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## WITH MORTON MOSS

Max Baer, the movie hero, sitting around in a spot the other night, told how he sold 150 per cent of himself when he started fighting in the belief there was 1000 per cent in all.



## CHARLIE MIEGELS

Popular Charlie fights Belting Bobby Hardges next Monday, March 8th, at Ocean Park. Miegels says he'll stop Hardges' kayo streak.

## A RINGER

Rodie O'Dooley entered a Chicago Golden Glove Tourney under the name of Frank Smith last week but was discovered as a pro boxer after having won two matches.

O'Dooley fought about fifteen pro fights. His major bout was a loss to Pat Valentino in San Francisco.

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## Waterman Picks Six Best Boxers

JOE WATERMAN has been watching ringdom's best since 1899, and rates the six greatest fighters he has ever seen in this order:

1. Sam Langford . . . the Boston Tar Baby had everything . . . he fought featherweights to heavyweights with no discrimination, a terror even in the late years of semi-blindness.
2. Benny Leonard . . . a champion in every respect . . . the No. 1 lightweight of them all.
3. Jack Dempsey.
4. Abe Attell, featherweight king for eight years.
5. Denico Cabanela, a Filipino, who never fought in the United States, but a bantamweight marvel. Died at 20 in Australia.
6. Henry Armstrong, only man ever to hold three world titles.

## A TOUGH MAN

Barney Ross could have flown from "somewhere in the Pacific" to attend the N. Y. Boxing writer's dinner held in his honor, but passed up the trip with these words, "I'll stay where the fighting is."

## THE WEIGHT

The weight for the San Francisco Armstrong-Tippy Larkin, March 8th fight is 145 pounds.

## IN ACTION

Jimmy Johnston recently lost his colored heavy, Adam Spencer, to the army.

## GETS RAISE

Jake LaMotta got 30 per cent for his rematch bout with Ray Robinson at Detroit. In the last fight, which LaMotta won, he received only 15 per cent.

## CLEVELAND BOUT

Jackie Callura is expected to box Pittsburgh Jackie Wilson at Cleveland, March 10th. Jackie won the n. b. a feather title recently from Wilson.

## SOME ALIBI

Here's how Zivic explained his recent defeat by Henry Armstrong at San Francisco to New York writers, "You know California."

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## EXTOL ROSS COURAGE

### Walker, Others Pay Barney High Praise at Boxing Dinner

By HYPE IGOE

Corporal Barney Ross, they did you proud, oh so proud, you and your gallant outfit, at the Boxing Writers' annual dinner! I wonder if the plaudits which echoed through Ruppert's banquet room could have somehow reached your ears in that far off hospital. No man ever received a finer tribute in return for unflinching courage under fire.

Surely the ringing words of Jimmy Walker, the finest he ever has uttered in public, must have trickled through the mysterious air lanes and cuddled within your brave heart. He said such splendid things of you in a manner which made all of us believe that actually he was talking to you and that you were listening.

Barney, knowing of your modesty, I've got to warn you that if ever you set your eyes on a stenographic report of all that was said of you as a champion in this greatest of all championship fights, you'll be blushing like a school girl to the end of your days!

#### GETS NEIL TROPHY

Because you had glorified boxing in that hellish fight from a foxhole, they gave you the Eddie Neil Trophy for having done the most in the name of boxing for 1942. Little Colonel Harvey Miller is carrying the plaque to Washington where it will grace the sacred walls of the United States Marines Corps trophy room. They thought you'd like it that way, Barney.

You are the fifth recipient of the award, following Jack Dempsey, Billy Conn, Henry Armstrong and Joe Louis.

You should have heard Walker's scathing rebuke to those in this country who consider themselves "tolerant."

"Tolerance is a despicable word! Just think of someone being tolerant toward Barney Ross! DOING HIM FAVOR!" he roared. Then Jim spoke of your titles and how he smashed home with—"His title, in or out of uniform, is—"HE'S AN AMERICAN GENTLEMAN!"

#### "NO SETUPS"

Jimmy spoke of the 22 Japs you bumped off.

"They were no more setups than he ever asked for in his entire career!"

Then Walker turned to Colonel Miller and said so magnificently:

"Barney Ross has been on the floor. He got up and fought on and on and on. Tell him Colonel, that if that days comes when he DOESN'T get up that we will know that he is OUT, ETERNALLY."

Edward P. Mulrooney made a plea for sports and said that we should not wait for war to develop them.

"Boxing made the Barney Rosses and Barney will not be the last of the boxing heroes," he added.

#### HAPPY ROSS WAS PICKED

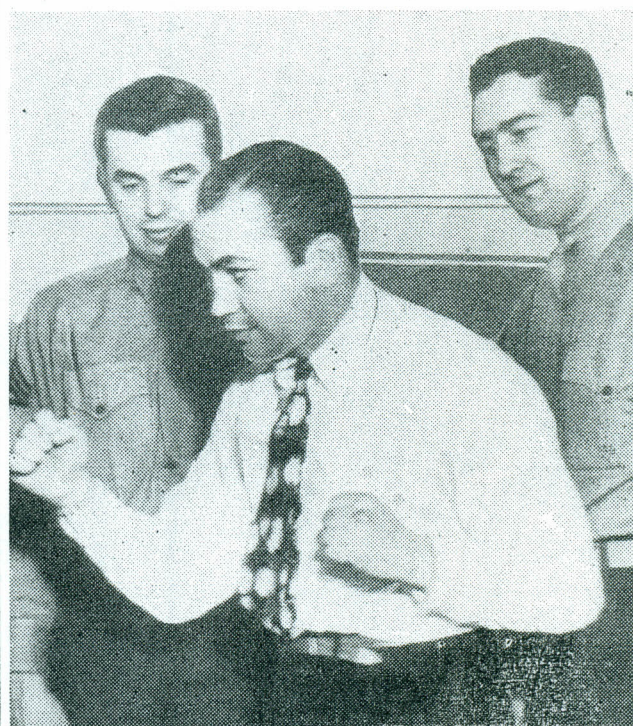
Helen Neil, widow of Eddie, and his son, Edward, sent messages expressing their pride and joy over the fact that Barney had received the Memorial, created in

## REMEMBER THE ACE

Ace Hudkins, the one and only Nebraska Wildcat, always gets an ovation when introduced in Los Angeles boxing rings.

## MADE MONEY

Barney Ross held the lightweight, jr. welter, and welter titles and earned over \$300,000 as a boxer.



## CORP. BARNEY ROSS

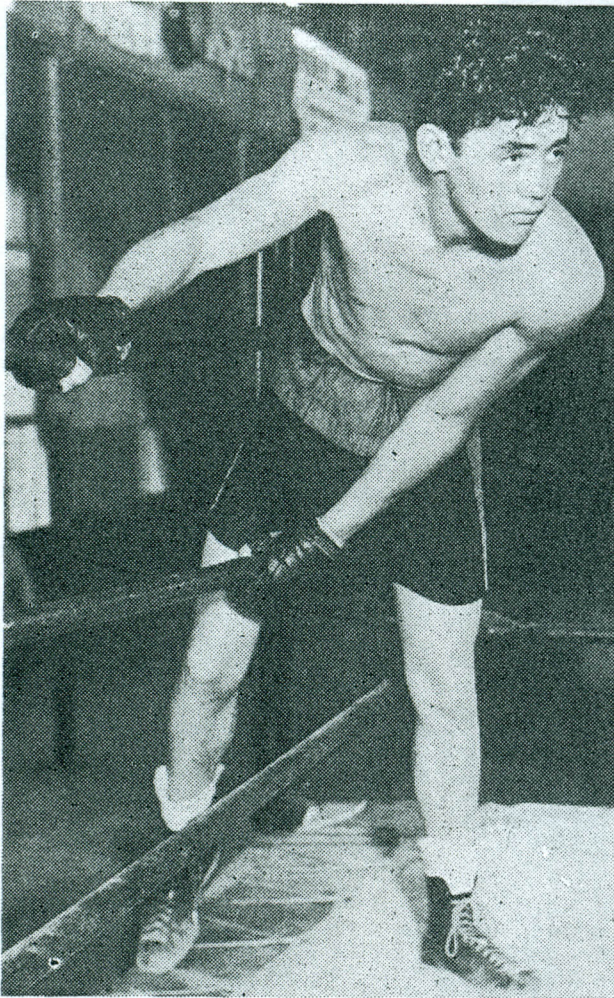
Back in the U. S. A. after knocking out a flock of Japs.

He's a champion in the ring and on the battlefield.

Ross is expected to be a guest at the Olympic, Tuesday nite.

honor of the ace writer killed in Spain while serving as a war correspondent for the Associated Press.

