

### Carl Blauman Is Boxing Champ

By FRANK KANE

The glare of high powered lights, the shouting of feet back and forth in the ring, and the frenzied shouting of 400 spectators inhaled in the thrill-packed amateur boxing show at Baldwin gymnasium, Tuesday night.

The tournament, composed of 14 three-round bouts, provided enthusiasts with 2½ hours of solid entertainment before the final bout in which Carl Blauman carried the mythical title of heavyweight champion of the school.

The initial success of this, the reorganized Varsity Club's, first major undertaking, prompted hopes for the event's renewal in future years.

In the lightweight class, Chuck Van Fleet defeated Lloyd Harvey; Bill Moody won a decision over Drew Wenzel; Herbert Doyle defeated Chick Coley; Gene Dalton took the decision from Tom Middlehand; and Jack Kramer defeated Jack Gerrard by a technical K. O.

The middleweight events saw Tom Spiegel defeat Bob Watts; Harold Kelley win over Howard Richardson; Bob Joyce take the decision from Karl Kaufmann; Jack Prosser can the honors from Tom Fox; and Dick Hopkins secure a decision over Bill Wyckoff.

In the heavyweight class, Dick Dunn defeated Bill Spiegel; Ed Brungaber took the judges' nod from Pete Gahn; Bill Golling won a decision over Bob Jessary; and Carl Blauman defeated Bob Carnahan for the mythical championship.

### Former Birminghamites Tell of San Diego Jam

To the Editor:

We have noted from copies of The Eccentric that you have been on a tour of inspection of army camps in the South. Why did you not come to San Diego and inspect the huge army and navy establishment here? The great destroyer base here, the naval training station, the Marine base, the beautiful naval hospital, the barrage balloons floating overhead, the aircraft plants, and the dim-out at night, all would provide interesting copy for Birmingham people.

**City Doubles in Size**

This city has grown from a population of 150,000 two years ago to its present population of 300,000 of which 130,000 are service personnel. Here in San Diego one can see more service stripes and campaign bars than anywhere else in the world, we are told. And each Service has a lingo of its own. The Marines call the sailors "swallow jockies" and refer to the soldiers as "dog-faces." Indeed, if one hears a terrific barking on a street one can rest assured such noise is not springing from the throats of dogs, but from Marines whose ears are jerking at passing Army men.

Mary Palmer Schumacher's husband is a lieutenant in the submarine service and I am an operations officer for the Port Director. Usually once a week, Mary and I along with our respective spouses get together and dissect a recent copy of The Eccentric and reminisce about the individuals and places mentioned therein. Of course, the spouses sit and discuss their imaginary cousins on the "back forty."

Naturally, we have basked in the warm California sun this winter while Michigan groaned under its tough winter as Granddaddy ever knew. But on the other hand, we have been basked with terrific rents for shoebox houses, with ants in the cupboard, cockroaches in the closets, and too often with the spectacle of bare shins in the butcher shop.

No Navy couple knows the luxury of living a normal existence. The good china, silver, glassware and linen are parked away for the duration and one uses what supplies are on hand in various rented establishments. Both the Gravin and Schumacher households are at present the proud possessors of three teaspoons each. No piece of furniture is to be touched, for instance, with an organ of questionable value, a refrigerator which fails to function, an accordion, a bagle, a Philippine

### 'Powder Puff' Specialists

bolo knife, a Ming vase, and various other useful objects.

Care of Navy people are a continual source of amusement. They buy any car they can get to use for a short time and then sell it when the officer goes to sea. There is one old Reo Flying Cloud owned by a lieutenant of our acquaintance which is minus half a windshield and which boasts a board instead of a rear window. He purchased same from a lieutenant-commander who bought it from an ensign who bought it from somebody else ad infinitum.

And incidentally, we see from The Eccentric that the chief issues exciting the citizens of Birmingham at present are the antics of the ration board and the questions of dogs sprouting Victory gardens. It reminds me of when Fred Ross (bless his heart) used to appear at Commission meetings and thunder out that the City ought to cut the weeds in Willis Street. We are sure that such things wouldn't seem so important if people in Birmingham could watch as we do, a hospital ship discharge its cargo of men wounded in body and mind.

Yours collaboratorily  
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(U. S. Army Photo from NEA)  
Four sisters, Mrs. Violet Houghton, Doris Collins, Lenora Collins, and Mrs. Caroline Williams, left to right above, are part of an all-woman crew working on P-38's under supervision of aircraft mechanics at Sacramento, Calif., air depot. They're shown with one of the motors of the "Powder Puff Specialist," an all-woman-made pursuit job.

### Men in Service

**Forbes McKay Gets Commission**

Forbes McKay, son-in-law of the Robert D. Lynds, Birmingham, has received his commission as second lieutenant, infantry, at Fort Benning, Ga., and is visiting here this week. Lt. McKay served in Iceland before going to OCS.

**SAW THE PRESIDENT**

Corp. Technician Duane A. Meeker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Meeker, is stationed at Camp Forrest, Tenn., and wrote this letter about President Roosevelt's visit: "Dear Folks: "Received your mail in the noon mail call so here I am again. "Last Saturday afternoon we had a big review for Gen. Lear who is retiring. He is the commanding officer of all the Second Army, so we had to give him a send-off. Well, anyway, we all got a big surprise when we heard a 21-gun salute which only one person gets. If you haven't guessed who it is then I will tell you—one one but rode past and did he have the protection? It sure was a surprise to see him as we didn't expect any one but Lear. He really looks good, a lot better than in pictures."

