B.), C. Rife (L. B.), E. Burton (V.), E. Scispegno (V.), Lockhart (L. A. Poly.), Randall (L. A. Poly.).

Plunge for distance—J. Binney (M. A.), P. Herman (M. A.), Walker (Ho.), E. Gifford (Pas.), V. Jacobson (Pas.), H. Schaefer (C. U.), H. Weaver (H. P.), H. Straube (L. A.), H. Morgan (L. A.), F. Lucas (L.), A. Kilham (Red.), L. Messall (Red.), E. Rouling (S. D.), C. Clavert (S. D.), F. Richards (L. B.), C. Prowell (L. B.), J. Henning (V.), D. Killen (V.).

Relay teams—Manual Arts: M. Lippman, W. O'Brien, D. Hufford, W. Blewett, Hollywood: Brown, Hinchley, Allen, Redwinn, Pasadena: H. Unruh, F. Welch, A. Wesson, G. Chisholm, Huntington Park: Weaver, MacNabb, Baker, Anderson, L. A. H. S.: Phelps, Bowers, Miller, Davis, San Diego: Rouling, Clavert, Starr, Erickson, Long Beach: Miller, Schilling, Coleman, Prowell, Venice: H. Dickson, Henning, Armstrong, Ray, L. A. Poly.: Phillips, Lockhart, Kirchner, Yusee.

## BOXING

A rather small crowd turned out to witness the Eagles' boxing show at Venice last night. A world of speed was noticeable by its absence also.

Al Gruban and Gene Watson boxed to a draw in four rounds. Frankie Tucker took a four-round decision over hard-hitting Henry Gastine. Tucker now believes he has earned a chance to vindicate himself before Vernon fans. Young Farrell took a decision from Ted Levin and Young Papke won from Jack Stewart in four rounds. An additional comedy bout was staged between Jeff Clark and George Spencer, also a battle royal between five darkies.

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Tommy O'Brien, recently returned from overseas, and Young Brown have been matched for the main event of next Tuesday's show. George Spencer and Danny Kramer will meet in the semiwindup.

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Phil Salvatore is ready to start again at Vernon and undoubtedly will be used by Matchmaker "Wad" Wadhams shortly. This clever lightweight was forced to undergo a minor operation and took a long rest after the doctors got through with him.

He has been working out and is "in the pink" now. He is a high-class performer and can make any Pacific coast lightweight step along at a fast gait.

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Lang Finn has started training after a long layoff and wants to perform again at Vernon. He will be accommodated soon. He is as game as they make them and furnishes action whenever he starts.

## TEEPLE ANNOUNCES SHOOT

The regular Sunday shoot will be held at the Los Angeles Gun club Sunday, according to Manager Fred Teeple. Five trophies have been of-





Charles Fletcher

## BOYS' BASKETBALL

**W**HO will be the champions for this year? This is a question every one at the Hilltop is asking themselves. At the present writing we are a little shy on dope, but have an abundant supply of hopes, and are confident that things will come our way.

First basket ball practice for boys was started the first week of school after the Thanksgiving vacation. A large number of men were out for this sport and among them were some old familiar fellows like Van Dusen, Hunter, Hymer, Fletcher, Oliver, Brucker and Ross. Many new men are out and just what the outcome will be is not known.

Last year San Diego went through the season with what might be called an unblemished record and were nosed out of the championship in a close and fast contest with Whittier on the local "Y" courts after a real battle for the title. Nevertheless, San Diego made a showing last season which will not be forgotten this year by northern schools.

A capable team is in the making and the championship in this activity for S. D. H. S. is their goal. The first game of the season will be with their old rival of last year—Whittier.

The season's schedule is as follows:

- Jan. 9.—Whittier at San Diego.
- Jan. 16.—Fullerton at San Diego.
- Jan. 24.—San Diego at Pomona.
- Jan. 30.—Finals.

The winner of Section A will meet the winners of Section B for the title.

## BOYS' SWIMMING

**I**NTRODUCING the San Diego High School Swimming team as the prep school Champions of Southern California for 1919. After a three years chase for this title the squad of last year succeeded nailing the rag to the top of the athletic flag post on the Hilltop.