Among the other speakers were Lieutenant Commander Jack Dempsey, Lieut. James J. Braddock, Lieut. Benny Leonard, William F. Carey, General John J. Phelan, Abe J. Greene, Quentin Reynolds, John Kieran, Jimmy Conzelman, George Ruppert, Harry Hershfield, Charles Coe, Col. Harvey Miller, Brig. Gen. John Reed Kilpatrick and Judge Mahoney. Our own Sid Mercer acted as toastmaster.



## JIMMY DOYLE

Local puncher who fights Zapatero Mendoza in one of the eight round main events at the Olympic, next Tuesday, March 9th. Doyle may "dump" Gus Wilson's roaring Mexican.

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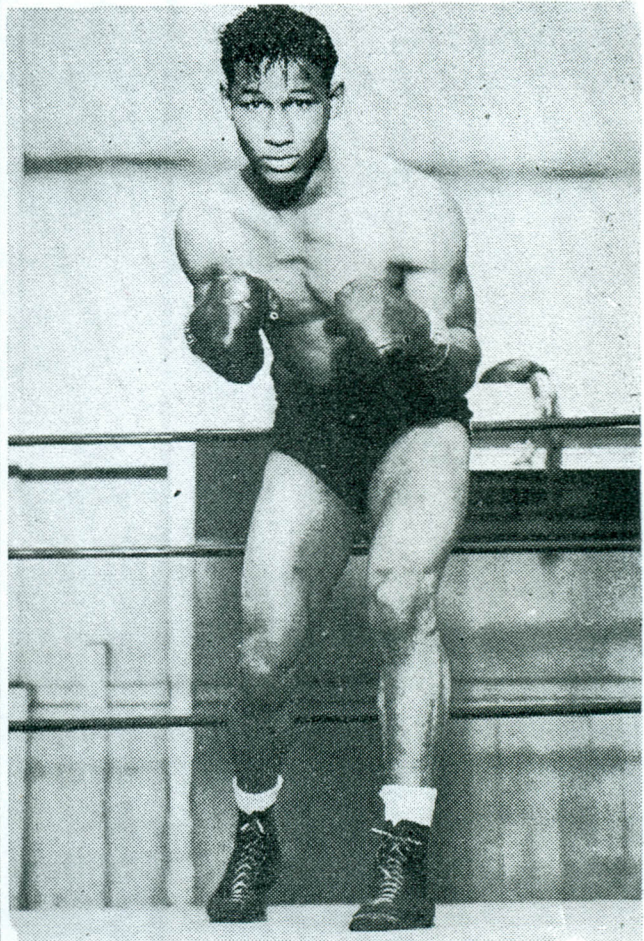
YOUNG VAN

Pacific Coast boxing and wrestling fans are "crazy" for their favorite entertainment—a quick check shows that every club from San Diego to Portland is operating with that good ole back ink . . . the L. A. Olympic will draw a net gate of \$25,000 this week when Armstrong fights Willie Joyce, biggest house in about ten years . . . last week Jim Londos drew \$5600 with the Masked Cougar, biggest mat gate here since the widely publicized days of Daro . . . Hollywood wrestling is having its best season . . . Hollywood fights are consistent sellouts . . . Ocean Park boxing and wrestling shows are playing to fine crowds . . . San Diego, Portland, S. F., Oakland are all doing big business . . . last week just a fair fight at Stockton drew \$3000 in a flowing rain-storm . . . in these kind of times people seem to get relaxation, or blow off steam at a thrilling fight or wrestling match . . . fights and wrestling are very necessary for public morale . . . the N.B.A. ranks Henry Armstrong the No. 2 welter; Joyce the No. 2 lightweight, so on this basis we pick the good big man to lick the good little man . . . both fighters are getting 30 per cent Tuesday nite . . . the Doctor has ordered Jack Chase to take a 60 day rest, have his tonsils snipped . . . Chase has had to cancel money fights at Oakland, Portland and San Diego . . . Chase looked weak as a kitten against Burley, a result of his run-down condition . . . expect Chase back in a couple of months and showing the form that won 17 fights in a row here against the best middleweights in the country . . . Commissioner Everett Sanders has lined up a dandy show to be staged for the benefit of the Jewish Duarte Sanatorium at Hollywood, March 17th, the top three eight rounders are Watson Jones vs Willie Johnson, Chuey Figueroa vs Chester Ellis and Lupe Gonzales vs Saul Torres . . . Fritzie Zivic, who recently lost to both, picks Armstrong to lick Beau Jack when they box at the Garden, April 2nd . . . Jimmy Grippo writes that hard luck is still stalking him and his fighter, Melio Bettina . . . first, something always seemed to keep Joe Louis from boxing Melio, though Melio has never lost to a heavyweight . . . then recently Melio was matched at the Garden with Gus Lesnevich and seven days before the fight the Navy refused to let Gus off to fight . . . Bettina, a corporal in the Army, has the okay to box but no one will fight him . . . both Mauriello and Bivins passed up Bettina, and Grippo is plenty griped . . . Gus Wilson's new Mexican fighters are standups and standouts—all have wowed fans and now comes Carlos Malacara . . . Carlos, moustchioed welter, just fought Earl Turner at Oakland and fans thought Malacara had the edge in their wild draw battle . . . a rematch will draw big money up there, but Murray plans to match Carlos with Sheik Rangel, March 17th and shoot with the rematch at a later date . . . So Calif. Mexican fans are crying for a look at Carlos . . . the Olympic wants to match him with the Thomas-White March 16th winner and we hear that Hollywood wants him to box the Garrison-Rameriz winner . . . Tommy Farmer says his Manuel Ortiz is not signed for any Honolulu fights and isn't interested in taking the trip . . . Portland Joe Waterman is looking for an opponent for Lloyd Marshall for March 12th . . . Johnny Romero is being paged for Marshall both there and at Hollywood . . . Lloyd

is a hot card at Hollywood where he licked Burley and kayoed Cruz . . . it's reported here that Larry Cisernos, that great little boxer, has been reported missing in action in Africa . . . Roxie Eisen says Speedy Dado's fighting heart will put him through his recent serious accident . . . Jimmy "Lucky" Dundee passed through town last week enroute from the Army to his home in Oakland . . . Dundee, well over 38, was released after six months' service . . . Sgt. Mushy Greenstone here on leave from Florida—says he runs the boxing show for the Army there and has been nicknamed the Army's Mike Jacobs . . . we know Mike's teeth chatter and we know Mushy chatters all the time . . . Frankie Wills, the Washington, D. C., welter, who recently licked Al Bummy Davis, would be a colorful draw here on the coast . . . Chris Dundee is representing Wills . . . George Pace, former world's bantam champ, now Cpl. George Pace, has been boxing at Camp Bennings, Ga., and just licked Dynamite Daniels, So. bantam contender . . . Pace has a leave coming up and would like nothing better than to take on Manuel Ortiz at Oakland or Hollywood . . . Manager George Rushmer, formerly with Pete Reilly, is managing Pace . . . Hollywood has raised their gallery to \$1.10 starting April 2nd . . . the reserved scale now runs \$1.65, \$2.20 and \$3.30—at these prices the arena can draw a net gate of \$8100, \$2000 more than the old scale . . . look for fight managers to fall all over everybody to grab a Hollywood main event . . . Pinkie George, former Des Moines promoter, is now a Second Lieut. at Camp Dodge, Iowa, assigned to the military police unit of the State guard . . . Carlo Curtis wants to promote boxing and wrestling at the ice rink in Westwood . . . Charley Perry is representing Slugger White on the coast . . . Perry has signed White for three Olympic matches and is also dickering with S. F., Oakland and Portland promoters . . . White fights John Thomas at the Olympic March 16th . . . they say this boy is really a buzz-saw . . . Perry's good young welter, Malcolm Smith, is also ready for action . . . Jack Beyon, S. F. promoter, in town—is looking for foes for Ray Lunney, Vern Bybee and Pat Valentino . . . wants Calif. Commission to sanction a match between Valentino and Turk Thompson for the State Heavyweight title . . . guess there are no objections as Big Boy Bray seems to be definitely on the inactive list . . . J. J. Johnston passed through town last week . . . they say his Fred Fiducia gave Valentino a tough argument . . . Fred, long idle, needed the fight . . . J. J. wants to return here in April to box Turk Thompson at the Olympic or Hollywood . . . Ocean Park has two dandy fights coming up . . . Monday night Jack Byrd fights Max Hutchins, a Hollywood fight, and the following week, March 8th, Belting Bobby Hardges, winner of two in a row by kayoes, fights popular Charley Miegels . . . Armstrong boxes Tippy Larkin March 8th at S. F. then leaves for the East where he fights Al Tribuani March 22nd, Beach Jack April 2nd . . . enroute Armstrong will referee on a huge Army boxing show to be staged at Phoenix March 12th . . . Armstrong's Garden bout with Jack is the last show before the circus takes over . . . bet a bundle this fight sets a new paid indoor attendance record . . . Holman Williams, Joe Louis' good fighter, will head soon for coast fights . . . San Diego fans have been seeing some great shows . . . they are still talking about the Billy Hale-Chuey Figueroa draw . . . McNulty is hot after the rematch . . . Jackie Wilson grabbed off a \$10,000 purse in losing to Robinson . . . Watson Jones, the dusky dynamiter, has caught on with Olympic fans . . . he has won six

## ORTIZ DOING OKAY

Since he won the bantamweight title last August, Manuel Ortiz has done all right as one of the solid pillars of El Centro, Calif. He owns a 160-acre ranch, three trucks, a billiard parlor, and is backer of a softball team.



