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VALLEY HISTORY

The Russell Cup California's Oldest High School Track Meet

by Jon Washington

edited by Roxie Grant Lapidus

Jon Washington is in his element in recounting this story, since he is a veteran sports writer, starting back in his days at Carp High (class of '59), when he would earn a dollar apiece for scores phoned in to the L.A. Times—"A good way to earn 20 bucks in those days," he laughs. He was also a "stringer" for the L.A. Examiner, and in 1958, the Examiner ran his article on the upcoming Russell Cup, with photos by classmate Tom Munro. (We have a copy of the article, thanks to classmate Ward Small, who figures in one of the photos, along with sprinters Gary Tarman, Jim Hall, and Manuel Molina. An accompanying photo shows Neil Ablitt ready to heave the shot put!) In Jon's senior year he was a regional editor for the Scholastic Sports Assn. The SSA awarded him a scholarship to Pepperdine, and in summers he wrote a sports column for The Carpinteria Herald, and also contributed to the Santa Barbara News Press. The day after he graduated, Jon took a job with the L.A. Herald Examiner, working on the sports desk. He also taught sports writing at Cal Poly SLO for 2 summers. In 1967, when the Herald Examiner went out on strike, Jon became the publicist of the L.A. Kings Hockey Club. He eventually moved to Illinois, and worked for The Rockford Register Star. He now lives in Palm Springs. But Jon's heart has always remained in Carpinteria, as can be seen in his numerous contributions to The Grapevine. Thanks, Jon—way to go!

Thanks are also due to Ward Small, CUHS '59 who "took the baton and ran with it" once Jon sent out his appeal for memories of the Russell Cup. And Jon and Roxie would like to thank Carpinteria High School coach Van Latham for letting us quote from his impressive website that includes the complete history of the Russell Cup meet. As long-time Russell Cup volunteer and 2013 Honorary Chairman Ann Nomura has said, "I want people to know that Russell Cup would not happen without the hard work of Coach Van Latham. He is the reason that Russell Cup endures. He does so much for the student athletes, for the high school and the team, and for the track and field community. I don't think people realize all that he does."

And Van, for his part, has this to say about the enduring success of the meet: "It's a combination of great backing from the community, service clubs like the Lions, American Legion VFW and others. But even more special is the support of the school and the parents." Clearly, the Russell Cup Track Meet is part of the heartbeat of our community.

Russell Cup Centennial

On April 19, 2014, big yellow school buses from all over Southern California will roll into the parking lot at Carpinteria High School for the 95th running of the Russell Cup Track and Field Meet. Although the meet had its roots in 1913, and was officially named in 1914, the 100th running will not be until 2019, due to a hiatus during World War II, a cancellation in 1949 while the track was being rebuilt, and a rain-out in 1957. This oldest high school track meet in California has always taken place in Carpinteria, except in 1999, when the new Carpinteria Valley Memorial Stadium was under construction, and the event was held at La Playa Stadium at Santa Barbara City College. In 2009, when he was Honorary Director of the event, coach John Larralde said, *"It is simply the best track and field meet, period. I have been to Olympic Games and NCAA Championships, but THE meet is the Russell Cup."* In fact, five Russell Cup participants have gone on to the Olympics, garnering 10 gold medals, 2 silvers, 1 bronze, and one world record (Allyson Felix of L.A. Baptist, in the 4x100 relay in London in 2012). Three-time Olympic gold medalist Frank Wykoff is not included in this tally. As a student at Glendale High he did not compete in the Russell Cup, but in the 1930s, when he was hired as a teacher in Carpinteria, he helped organize the meet, ran exhibition races in it, and donated the first perpetual trophy. How did it all begin? In the early 1900s, the school year in Carpinteria traditionally ended with a picnic and foot races. In 1913, Carpinteria High School principal Francis Figg-Hoblyn and others were inspired to expand this to an athletic competition among several local grammar schools and high schools from Carpinteria and Ventura. The Carpinteria Valley News of June 6, 1913 reported: *"Saturday will be a gala day with the schools of this valley. A picnic will be given on the school ground, also a play by the children in the forenoon, and a track event in the afternoon. Visiting teams from the Hicks School and Santa Barbara are among the competitors for the relay race. This is the last year the Rincon school ground will be used for school purposes, and a large number of those who attended the institution in years gone by will be present to commemorate the passing of the Rincon School."*

