

# A Weekly Letter from Billy Maine

With News of Tours, Autos, Sports and Movies on the Pacific Coast

HOLLYWOOD, Calif.

The populace of Southern California is in a happy mood. Old Jup Pluvius sprinkled the Southland with a lavish hand; in fact, he was too generous. As far north as San Francisco a heavy rain fell for two days, saving the fruit crop and otherwise aiding the ranchers. The precipitation was so heavy in the vicinity of Glendale and Eagle Rock and the beautiful San Fernando Valley that for a time flood conditions prevailed, and it looked very much as though Glendale was due to combat a serious situation. All the Verdugo and San Rafael Hills, which surround Eagle Rock and Glendale, were completely burned over during the summer just past, and the waters fairly rolled down their steep sides onto the boulevards below. There being no vegetation on the hillslopes to absorb and check the heavy rain, this surplus water entered into Glendale, and on the main streets automobiles experienced considerable difficulty in making their way. No serious damage was done, however, other than a couple of houses being washed from their foundations, and the various roadways being temporarily washed out. Nevertheless, rain was what was needed; already its benefits can be noticed in the fields and orchards, and everybody is happy.

Motor parties on the road between Los Angeles and San Diego are being greeted by millions of denizens of the air light, airy brown butterflies commonly known as the painted lady butterfly. Spring is here in all its glory, the trees are in bloom, and the California poppy is now making its golden appearance on the hillsides.

The fans who follow the knights of the roaring road are certainly getting plenty of action for their money in Los Angeles. Every Sunday, out at Ascot, the new dirt bowl recently opened, six racing events are staged which prove even more thrilling and exciting than the championship event at Beverly. On the day of the Washington Sweepstakes at Beverly, a crowd estimated at 30,000 flocked to Ascot, showing the interest taken in the sport at this track, even though a championship event was being held at the other end of the town. Tomorrow Sig Haugdahl, with his high-powered Grand Prix Fiat, will compete with Lecklider, Horey and Leon Duray in a spe-

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# LOCAL SPORTS

By ANARD W. LITTMAN

Golf, the Business Man's Sport, Is Our Weekly Topic

NOW that Spring is just about here, the average business man is finding all sorts of excuses for leaving his place of bread-earning to repair to some country club where he enjoys an exhilarating round of golf.

There is probably no better group of admirers of the Scotch sport than in America and Ventnor and Atlantic City houses an extremely ardent group of sportsmen who enjoy the healthful sport—despite its pronounced and greatly advertised advantages to give one the greatest opportunity in his life to get several words of venom off one's chest.

So it rather amused us to learn an experiment has been made, and it is found that dancing is a much more healthful sport than golf—striking as the comparison at first may seem. The middle-aged man who made the experiment was loud in his assertions that the art of dancing, after it really was mastered, proved more beneficial to the human muscles than any round of golf, anytime. He further declared, dancing is not as difficult a bit of enjoyment as it is said to be, and after a few lessons comes rather easily.

Undoubtedly the average reader will agree dancing is enjoyable, provides some exercise, and is not so difficult to learn, but there are worlds of difference in the statement—"Dancing is a more healthful sport than golf."

cial 20-lap race. De Palma will sit in the stands as spectator, as he refuses to drive his small 122-cubic inch car against the larger Fiat. There also will be a special 10-mile handicap in honor of Cannonball Baker, who last week arrived in Los Angeles with a stock Gardiner sedan, having driven from New York to Los Angeles in midwinter in the record time of 7 days 17 hours and 18 minutes. It might be mentioned that aside from the grime and dirt that was picked up on this run no adjustments or tuning up were required, the motor running as smoothly as when the car left New York.

Word comes from the Mack Sennett Studios that Ben Turpin will return to the films after an absence of five months. The cross-eyed comedian will be a member of the Northwest Mounted, and will be seen riding the snowy wastes as an invincible arm of the law. The company leaves this week for Truckee for some snow scenes, and later will go to Big Bear Lake for other exterior scenes.

John Bowers, who will star in the next Principal Pictures release, "The Winning of Barbara Worth," went to the Imperial Valley to get familiar with the locale of this charming story. Meantime other scouts are in Arizona to survey the territory described in "The Mine With the Iron Door," Harold Bell Wright's latest story.

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The basis for the difference lies in the fact golf is an outdoor sport, played under the kindly eyes of Ol' Sol, and with pleasant breezes blowing over an unrestricted area. It may be played any time during the day, and gives one a huge chance to limber up after rounds of business transactions. Since walking is said by many to be a very beneficial exercise, and since golf is actually replete with walking, the sport of golf has another point in its favor.

Dancing is too much of an indoor sport to create any interest futher than enjoyment.

*People play golf for the sport and health that's in it, and they dance for the enjoyment that's in dancing alone.*

LINWOOD COUNTRY CLUB

East and West will clash on the links in the annual spring golf championships tournament of the Linwood Country Club, scheduled to be held May 1st to 3d.

Definite dates for the titular golf tourney were announced by Dr. I. R. Beir, chairman of the tournament committee of the Linwood Club, and are published above for the first time.

C. A. Fownes, brilliant golfer, of the Oakmont Country Club, near Pittsburgh, is an outstanding star of the Western links entered in the coming tourney.

*Some of the best golfers who ever wielded clubs will be seen in the spring event.*

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ANOTHER SPRING SPORT

Now that mild weather is the daily topic of conversation in the air, the follower of sports directs his optics on the sports of the season—golf and tennis.

Atlantic City High School has recognized the tennis sport as being a major one, and the heads are intent on making it an outstanding one this season in the sporting annals of the seashore institution.

Eugene F. Allen, former Colby College tennis star, will coach the Atlantic High net team during the coming season. Mr. Allen has been faculty advisor-coach of the sport since it first originated in A. C. H. S.

The Blue and White netmen are slated to open their 1924 season Saturday, May 3, opposing East Orange High School here on the Inlet tennis courts.

Woodbury High, a rival for the South Jersey inter-scholastic net title, will meet the seashore racket wielders here Saturday, May 10, while Trenton High School will be played later in the same month. The annual South Jersey championship matches will be played in this city starting Saturday, June 7, date of the last baseball game of the high school season.

Other rivals seeking the South Jersey tennis crown are Collingswood, Camden and Bridgeton High Schools.

**Poem**  
by  
**Uncle John**



It never fails—before election—we witness in its resurrection, the hoax of by-gone days. The demagogue with hardened liver points out some poor, old, nasty river—and howls for "waterways." Of course, we have the transportation that jerks our goods across the nation, and lands 'em, double-quick. . . . It's fun to hear some jobless critter explainin' how it's vastly better to float 'em down the crick! He wants to hear the steam-boats tootin' and watch 'em, splutterin' and rootin' among the snags and bars. . . . He wants to see the palace floatin'—and tells us, if we'll do the votin' he'll junk the railroad kyars. . . . It used to set my hopes afire to listen at the campaign liar discourse on "water-ways"; I've helped elect in admiration—to come at cheaper transportation,—but them was by-gone days! So now—I stand around and shiver, and view the same old, nasty river—the smug job-hunter's pet; I watch its slippery, sludgy movement, that never showed the least improvement, and—never will—you bet!

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