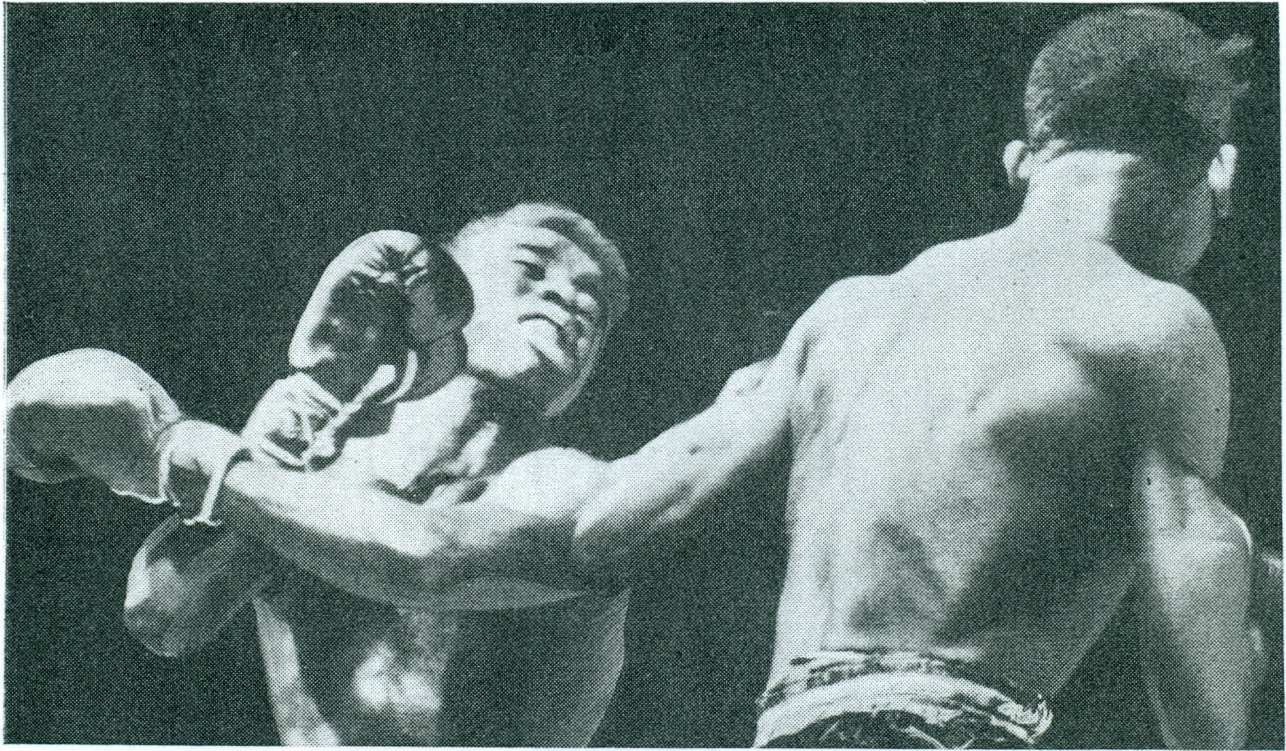
## WATSON JONES

This puncher has won six in a row by knockouts. Olympic fans want to see him against some real good ones.

Manager Al McCoy says, "Bring on Turkey Thompson."

Jones' next start is at Hollywood, March 17th, on the Duarte Sanatorium Benefit Show.

in a row by knockouts . . . Manager Al McCoy was offered \$2500 for his contract last week and I mean dollars, not cents, but brother Babe advised Al to hold tight . . . Jones may box Herbie Katz at the Olympic . . . he is also after Jack Coggins for the State Light Heavy title . . . Jones already holds a t.k.o. over Coggins . . . Watson, who tips up around 179 pounds, has repeatedly defied Turkey Thompson; in fact Jones is beginning to get in Cal Workings' hair, or scalp, so much so that Cal reaches for a handful of aspirin every time Watson is mentioned . . . Watson wants to needle the Turk.



THE RAY ROBINSON-JACKIE WILSON FIGHT.

## New York News

By BILLY STEVENS

FRANK COSKEY, Connecticut Boxing Commissioner, will request NBA Chairman Abe J. Greene to name Willie Pep National Boxing Association lightweight champion if he can defeat Sammy Angott at the Garden on March 19 . . . Promoters Herman Taylor, Philly and Nick Londres, Detroit, are after the Jack LaMotta-Jose Basora match . . . Lee Savold has been offered \$25,000 for three fights in South America against Arturo Godoy, Alberto Lovell and Roscoe Toles . . . Mike Jacobs will run a March show for the Greek Fund organization . . . Harry Bobo, Pitt heavyweight, is appealing his draft case because of family support, and he may still be around for ring action . . . Bob Montgomery, disappointed at the N. Y. Commission's handling of the lightweight tourney, is considering some coast offers since Beau Jack doesn't seem inclined to take any title matches . . . Philly will have its fourth club when Pete Moran opens the Broadwood A.C. on March 9. This ties N. Y. C., since only four are in action here . . . New Orleans will try the 20-round bout with Bobby Ruffin as one of the contestants . . . The Government has sent Jack Kearns and

his invention, to lower disabled planes by parachute, to Wright Field at Dayton for a test.

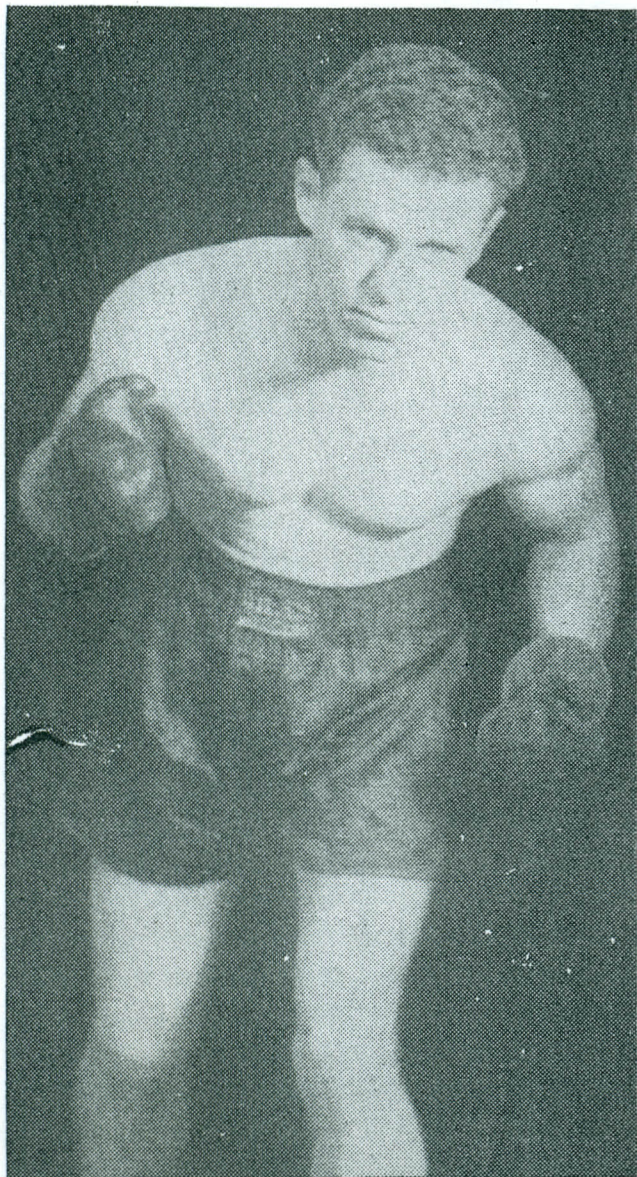
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The OPA has made it possible for the Holyoke club to operate by allowing war workers with autos to stop and see the boxing show if they are on their way to or from work so long as they aren't driving out of their way . . . The tallest fighters in the ring are matched in the Garden on March 12 when Gilbert Stromquist and Big Ben Moroz, both over seven feet, will clash on the Mauriello-Bivins card . . . Chester Rico has been offered a crack at Slugger White, Maryland's world lightweight champion . . . Jack O'Brien, Boston promoter, is making a tour of important cities lining up talent, stopping here for last Friday's show and then to Cleveland and Detroit . . . Frank Paula's Jersey City club is having its best season in years since Sammy Aaronson has taken over the match-making dept. . . . George Gainsford, Ray Robinson's trainer, will handle the Golden Glovers at Chicago for the Daily News . . . Carmine Fatta, lightweight boxer, recently got married . . . Willie Pep will battle just once before meeting Sammy Angott, and that will be against Larry Bolvin at Hartford on March 2 . . . Marine Garvey Young is expected to see overseas action soon since he has been moved out of Boston.