The meet was such a success that it was decided to hold it again the following year, before the end of school. Howland Shaw Russell was a trustee of the Cate School

(then known as "The Santa Barbara School"), and he and his wife Katharine donated a silver loving cup to be awarded to the school garnering the most points. The Russells lived on a ranch off Casitas Pass Road (current Belle Story Farm). Curtis Cate wrote in his *School Days in California*, "We sent a team to the first Russell Cup Meet in Carpinteria on May 30, 1914, competing in

classes A, B, C, and D, and ranking second in the meet, with 64 points. Carpinteria won, with 88."

We were unable to track down a clipping of the first official Russell Cup meet, but the following year, in 1915, the *Valley News* ran a headline:

Local Lads on Tip-Toe in Anticipation of Tomorrow's Affair—110 Entrants after Big Russell Cup.

The account went on to report: *"Ten Schools have sent in their list of entries, and it is expected that two others will enter before this evening. Up to the present time there are 110 entrants, the largest number of any similar event ever held in Santa Barbara or Ventura counties. The local school loses one of its best contestants in Clark Catlin, who became 18 years of age a few days ago. It will depend on Ernest Christensen to win its quota of points in Class A, while*

Steven Ruiz, Ellis Cravens, Marshall Cravens, Donald and Beverly Bailard, Albert Ayala, John Rockwell and Sheldon Martin are expected to cross the line on enough events in the other classes to retain the cup here another year."

Howland Russell was named the referee of the meet. The judges of the finish included Ben Bailard, Curtis Cate, and board of governors member W.C. Hickey. H.S. Deadrick was one of the judges of the field events; official scorers were Hunter Thurmond and S.W. Robertson; the starter was coach T.T. Wall.

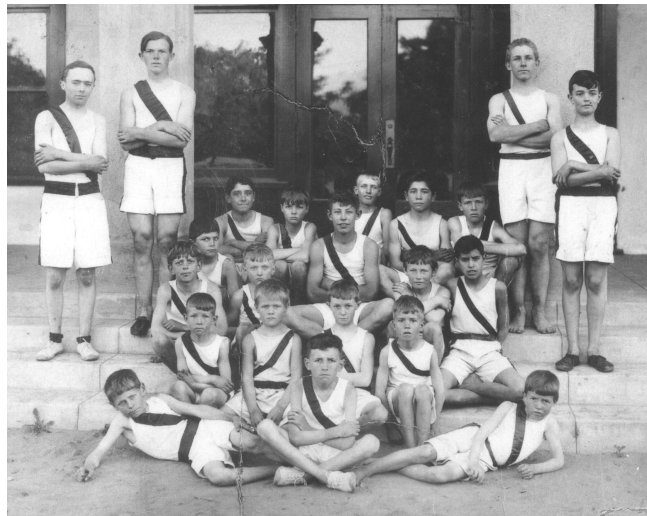
The results of the meet were reported in the next issue of the *Carpinteria Valley News*: *"The track meet for the big Russell Cup was held on the local cinder path last Saturday afternoon and was the largest event of the kind ever held west of the Rocky Mountains. Santa Barbara High School carried off the cup by one-half of a point. Her closest competitor was Santa Paula High. The meet was exciting from start to*

finish, as it was anyone's meet up to the last 3 events, Carpinteria then having 37 points and Santa Barbara, Santa Paula and Fillmore having 40 points each.

Carpinteria failed to win a point in the Class A events, so that the burden on the meet fell on the



A rare photo of Howland Shaw Russell, cropped from a larger photo published in From Grove to Cove to Grove, by Arthur Miller Clark in 1962.



The Carpinteria Union Grammar & High School track team of 1914—the first year of the official Russell Cup Track Meet. Museum archive photo.

Grammar school lads. Howard Nidever won the 50-yard dash in Class C, with George Rockwell in a close second. Young Rockwell won the 100-yard and 220-yard dashes with Charles Catlin the third runner. Young Julian Naranjo won the half mile in Class B. Macadory Deaderick won several points for his school, but was unable to nose in the first place. Beverly Bailard won 2nd place in the 220-yard dash and third in the 100-yard dash in Class D. Ellis Cravens won 2nd place in the 50-yard dash in Class C. Other local entrants listed in the paper were Thomas Ramey, Howard Nidever, John Rockwell, Willis Bailard, L. Lewis, Domingo Jimenez, A. Hernandez, Raphael Rosales, and Slim Talmadge.