Back in '17 water dopsters of Southern California were astonished when Jimmie McIntosh, single handed copped third place in the water meet for high schools in Southern California. This was the first time San Diego ever attempted interscholastic swimming.

In 1918 San Diego sent a five man team to Redondo, but were nosed out of the first place by Venice only by a meager margin.

Last year San Diego splashed water over all contenders and took the meet with a ten point margin over the nearest opponent. The team that nailed the Blue and White on top consisted of Mgr. William De Pons, Capt. George Neale, Donald Starr, Charles Fletcher, Arthur Erickson, Francis Themer, Edward Rawlings, and Claude Clavert. It was the tireless efforts of Geo. Bean in whipping these mermen together that brought S. D. H. S. the title.

The swimming team does not intend to indulge in the famous Hilltop indoor sport of "Now back in '16", but they are gunning for the title again and although they have lost last year's middle distance star, Claude Clavert, and captain, George Neale, the performances of this year's men gives them a good edge for the title. Ed Rawlings is Pacific Coast 50-yd. champion. He and De Pons grabbed a pair of medals in the Ocean Park rough water mile swim. Art Erickson and Charles Fletcher each made a good showing in the S. D. R. C.—L. A. A. C. meets. Don Starr and Francis Themer are going strong in their events. New material has been showing up prominently. Taken altogether it looks nice for the Grey Castle waterhounds.

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FLETCHER, Chas. G. "Nuts". Lincoln School, English Course, Honor Roll 3; Freshman Debate Society 1; Corduroy Club 1; Class Treasurer 1; Class Executive Committee 1; Interclass Swimming 1-2-3-4; Swimming Team 1-2-3-4; Interclass Tennis 2; Asst. Football Manager 2; Vice President Swimming Club 2; Dramatic Society 1-2-3-4; Basketball Team 2-3-4; Class President 3; Executive Committee 3; Football Manager 3; Boy's Council 4; Boy's Reception Committee, Press Convention 4; Class Dance Committee 4; Basketball Manager 4; Sect. Treas. Swimming Club 4; Stanford University.

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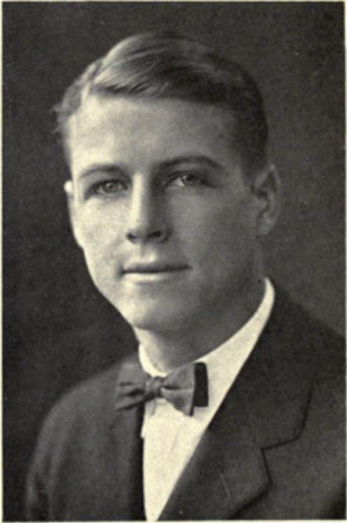
STANFORD GRADUATE 1925

CHARLES GROSS FLETCHER San Diego  
*Political Science*  
 Phi Delta Theta; Circle "S" Society (3), President (4), Phi Phi, President (4), Scalpers (2); Circle "S" in Water Polo and Swimming (2, 3, 4), Swimming Captain (1, 3), Block "S" in Swimming (4), Varsity Basketball (2), Circle "24" in Water Polo and Swimming; Board of Athletic Control (3, 4), Senior Class President



SECOND TERM

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MARGARET A. BAILIE	<i>Vice-President</i>
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CHARLES B. WHITE	<i>Manager</i>
FRANCIS M. KAUFFMAN	<i>Athletic Manager</i>



CHARLES G. FLETCHER  
*President Second Term*

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Fletcher swam the 220-yard breast stroke in better time than the former record of 2:47 2-5, although only placing second. O'Connor set new marks of 2:29 in the 220-yard swim and of 5:26 1-5 in the 440-yard event. Fletcher at Coronado August 19, 1923, broke the American record for the 220-yard breast stroke over a hundred-yard course by swimming it in 3 minutes 3 1-5 seconds.



Gibbons Draper McCallister Graham Myers Schmieler Kraemer Fletcher (Capt.) Fulton A. White Ambrose Brandsten (Coach) Hirschman Fisher Triest Wright H. White Rosenbaum Watson Bush (Mgr.)