MARCH MATCHES . . . 1st: New Orleans—Cosby Linson vs. Maxie Berger . . . Scranton—Gene Pinter vs. Larry Fontana . . . 2nd: Jersey City—Jose Roza vs. Cannonball Gibson . . . Pittsburgh—Al Davis vs. Carman Notch . . . Los Angeles—Henry Armstrong vs. Willie Joyce . . . Hartford—Willie Pep vs. Larry Bolvin . . . 3rd: Oakland—Chas. Burley vs. Tiger Wade . . . Cleveland—Chalky Wright vs. Joey Pirrone . . . 5th: N. Y. Garden—Fritzie Zivic vs. Beau Jack, Al Guido vs. Phil Terranova, Issac (Al) Jolson vs. Gene Buffalo, Artie Levine vs. Freddie Flores . . . Lewiston, Me.—Lefty LaChance vs. Vic Corchado . . . 8th: San Francisco—Henry Armstrong vs. Tippy Larkin . . . 9th: Phila.—Frankie Carto vs. Jose Roza . . . Brooklyn Broadway—Joe Agosta vs. Artie Levine . . . 10th: Cleveland—Jackie Callura vs. Jackie Wilson (NBA featherweight title) . . . Oakland—Manuel Ortiz vs. Lou Salica (bantam title) . . . 12th: N. Y. Garden—Tami Mauriello vs. Jimmy Bivins, Jimmy Carollo vs. Joe Baksi, Gil Stromquist vs. Big Ben Moroz, Lee Oma vs. Larry Scalzone . . . 19th: N. Y. Garden—Willie Pep vs. Sammy Angott (NBA lightweight title) . . . 22nd: Phila.—Henry Armstrong vs. Al Tribuani.

# THEY WANT MANUEL ORTIZ!

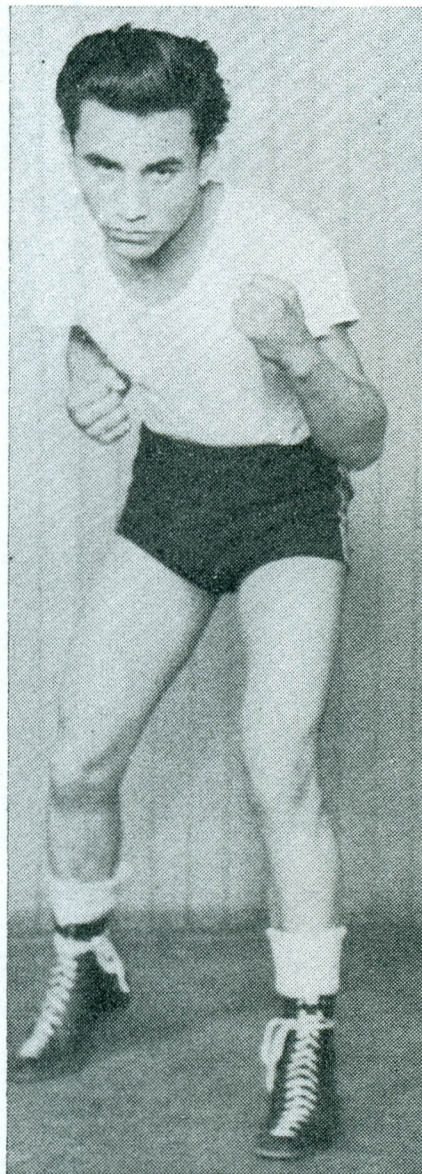
*Geo. Freitas fights Lenardo Lopez at Legion, Fri. Nite*



**GEORGE FREITAS**

Freitas, Portuguese puncher, recently gave Ortiz a real war until he suffered a cut eye in the 12th round.

Watch this puncher at Hollywood, Friday nite.. Freitas is managed by Babe Griffin.



**LENARDO LOPEZ**

Lopez, slugging Mexican, throws leather from all angles. He's licked all comers in his last six bouts.

This lad is hot on the heels of Ortiz and Salica. Lopez is managed by George Parnassus.

**Two Great Bantam Bouts at Hollywood, Friday** 79

# Survivors Of Legion's One-Night Tourney To Meet Rayburn March 8th Paavo Katonen, Finn, Flies Here From East To Enter Eliminations Tony Ross Of Alaska May Be The Dark Horse In The Seven-Man Event

## Wild Red Berry Hitch Hikes To Coast For Test

BY DEAN SNYDER

Billy Rayburn, who won the National Wrestling Association title from Wild Red Berry, is California bound.

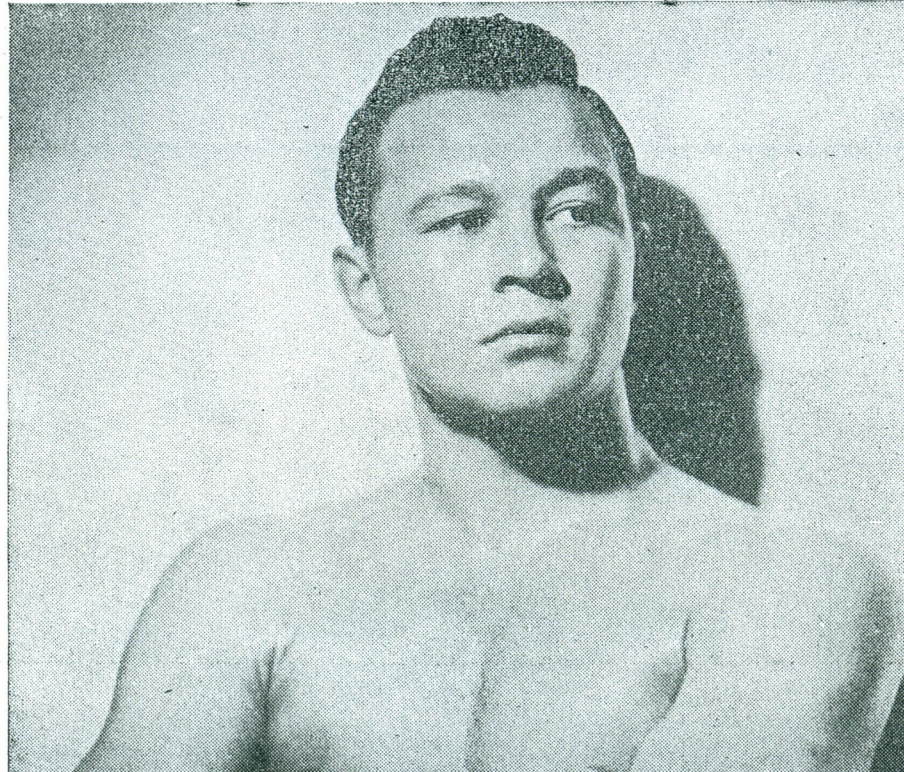
He is known as the Georgia Cracker in the South and in the north he is called the Human Hairpin.

Georgia Crackers are hard to find because of the draft and hairpins are getting scarcer because of the restriction on metal.

Rayburn took the title away from a good man in Wild Red Berry and because of his versatility he is going to be a tough fellow to overhaul.

The Dixie wrangler is a man of a thousand holds.

## Georgia Cracker To Risk Belt



in Maine, New York, Ohio, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Georgia or any other spot he sends for him.

For the last few years this has been the mecca for the best of the 175 to 190-pounders.

The Legion occasionally uses heavyweights. But the regular Monday-Nighters prefer the fast men.

Hollywood likes to see a thing done in a hurry.

The heavyweights drag on the nerves. But the fast wrestlers step up the thrills.

Power has had its day. Science is taking a hand.

This is true in all sports.

And the war has emphasized it.