Receipts for the 1915 Russell Cup were reported to be "\$77, exclusive of the season tickets which were sold a short time ago." Total expenses were \$50 (!), "the greater part being for the sweaters," which were given as awards. Also in 1915, the Board of Governors decided to allow 18-year-old students to compete. The rules of the meet would evolve and mutate over the next several decades.

World War I had begun in August of 1914, and in 1917, the US entered the war. The *Carpinteria Valley News* account of the Russell Cup that year ran on the front page side-by-side with an account of the formation of Company F of the County Constabulary, of which Howland S. Russell was unanimously chosen captain. Carpinteria won the meet in 1917, and the local paper reported, "This is the second time the local school has won the cup. Another victory, and the cup will belong to the school. It is a noticeable fact that in both victories, the greater number of points were won by the smaller lads." Among those scoring pints were Gordon Bailard, Raymond Treloar, Alfred Thurmond, Valentine Alonzo, Wilford Lewis, and Mix Vandermark. The Class B relay race "turned the fortune of the meet to Carpinteria, and was very exciting," being run by Sheldon Martin, Tom Ramey, John Rockwell and Albert Ayala. "The youngsters who made a creditable showing but failed to win a point are Burford Sheen, Donald Bailard, Donald Talmadge and Fred Humphrey, Jr."

After drilling with the Carpinteria Constabulary, Howland Russell went east to continue his military service, but died in the summer of 1918 of complications following surgery. Subsequently, the *Carpinteria Valley News* would refer to the trophy for a while as "The Mrs. Howland S. Russell Cup." In 1918 the track meet had included 15 schools and 150 athletes. Among these was a young Santa Paula Grammar School pupil named Fred Greenough. Fifty-three years later he recalled, "I ran the fifty-yard dash and won a blue ribbon. That is all I remember, except that it started my interest in track and field."

"Athletes return here as coaches, as officials, and as parents," noted Carp High teacher Joe Cantrell in 2004. This can be seen in the career of Fred Greenough, as well as in those of countless volunteers who have kept the meet going over the years.

Van Latham notes in his on-line history of the Russell Cup: "Nick Carter of Lompoc was the first Russell Cup athlete to become an Olympian. The winner of the Russell Cup mile in 1920, Carter ran the 1500 meters in the 1928 Olympic Games in Amsterdam. Carter turned to coaching after his running career and was the coach at UCSB for 33 years. In 1984 Carter donated a trophy bearing his name for the winner of the Russell Cup 1600 meters. He presented the trophy each year until his passing in 1997." In 2004, when Carp High's Joe Cantrell reflected on his own 29 years of Russell Cup meets, he recalled watching 95-year-old Nick Carter counseling Morro Bay runner Isaiah Festa, a budding international-level runner. "This meet conveys a wonderful sense of tradition and continuity," Cantrell reflected. "It is an annual celebration of sportsmanship, family, and community."

Grammar School Lads Dropped

By 1924, grammar schools were no longer included in the meet, but Fred Greenough was by then a pole vaulter for Santa Barbara High, and won a medal at the Russell Cup meet. That same year, the widowed Mrs. Howland Russell married Curtis Cate. Carpinteria had won the meet for the 3rd time in 1920, thereby becoming the first permanent possessor of the Russell Cup. Mrs. Russell had immediately donated another cup. The meet continued to grow through the 1920s, and in 1929 CIF requirements were included. That year, the Santa Barbara Dons won with 51 ½ points to Oxnard's 41 ½. Cate School was a distant third with 15 points.

As Van Latham describes it, "Cate earned 3rd place third due to the efforts of speedster Graham Hollister. He won the 100-yard dash in 9.8 seconds and the 220-yard dash in 21.2 seconds. The previous year, the winning time in the 1928 Olympic 200-meter dash was 21.8 seconds. Hollister capped off his afternoon with a 20' 11 ¾" long jump. Needless to say, Hollister's record 220 time created quite a buzz. As a matter of fact, his Russell Cup record has never been surpassed. However, he is no longer the record holder because of a technicality. In 1949, 20 years after he ran

the race, a 5-foot drop from the start to the finish of the track's 220 yard straightaway was discovered. The track was rebuilt and Hollister's record dropped."