**IN LOUISIANA**

Pvt. Roland Fox and Pvt. Ellen Wright, both of 16-mile road, are stationed at Camp Claiborne, La.

**AT 'INLAND OCEAN'**

PARAGUAY, Idaho—New recruits from Birmingham have taken their first step toward becoming seasoned Navy men this week when they arrived at this U. S. Naval Training Station, located on Lake Pend Oreille, Paragona, "inland ocean."

These new Birmingham recruits are John Danford Watts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Leopold, 1724 Kelvingrove; Stewart Charles Scott, husband of Mrs. Barbara R. Scott, 444 Frank.

**WHEREABOUTS**

Pvt. Gordon E. Stauffer is now in Company D, 3rd Engineer train-

ing battalion, at Fort Belvoir, Va. Pvt. Robert B. Luce is with the Air Force, Technical Training Command at Miami Beach, Fla.

**PRE-FLIGHT**

John Porter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman A. Porter, of Pierce street, is at San Antonio, Tex., where he is taking his pre-flight training with the Army Air Force.

**MAJOR HOOPER HOME**

Major W. D. Hooper, Jr., is visiting his wife and children at 763 Lakewood avenue, on a 10-day leave from his anti-aircraft unit in Washington, D. C.

**PROMOTED**

Howard S. Hatt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard L. Hatt, 1531 Holland, has been promoted to corporal and is now at the Army engineering school, Fort Belvoir, Va. He went into the service Jan. 14.

**HOME**

Pfc. Edward Clark spent a five-day furlough visiting his wife and parents Mr. and Mrs. Ray Clark, of Berkeley road, last week. He and his wife returned to Sioux City, Ia., where he is stationed with the Army Air Force.

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WOODWARD—NEAR MAPLE

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### Village Variety

**By CONSTANCE LEWIS**

Many a cold, rainy evening I've spent among old National Geographic magazines, dirty-thumbing my way through pages of adventure; sleek yachts gliding on blue seas; black shiny boys diving for conch, mustached gentlemen sitting in the sun before checkered tables; tall, young couples vacationing down wide Guernsey rivieras; Chinese children playing basketball in sunny streets.

**Guernsey**

During one of these nights, I came across an interesting article entitled, "Guernsey, the Friendly Island," and set off through the attractive pictures of this tiny channel island. There were vine-covered cottages, wooded paths, quaint house-topped hilly towns, a glimpse of blue sea beyond green hills, families sitting happily in horse-drawn carriages with their picnic baskets at their feet. The thought of that beautiful patch of land surrounded by the sea stayed with me and when, a few months later, I heard about Mrs. Thomas J. Rodda, of George street, a native of the island, I went to her and asked her to tell me about her homeland.

The channel islands, Guernsey, Sark, and Jersey, have been occupied by the Germans since the fall of France, and Mrs. Rodda had no word from her remaining relatives on the island. She does know that her sister and brother-in-law, who stayed on Guernsey after the Germans came, have been interned in Germany and a very good friend of her and her husband was executed because he had helped some of the townspeople escape to England.

**Large Family**

Mrs. Rodda was born some 50-odd years ago in Guernsey, one of ten girls and two boys who lived in a stone house on a hill overlooking the sea. Their home life was strict, and they were taught to fear and respect their parents. However, they had a happy-go-lucky childhood on the beautiful island at that, wandering through the miles of winding paths and inevitably getting lost as the oldest natives were wont to do in the labyrinth of vine-banked lanes. They wandered the seashore picking up shells, fish, and seaweed. They also did a lot of eating. The people of Guernsey always had five meals a day beginning with breakfast at six, lunch at ten, dinner at noon, tea—which is distinctly an understatement—at 4, and supper at 8.

It was there that Mrs. Rodda met her husband who was a butcher. They were married and left the island to go to Toronto, Canada. Eventually they came to the States and Mrs. Rodda is now an American citizen and very proud of the fact. "I love America and I am grateful to her for the opportunities she gave to my two sons—one a clergyman and one a banker," she said.

**Last Home in 1914**

Mrs. Rodda last visited her homeland in 1914. She had thought about taking some of her belongings left behind when she married, but decided against it and left them with her mother. Now she regrets leaving so many personal treasures, as the tragic people of Guernsey were forced to abandon everything in their homes to the Nazi horde.

In less than a year, Mrs. Rodda has collected 27 pounds of grease as a contribution to helping the war effort. Besides her many relatives and friends on Guernsey and in England, Mrs. Rodda has seven nephews serving with the Canadian and British forces, making her feel very much in the war.

Two Madison, Wis. daily newspapers have abolished their Sunday comic sections in order to save paper.

**OHIO-WEAVER UNIVERSITY**

DELAWARE, O.—Three Birmingham students at Ohio Wesleyan University figure in the news from the college. Faye Anderson, daughter of the Walter Andersons, of Lake Park, did not and Nancy DaLee, daughter of the William A. DaLees, of Pilgrim road, have achieved the necessary academic record in order to be elected to the chapter of Phi Society which is the underclass branch of Phi Beta Kappa.

Lys Lynd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Lynd, of Ferndale Day, is helping to plan the university's traditional Monnett mothers of students and includes the mothers of students and includes a May Day program. It is scheduled this year for the weekend of May 8.

**Stratford College**

Barbara Cary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Cary, of Linden road, was elected president of the high school dormitory at Stratford College, Danville, Va.

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Ordinance Inspector Capt. D. I. Hedrick checks up on a six-inch high velocity shell hole at the naval proving grounds, Dahlgren, Va., where munitions are being anti-air tested.

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