Rayburn worked here a few years ago, but he was young and unseasoned then.

Now he has mastered leverage and balance and timing. These are the three essentials of wrestling. But the champions have something more—the ability to outgeneral their opponents.

Breaks counts for some victories, but in the long run a fellow who can really wrestle and think at the same time gets the job done.

He knows ever move in the book and since he defeated Berry he has been winning match after match.

But Rayburn has been confining his territory to the South.

When he comes to Hollywood March 8 to risk his belt he will be up against the pick of the land.

Nowhere in the country is there such a strong array of top-flight 175-pounders as California.

It would be even money that Rayburn couldn't go through a one-night tournament successfully unless he got the breaks.

Promoter Hugh Nichols is swinging from the junior heavyweights to the light-heavyweights at this time.

California definitely likes the 175-pounders because they are fast and they know a lot of wrestling.

Wrestling has its sections—the east, the middle west, the south and the west coast.

But Hollywood, capital of the light, fast fellows, has ruled the picture for several years.

One reason is that the best pick of the class comes to California.

Hollywood is a rival of Oklahoma, but Oklahoma is only a stopping off place for the touring grapplers.

When they reach the movie capital it is the peak of the profession.

Promoter Nichols has outbid any other place in the country to get the best talent.

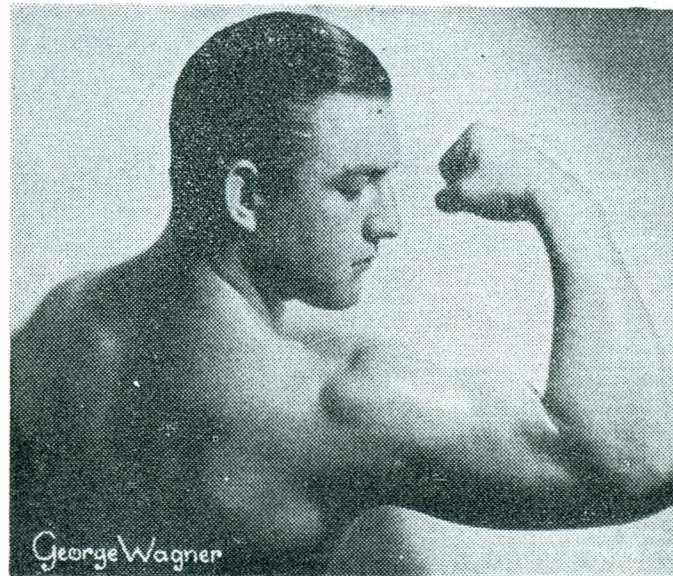
When a good man shows up

**Buy War Bonds**



**Billy Rayburn is enroute to Hollywood to risk belt he won from Wild Red Berry at Legion stadium March 8 against winner of club's one-night tournament**

## Dark Horse 175-pounder



**George Wagner of Oregon seeks to get title bout with Champion Billy Rayburn.**

That's why he is called the human hairpin.

It hard to stage an allout tournament in anything now—shortage of gas, shortage of rubber, shortage of manpower.

But the one-night seven-man light-heavyweight tournament the Legion has on the dial is the best that could be gotten any place in the world during a globular war.

Tony Ross of Alaska is getting a lot of attention because he looks like the new Danny McShain.

It appears that McShain has gone for the duration with the coast guards.

Ross has the kind of snap that makes things go.

He wasn't Yukon Jake's next door neighbor in Alaska for nothing. Yukon Jake used to beat him to the grub stakes, but Ross is sailing now while Jake is settling.

One-night tourneys are not always true tests.

Breaks can win falls or decisions in short bouts.

Over longer distances caliber has a better chance in the roll of the dice.

But no place in the country could seven top strata 175-pounders be assembled just now except Hollywood.

The seven entries in the tournament are: Dave Reynolds of St. Louis; Ross of Alaska; George Wagner of Oregon; Gorilla Ramos of Mexico; Buck Davidson of Idaho; Paavo Katonan of Finland; Billy Vargo of California.

Understand your antagonist before you answer him.

**Buy War Bonds**

## With Fabiani's Wrestlers

The hottest rematch in years, and one of the best naturals for mat fans that could be signed, goes back this Wednesday night at Olympic Auditorium when the great Greek matman, Jim Londos, risks his world title against the savage Masked Cougar.

It's 2 out of 3 falls, one hour time limit.

More than 10,000 fans packed every corner of the spacious Olympic last Wednesday night when HELL broke loose all over the ring. The roaring Cougar, No. 1 bad man of the mat, almost started a three alarm riot.

Disqualified by Referee Bull Montana for illegal use of tape on Londos' eyes, the Masked Cougar went beserk as the arbiter hoisted Londos' paw in token of victory after 25:56 of their world title match had elapsed.

Instead of going to the showers, the hooded goon objected in a violent sort of manner when Bull said he was through and began pummeling the referee, roughing him up with arm smashes and ripping the shirt off his back.

And what was the payoff?

Five seconds later some dozen irate customers, attired in baseball uniforms, and one toting a bat camouflaged in wrapping paper, hopped on the Cougar enforce. After a brief skirmish, in which more fans jumped into the ring, four of the youths picked up the belligerent Cougar, who was conked on the head, and spilled him over the upper elastic onto the ringside seats.

Luckily for the Cougar he landed near the tunnel leading into the ring, and with a force of house dicks covering his retreat he headed for the showers in complete safety.

The Masked Cougar is out for revenge and vows he'll end it quickly Wednesday night and ram Londos into the third row—title and all.

El Diablo, a big favorite at Johnny Doyle's old East-side arena, where he packed the club every time he appeared, comes back after a long absence to face skillful Pat Kelley in the star semi final.

Diablo is reputed to be a Mexican.

He was out of the ring for more than a year when he was severely injured when his automobile crashed into a train.

His manager, Jules Strongbow, says Diablo has never been pinned in his career. He had more than 150 matches in California without a defeat—until he met up with the train.

### COULD BE

They say Al McCoy, brother of the Olympic matchmaker, Babe, was the first southpaw to hold a world boxing title. Al won the middleweight title from George Chip.

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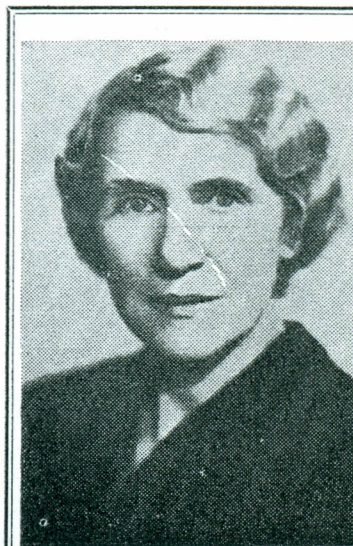
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## Mr. and Mrs. Jim Londos

Londos tangles in a wild rematch with the Masked Cougar at the Olympic, Wed. nite.

Jim says he'll kayo the Cougar for keeps Wed.