In 1922 the meet had begun awarding medals to high point winners, with ribbons for the first, second, third and fourth place finishers in each event. In 1930, with the advent of the Great Depression, medals were replaced by sweaters supplied by the CUHS Homemaking Department. In 1934, the local post of the American Legion (renamed in 1918 as the Howland Shaw Russell Post of the American Legion) began sponsoring the meet, and the awarding of medals and trophies resumed. The medals were round, with "Russell Cup Meet, Carpinteria" inscribed around an image of Carpinteria High School. The same design continues to this day.



Howland S. Russell (center), donor of the original Russell Cup, was Captain of the Carpinteria Constabulary, or "Home Guard," during WWI. Museum archive photo.

One local student who was competing in that era was Irving "Tud" Treloar, CUHS '30. He won the 440-yard dash a number of times in both the Russell Cup as well as in other high school meets. He went on to officiate at the meet for more than 60 years, and was named Honorary Director of the 1994 meet. His two daughters, Nola (CUHS '62) and Nan ('63) were Russell Cup princesses, part of a tradition of Russell Cup royalty that started in 1938. Until 1960, this was the only way that girls could participate in the meet.

By 1932 Fred Greenough was a teacher at Carp High, and also coached track. In a 1971 interview with CUHS *El Rincon* editor Paula Bianchin, "Dr. Greenough" recalled some of the students he had coached in track: Elmer Martin, James Peterson, Ralph Wood (1935 state champion in the 880-yards), Rollie McIntyre, Pete Franco and "many more." According to Bianchin, *"He spent a great amount of time and effort in coaching the pole vaulters. The most outstanding of all the pole vaulting records was made by James Peterson in 1936 when he cleared 13' 3 1/2" when he was a senior."*

Another pole vaulter of that era was Ken Coffman, CUHS '38. He reportedly attained a height of 12 feet 3 inches—*"no mean feat in those days of unyielding bamboo poles."* When Ken was interviewed in 1980, he wryly recalled, *"Unfortunately, I was ever in the shadow of James Peterson, who was always six inches or so ahead of me."* (Jim Peterson's "long shadow" reportedly enveloped many of his contemporaries.) Ken Coffman began volunteering at the Russell Cup pole vault event in 1945, and in 1980 was named Honorary Director of the meet.

A local sprinter of that era was George Bliss, CUHS '36. He set a Russell Cup Meet record in the 660-yard dash of 1:26, which stood unequalled for eleven years. He served as a meet official for many years, and was named Honorary Director in 1972. Reminiscing at that time, he said his fondest memories of the meet were of his association with another Russell Cup great, the late Dale Schuyler.

1938 saw the introduction of Russell Cup "princesses." Two girls from each of the 4 classes at Carp High were chosen by the CUHS track and field athletes for this honor. Attired in pastel-colored dresses, the princesses would stand on the infield and bestow the awards on winning athletes. In the early 1940s, one Russell Cup Princess was Jane Franklin ('42). One of the athletes to receive a medal that year was Santa Barbara High pole vaulter and low hurdler John Bianchin. A romance was sparked between the two that endured through the rigors of World War II, when John was shot down over Czechoslovakia and became a German P.O.W. for 8 months, which included a 3-month forced road march. John returned home and married Jane in 1946, and volunteered as the official announcer for

Carp High football games and the Russell Cup Meet for the next 24 years. His "golden voice" was recognized by all the spectators and participants; if someone else took the mike, people would say, "Where's Johnny?" John Bianchin was named Honorary Director of the Russell Cup Meet in 1975.

Rollie McIntyre, CUHS '41 earned 11 varsity letters while competing in Warrior athletics, which entitled him to receive a Lifetime Pass to all home athletic contests. During World War II he served as a tail gunner in the 13th Air Force 477 Bomb Group. He returned to Carpinteria after the war, married his wartime "pen pal" Ruth Kenyon, and served as a Russell Cup official for 36 years. He was named Honorary Director of the 1978 meet.