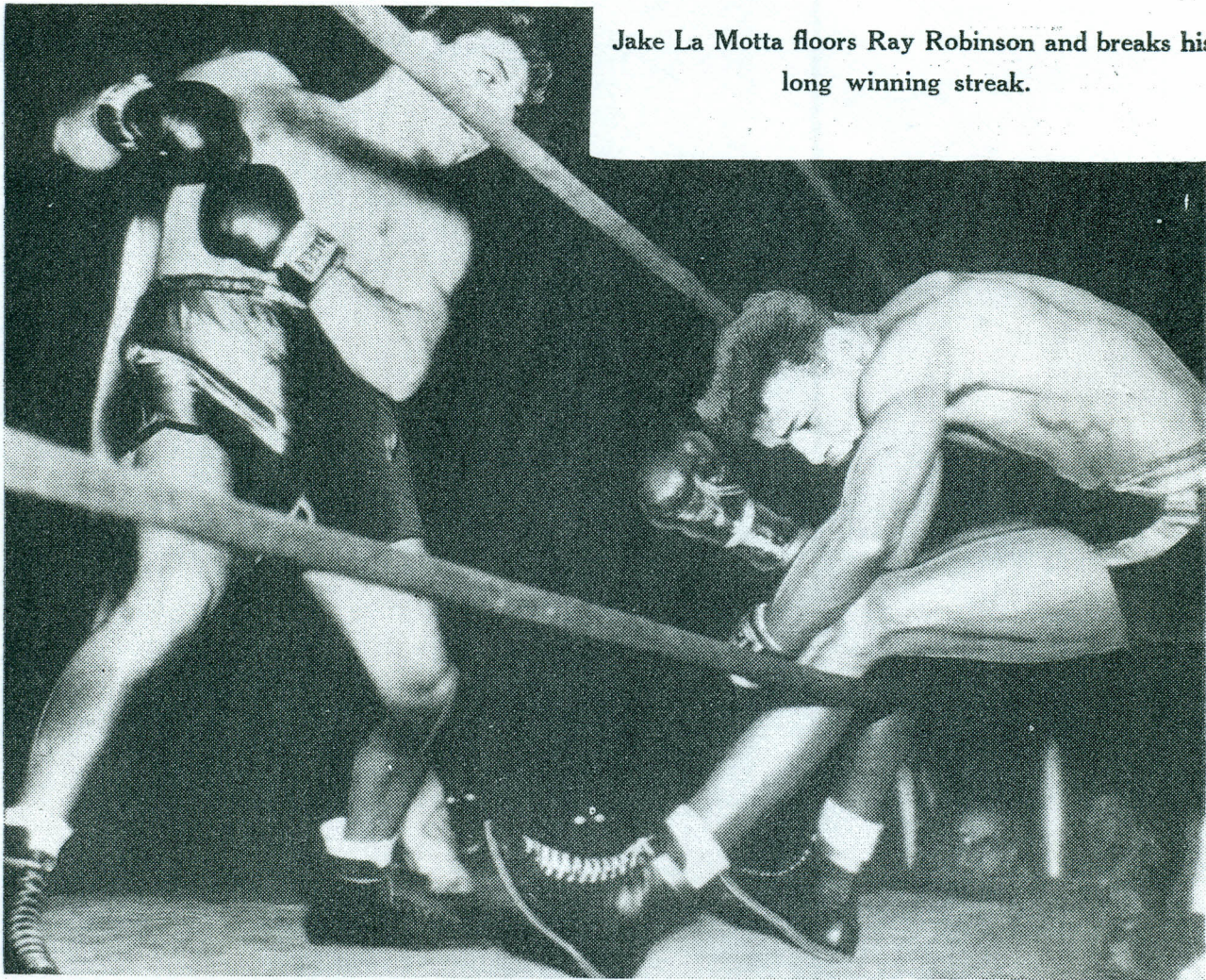
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STRANGE

Jack LaMotta, the kid who beat California Jackie Wilson, is waiting for the draft but his Pop is already in the army.

GOES TO WORK

Man Mountain Dean is down to 277 pounds, having lost 57 pounds since he left the army and went to work on his Georgia farm.



Jake La Motta floors Ray Robinson and breaks his long winning streak.

SUGAR IS SWEET

By BOB HEBERT, L. A. Daily News

This is strictly partisan observer tuned in on the Sgt. Jackie Wilson-Ray Robinson fight last Friday night in the hope of rooting our Jackie on to victory by remote control. By the time the fight was over, our admiration was all for Sugar Ray Robinson, who apparently is not only one of the great welterweights of all time but a fine, gentlemanly fellow as well.

One of Maj. Bill Corum's assistants climbed into the ring to interview Robinson as soon as the scrap was over.

"All I can say," Sugar declared, "is that he (Wilson) is the greatest welterweight in the country."

"How about yourself, Ray?" the interviewer asked.

"He's better than I am," Robinson said. "I was real lucky to beat him. He's a great fighter."

Personally, I don't think our Sgt. Jackie Wilson ever will beat Ray Robinson, and that comes from a charter member of the Wilson rooting society.

For one thing, Jackie fought just the kind of battle he had mapped out long ago as the type of fight most likely to succeed against Robinson. That was to stay in close, like Marty Servo did. Wilson followed his plan carefully and clearly outfought Robinson in close quarters, but he still could not escape Robinson's one big flurry in the fourth round, in which he was almost knocked out.

The mistake, if you can call it that, was not due to Wilson's carelessness; Robinson simply "made" the opening, just as he will make them again if they should ever be rematched.

Another reason is that Robinson has youth on his side. The chances are Wilson and Robinson will not meet again in a ring until the war is over.

Whatever advantages there are by then will be on Robinson's side. This was Sergeant Jackie's big chance and he muffed it. But there's no disgrace in his defeat.

It's never a disgrace to lose to a fellow who apparently is as fine a sportsman as he is a fighter.

**HOLLYWOOD BOXING**

**RAY LUNA** 4 rd.—133 lb. **JOHNNY ARMANDO**  
We favor Armando in this opener.

**TOM CORNWALL** 4 rd.—180 lb. **HARRY WHITE**  
Tom looks okay—should have White, black and blue.

**AL SANCHEZ** 4 rd.—135 bl. **CHARLEY CALL**  
Sanchez a nice little boxer and gets the call.

**GEO. FREITAS** 10 rd.—118 lb. **LENARDO LOPEZ**  
Freitas gave Ortiz a tough fight in a 15 round title match, losing on a cut eye. Lopez is a two-fisted punching Mexican. Should be a sizzler and we like Freitas to win by a very thin edge. Winners box winners then survivor meets Ortiz.

**MAIN EVENT**

**PAUL GUERRERO** 10 rd.—118 lb. **RED BARKER**  
They fought two of the wildest fights seen around here—one a draw and Paul won the other. Guerrero is unbeaten in 17 pro fights, looks like a real comer. Barker is that top thrill fighter. Pick Paul to out-finish Red in the closing rounds.

Next week . . . Rudolfo Rameriz fights Jimmy Garrison . . . get there early.

**SACRAMENTO WRESTLING**

**PAT CASEY** 1 fall **SOCKEYE McDONALD**  
Sockeye will put the elbow smash to Pat.

**SANDOR SZABO** 3 falls **JOE SAVOLDI**  
A sizzler and a draw.

**MAIN EVENT**

**ABE KASHEY** 3 falls **CHIEF THUNDERBIRD**  
The Indian is really wild . . . will chase Kashey to cover.

**SACRAMENTO BOXING**

**BOOKER WASHINGTON** 6 rd. **JOHNNY MATTERO**  
A club fight . . . Booker is too much boxer for puncher Johnny.



## JUDGE ALFRED PAONESSA

One of the  
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"May the best  
man win."  
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Paonessa.

**HOLLYWOOD WRESTLING**

**DAVE LEVIN** 1 fall, 30 min. **GEO. DUSETTE**  
Levin, former champ, figures in this fast opener.

**LEONE, FERONA** 3 falls **CARLSON, DE GLANE**  
Tag team match and they'll brawl round and round—take Leone and Ferona.

**MAIN EVENT****ONE NITE TOURNAMENT**

Here are entries: Dave Reynolds, Tony Ross, Gorilla Ramos, Buck Davidson, Paavo Katonan, Billy Vargo. All falls are 15 minutes to a pin or decision. Two finalists rattle it out and will meet Billy Rabburn next week. We like Buck Davidson to win.

**OCEAN PARK BOXING**

**LANE HALE** 4 rd.—158 lb. **FRANK CALZADA**  
Hale can punch a bit . . . tab him.

**NORMAN MILLER** 4 rd.—160 lb. **SOL. DICK VICK**  
The Soldier is the man to wallop Vick.

**PEDRO MARTINEZ** 4 rd.—155 lb. **DALLAS SESSIONS**  
Pedro might be too rough and wild for Dallas.

**ALLEN ARNETT** 4 rd.—170 lb. **LARRY MARTIN**  
Arnett figures for the win here.

**JOE KEYES** 4 rd.—155 lb. **LOU ROBLES**  
A dilly and they'll swing them from all angles . . . pick Wild Joe Keyes.

**MAIN EVENT**

**MAX HUTCHINS** 8 rd.—152 lb. **JACK BYRD**  
A topnotch fight . . . Max just gave Sheik Rangel a nip and tuck battle . . . Byrd just kayoed Al Calderon . . . should be a free socking affair . . . we give Max the edge.

Next week . . . Can Charlie Miegels stop Belting Bobby Hardges' winning streak?

**HOLLYWOOD DUARTE SHOW**

**LUPE GONZALES** 8 rd. **SAL TORRES**  
These bouts March 17th for benefit of Duarte Sanatorium.

**CHUEY FIGUEROA** 8 rd. **CHESTER ELLIS**  
A dandy club fight . . . Chuey is too much puncher for little Ellis.

**MAIN EVENT**

**WATSON JONES** 8 rd. **WILLIE JOHNSON**  
Jones a puncher with both hands . . . he'll hit Willie on the chin and turn him upside down.

**VENTURA WRESTLING**

**HARDY KRUSKAMP** 1 fall, 30 min. **SPEED BALL**  
Hardy should kick the speed out of Ball.

**KAROL KRAUSER** 1 fall, 30 min. **VIC HOLBROOK**  
A dandy and a great draw.

**CLARA MORTENSEN** 1 fall, finish **ANNE OLSON**  
Girl wrestlers . . . a hummer with Clare the winner.

**MAIN EVENT**

**LITTLE WOLF** 3 falls, finish **WILLIE DAVIS**  
This is Louie Miller's first show . . . Wolf will Death Grip big Willie. This Show March 8th.