The World's Fastest Human

Lescher Dowling, CUHS '43, grew up on Walnut Ave., just a few blocks from Carp High (current Middle School). Now aged 91, he recently wrote this first-hand account of what it was like in the 1930s:

"I attended the old two-story Mission style grammar school that sat at the corner of Palm Ave. and the Coast Highway (now Carpinteria Ave.). We shared the same playground area as the high school so we knew when it was track season because Charlie Treloar—bus driver, custodian and grounds keeper—would come out with his little two-wheeled striping machine and he and his crew would start chalking lanes around the football field. We kids were given dire warnings by Charlie about what would happen to us if we messed up his white lines. In the southwest corner of the field, pits were dug for the broad jump, pole vaulting and high jump events. The broad jump pit was filled with sand and the pole vaulting and high jump pits were filled with sawdust. My brother Ken and I knew when the BIG event, the Russell Cup Track Meet, was being held because cars from the spectators were parked up and down Palm Ave and 8th Street. Late comers overflowed into Walnut Ave. in front of our house. We and our fiends were more interested in sneaking onto the field and dodging the ticket takers than in the games themselves. We knew every tunnel through the cypress hedges that ran along 8th Street, or how to infiltrate our way between the old bus garage and the Sloyd (woodworking) shop (a little south of the new addition to the present Middle School). When we weren't dodging ticket takers, we were looking for coins dropped under the spectators' bleachers. A nickel or a dime could buy a candy bar or Popsicle.

"In 1934 Frank Wykoff, Olympic Champion and 'world's fastest human,' gave a demonstration of his speed at the Russell Cup by running the 100-yard dash in 9.7 seconds. The following year when the old grammar school was condemned, all us students found ourselves in



Frank Wykoff, the "World's Fastest Human," pictured holding his namesake trophy presented to the fastest sprinter each year at the annual

Russell Cup Meet. Santa Barbara News-Press photo, April 2, 1941 (Museum archives).

a 'tent city' school, and also found that our new Principal was Frank Wykoff."

Van Latham has this to say about the 1934 Russell Cup meet: "Katharine Russell Cate donated a new cup for the 1934 meet. The most exciting race of the day was an exhibition 100-yard dash by the 'World's Fastest Human,' Frank Wykoff. The two-time Olympic gold medalist in the 4 x 100 relay and the world record holder in the 100-yard dash was a teacher at Carpinteria Union Elementary School (Main School). He turned in a time of 9.7 seconds that day. Wykoff would win his third Olympic 4 x 100 relay medal in the 1936 Berlin Olympics. The Los Angeles Times reported 1,000 spectators at the '34 meet, while the Chronicle reported 2,000 fans, along with 800 hot dogs being sold! In 1938, Frank Wykoff, now principal of Main School, donated the Frank Wykoff Trophy for the fastest 100-yard dash each year. This was the first of many perpetual trophies to be awarded at the Russell Cup meet."

Lescher resumes, "Later, when we joined the Boy Scouts, we helped at the entry gates, in uniform, to direct people and contestants to the various sport locations. Scouts were also stationed at key locations to warn people to keep off the tracks when races were scheduled. As high school students, Ken and I helped out—raking the sand smooth after each contestant's turn in the broad jump pit, running time cards to the announcer's booth, replacing high jump and pole vault cross bars and uprighting knocked-over hurdles."

The 1941 Russell Cup of my sophomore year was the last one to be held for the duration of World War II. In 1942 we held pentathlons during our gym classes instead, with each student choosing which five out of ten events in which to participate. My 15 minutes of fame came when I tied our best distance runner John Rowe's time in the mile. That was my last track competition because I was drafted in January 1943."

Lescher's classmate Angelo Granaroli also entered the military, receiving his CUHS diploma in 1943 while serving in the air force as crew chief on B-17 and B-29 bombers. He had at one time held the school broad (long) jump record of 19 feet, 9 inches. When he was named Honorary Director of the meet in 1986, he said that he had only missed one Russell Cup Meet since World War II.