OLYMPIC BOXING

LOU BERNAL 4 rd.—135 lb. TORPEDO REED

McCoy has a nice card all the way tonite. Bernal will sharpshoot the wild colored kid for the decision.

AL MALACARA 4 rd.—130 lb. TINO ASACIO

Malacara, brother of Carlos, looks strong and tough in the gym. Tino always in a fight but tires—favor Al.

TERRY GIBSON 6 rd.—148 lb. RUDY CAMPA

Terry fought a main here last week—Campa a game kid but Terry figures to outbox him.

VIC FLORES 6 rd.—125 lb. CEFERINO ROBLETO

Here's a hot one—both toss loads of leather. Flores the best puncher, has won plenty in a row and gets the edge.

MAIN EVENT

HENRY ARMSTRONG 10 rd.—145 lb. WILLIE JOYCE

Joyce a riot here when he broke John Thomas' win streak in a thriller. He is game and how, never stops punching and takes a good punch. Armstrong making his first fight since having his tonsils out. The weight favors Henry, as Joyce made 135 for Thomas and we like Henry to win on his stamina and heavier punching. Joyce, though, figures to be in there punching back all the way.

Next week . . . Jimmy Doyle fights Zapatero Mendoza, that new Mexican, in a double main event card. Thomas and White on the 16th.

OLYMPIC WRESTLING

WILLIE DAVIS 1 fall, 20 min. MIKE MAZURKI

Both big fellows . . . looks like a draw.

HARDY KRUSKAMP 1 fall, 20 min. EGG HAGGERTY

The Egg too mean for Hardy and will scramble Hardy in a jiffy.

BABE SMOLINSKI 1 fall, 20 min. CZECK ANGEL

The Angel has too much speed and power for the Soldier.

EL DIABLO 1 fall, 30 min. PAT KELLY

The Devil is a tough baby and is given the fall over Clever Kelley.

MAIN EVENT

JIM LONDOS 3 falls, 1 hr. MASKED COUGAR

Rematch . . . we like Londos to unmask the Cougar tonite in a rough and tumble kayo bout.

TENDLER ON ROBINSON

Lew Tandler, the old lefthander of boxing, turned restaurateur, rates Ray "Sugar" Robinson as "The kind of a fighter who comes along only once in a hundred years."

Lew says of Robinson that "He does everything in the ring and does it well."

PASSED UP

Jack McVey, colored light heavy, who fought many bouts at Oakland, was recently turned down by the army.

SPORT NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE

Bay Meadows Opens in Great Style

By HARRY L. LEWIS

Manager Bill Kyne opened Bay Meadows race course last Saturday to a real old fashioned gay Ninties crowd. They came in Tally-Ho's, Surrey's, Buckboards, Old Fashioned Stage Coaches and everything that moved on 4 wheels. It was a jolly crowd and the handle was over \$220,000. Not bad for a crowd that had a hard time getting to a race track. Washington's birthday saw still a bigger handle. Over \$270,000. Managers Cohn and Kyne predict a successful meeting.

Jerry Giesler, chairman of the State Racing Commission, was on hand to look over the situation and found everything in perfect working order. Jerry walked to the track and said that the exercise done him a lot of good but was "puffing" at the finish.

Judge George Schilling handled the days events in perfect order. This old fox knows his horses and rides. Also has a great stand in with the owners. This fellow makes few mistakes and is well liked everywhere. He will not stand for boat races and knows how to lay down the racing rules to all.

Two great horsemen passed away in the last few weeks and both personal friends of the writer for the past 30 years. I refer to James Wood Coffroth and John W. Considine. Both were great sportsmen and left a host of friends throught the racing world. Considine at one time had a great stable and raced around the Eastern tracks. He was a great lover of horseflesh and was a breeder of note. Coffroth was the founder of the Tia Juana Race course and did a great deal for racing here on the coast. He was also the world's premier boxing promoter. Two fine men and real 22 karat thorobreds! May their souls rest in peace.

A lot of Hollywood celebrities were on hand for the opening day. In the lot were Bing Crosby, Harry Warner, Mervin Le Roy, Anita King, Norman Church, Lum and Abner, and many others.

What is the matter with the fire dept.? Clamping down on the Hollywood stadium for over-crowding in the aisles? Cholly McDonald the popular manager is ever on the alert and lookout just against such conditions and we know of no other boxing stadium in the country that guards against such conditions as over-selling and over-crowding. This is the best run arena of its kind. "Courtesy" is the watchword of the Hollywood Stadium and I think the fire dept. officials should pick on some one else. Leave McDonald and the Legion alone. They sure are doing their bit.

Hot Springs race track also opened last Saturday and a great sports crowd attended the opening day. The hotels at the Spa were all sold out and from late reports it was hard to get hotel accommodations. Over 500 race horses are quartered at Hot Springs. The meeting runs for 30 days or more.

Mexico City race meet gets under way March the 6th, and runs until late in August, three days a week. Thursday, Saturday and Sundays is the scheduled program. Manager Bruno Pagilari claims there is nearly 400 head of horses on hand and more coming in daily. Should be a good meeting. Lots of Tourists and money in Mexico Capital at the present moment. No gas rationing and every thing wide open.

Caliente race track will not open as scheduled next month. Some delay and due to unforeseen conditions. Caliente meetings on Sunday should go over in great style. Population in San Diego is on the increase and the folks have no place to go and spend their money. Racing again here would be welcomed by all.

### A FEW RESULTS

Here are a few results of last week's fights you might have missed: Billy Hardges kayoed Bobby Yaeger in seven at Ocean Park, Calif. . . Pat Valentino decisioned Fred Fiducia at S. F. . . Juan Zurita beat Jimmy Florita at Stockton . . . Steve Belloise kayoed Butch Lynch in five at New York . . . Jimmy Joyce beat Al Reasoner at Chicago . . . Jimmy Bivins beat Anton Christoforidis and Izzy Jannazzo beat Bob Richardson at Cleveland . . . Chalky Wright beat Joe Peralta at St. Louis . . . Tami Mauriello beat Vince Pimpinella at New York . . . Carlos Malacara and Earl Turner drew in ten at Oakland . . . Jack Byrd kayoed Al Calderon and Villa Vicencio beat Terry Gibson at the Olympic.

### GETTING BIG

Billy Conn showed up at the Robinson-Wilson fight and says he now tips 195 pounds. Billy looked a bit on the fat side.

### BEST COMEBACK

Henry Armstrong won the award for making the best comeback in sports in 1942.

### SPLIT DECISION

The referee and one judge voted for Ray Robinson; the other judge said Jackie Wilson was entitled to a draw.

### THE FIGURES

Robinson and Wilson drew a gross gate of \$47,683. Paid admission was 16,336.

### THE A.P. SCORECARD

The Associated Press score card give Ray Robinson five rounds, Jackie Wilson four and called one even.

### A GOOD MAN

George Engel, veteran fight manager, may be appointed to the Penn. Boxing Commission.

### LOUIS IN LONDON

A New York sportscaster said on the air last week that Joe Louis would soon be shipped overseas and would box in London July 4th in a big War Relief Boxing Show.

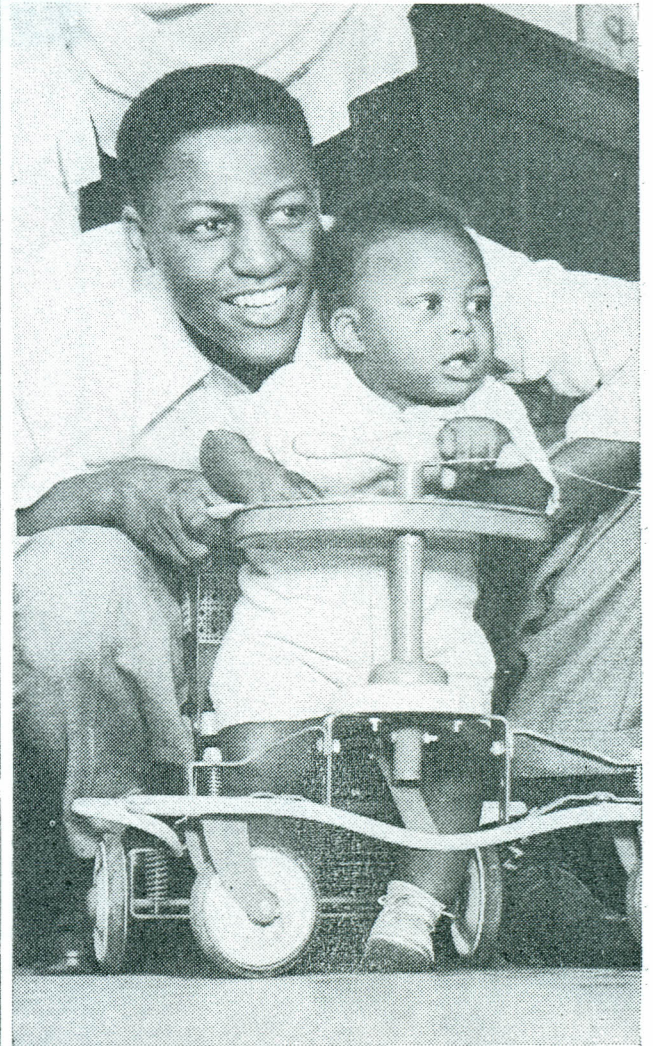
### PEP AND ANGOTT

Willie Pep and Sammy Angott box fifteen rounds at the Garden, March 19th. The weight is 135 pounds.

Part of the proceeds will go to purchase boxing equipment for Service men.

### COMING UP

Nat Fleischer's 1943 boxing record book will soon be ready for distribution.



## JOHN THOMAS

Los Angeles' own lightweight contender and his son, John Thomas, Junior.

Thomas and White is a classy fight and figures to do real business at the Olympic, March 16th.

### THE AGE

Henry Armstrong is thirty years old. He is married and has an eight year old daughter.

### ARMY NEWS

Harry Blitman, who applied for the navy before the enlisted ban went in, feared he might be rejected because of his bashed-in nose, but the doctor okayed him, saying, "Plenty of ventilation here."

Billy Marquart, ex-lightweight boxer, is a boatswain's mate, second class, at Great Lakes Naval Training Station.

### HE CAN FITE

Johnny Doolittle, son of Maj. Gen. James Doolittle, the Tokyo bombing fool, is a plebe at West Point . . . And he's on the boxing team.

**TOM COHANE SAYS**

Being heavyweight champion is conducive to longevity. Of the 15 accredited titlists since Jake Kilrain's day 12 are still alive, while the other three—John L. Sullivan, James J. Corbett and Bob Fitzsimmons—lived to 59, 66 and 55, respectively.

**AL SANTORO ON RASSLER**

Blow me down! George Zaharias, one of the toughest matmen in the racket, Friday went for his physical, was turned down. Torn ligaments in the knees, athletic heart, high blood pressure and over weight. He's 290 and 6 feet tall. He's been a wrestler 15 years. He'll go to work in defense.

**\$6000 TO FUND**

The Ray Robinson-Sgt. Jackie Wilson boxing match at Madison Square Garden Friday night netted approximately \$6000 for the infantile paralysis fund.

**BETTING FIGHT**

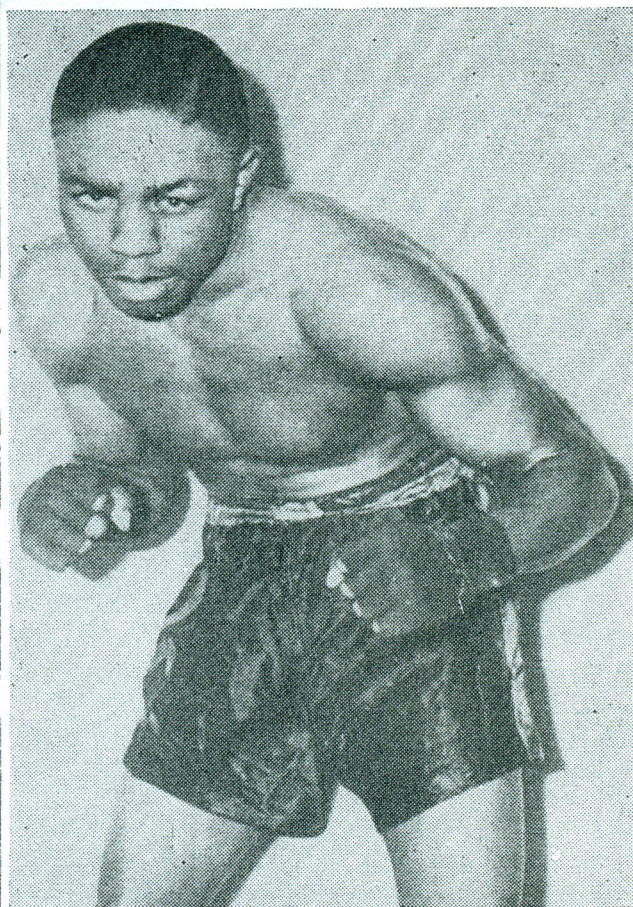
Bob Montgomery licked Lulu Constantino at Philadelphia last week before a \$19,793 gate. It is said more than \$100,000 was wagered on the fight.

**GOES TO WORK**

Bob Montgomery, Philly lightweight, has gone into defense work and his future fighting dates will be far and few between.

**LOWELL REDELINGS ON COUGAR**

TODAY'S THOUGHT: The Cougar, unknown masked wrestler, appears on the Olympic Auditorium scene suddenly. Just as suddenly, George (K.O.) Koverly, rought-houser de luxe, like the Cougar, drops from sight. Could it be that Koverly knows the identity of the Cougar?



**SLUGGER WHITE**

Many smart boxing men rate White the best lightweight in the world.

He fights John Thomas at the Olympic in two weeks, March 16th.

**A GOOD CIGAR**

What the fight game needs is a good, one and only lightweight champion of the world.

**FOUR YEARS**

Barney Ross, now of the Marines, hasn't fought in the ring for four years.



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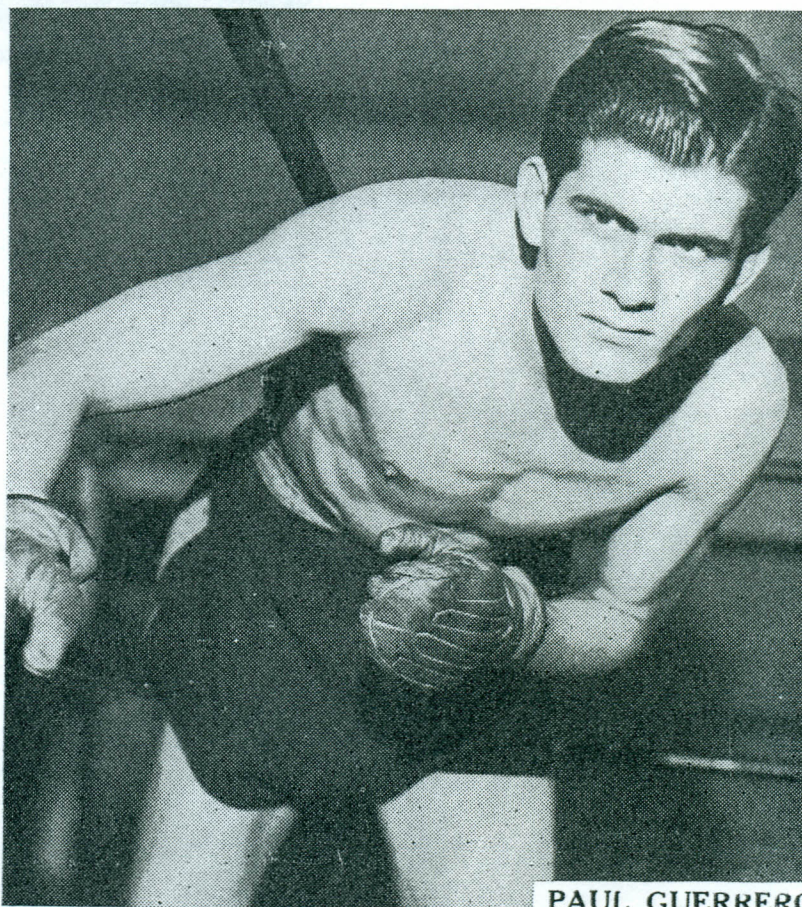
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**PAUL GUERRERO**



**RED BARKER**

**Winners To Box**

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**Survivor To Meet  
Manuel Ortiz**

Red Barker figured in two of the best fites seen at Hollywood in 1942 and 1943.

This Fighting Barker really pours leather.

Paul Guerrero is unbeaten in 34 amateur and pro fites—he's a definite main eventer.

Guerrero is managed by Charley Williams, c/o Main St Gym, L. A.

Barker vs. Guerrero figures to be one of the fastest action fights seen here in months.

These little Bantams really give fans a double run for their money. 88