Memorial Field and a Return to Glory

Fred Greenough became School Superintendent and Principal of Carp High in 1941, shortly before the US joined World War II, and the Russell Cup meet was suspended for the duration—from 1942-1946. When the meet resumed, Superintendent Greenough was its manager. As Van Latham describes it:

"The meet resumed on a limited basis in 1947 and 1948 but was canceled once again in 1949. The second cancellation occurred under better circumstances,

though. The antiquated track and field was being rebuilt. The Carpinteria High School student body and the school board raised enough money to renovate and rebuild the old track and field. The 5-foot drop in the straightaway was rectified and Memorial Field was born. Dedicated to Carpinterians who lost their lives serving their country, Memorial Field would be the heart of athletic activity in Carpinteria for 50 years. In addition to hosting the Russell Cup for 40 years, Memorial Field hosted the CIF quarterfinals in 1951, '53, '54, '58 and '61 and the semifinals in 1952 and '54. The dirt track at Memorial Field had the reputation as being one of the fastest in Southern California."

I, Jon Washington, had the pleasure of talking on the phone with retired Ventura Junior High School track coach Tom Follis, active at the school in the 1940s and 1950s. "It was a thrill to have my boys retire the Class C Russell Cup Trophy after winning three straight years," he told me. "Unfortunately, the school burned to the ground in 1953, and the trophy went with it. The school was rebuilt as Cabrillo Junior High." Follis said he was later recruited to serve as a volunteer official for the Russell Cup by Roberta Mace, CUHS journalism teacher and longtime Russell Cup secretary. "I remember officiating at the high jump in 1959 when Oxnard High's Ray Nickleberry cleared a record 6 ft. 7 inches," Follis said. That record lasted for 35 years. "My two student helpers were Louis Panizzon and Mateo Fabbian," the coach recalled.

As Russell Cup secretary, Roberta Mace put together a student committee to help with the paperwork—2 members for each of the 4 classes. Jeff Thuner '59 remembers serving on Miss Mace's committee his freshman year. "We'd sort through the entries, that kind of thing. Before the days of computers!" he recalled.

Van continues the saga: "The 1950s saw a return to glory for the Russell Cup caused by post war prosperity and the newly dedicated Memorial Field. The 1953 meet brought back the big school, small school format. Many of the races were divided into races for schools under or over an enrollment of 1,000 students. However, field events were not broken into these categories.

"The Russell Cup witnessed its third future Olympian in 1952. Mike Larrabee of Ventura won the 100- and 440-yard dashes at the '52 meet. He would go on to win two gold medals at the 1964 Olympics in Tokyo. Larrabee won individual honors in the 400 meters and was a member of the gold medalist 4x400 meter relay team. Ventura High School honored the former 400 meter world record holder by naming the school's stadium after him."

Lescher Dowling continues: "In 1954 I returned to Carpinteria High School to help with putting on the 36th Annual Russell Cup Track and Field Meet, this time as a teacher of General Shop. Later I took over the Print Shop when my former teacher, Joe Fraga died. One of my



Russell Cup Meet medals have remained unchanged throughout the years.
Museum collections.

assignments was Audio-Visual Coordinator. This meant my student crew helped me put up the P.A. system for the Russell Cup and all other sporting events. Also my printing classes printed the Russell Cup programs with linotype set by the Carpinteria Herald."

George Coshow, '56, recalls how staff prepared the field, using a surplus Navy flight deck tractor (Clarktor 6, used to tow aircraft). "Staff groomed that dirt track to something hot shots from the big LA schools felt happy to run on. They dragged panels of chain link fence over it, then rolled and rolled it until it was desk-top smooth and packed hard." Ward Small '59 adds, "I'll not forget the dedicated maintenance staff and the pride they exhibited in grooming, precisely marking the track, and meticulously preparing the infield. People like Ray Rollins, Sal Campos, Joe Escareno, Ray Goena, Bud Barber and John Fukasawa (Honorary Meet Director, 1987)."

Ward first participated in the Russell Cup in 1957. "Earlier that spring, encouraged by classmate Rod Soria and publications teacher Roberta Mace, I signed up for the track team. Coach Marv Stout welcomed me, and within a few days I found myself the victor in my first-ever track meet. I later experimented with the 880-yard and mile runs, and dabbled with low hurdles, but changed to sprints at the behest of coaches Mel Cokeley and Larry De Long. I ran anchor man in relays, along with Tony Perez, Charlie Kelsey and another."

Ward describes one of the "perks" of being on the team: "One morning, just before the 1958 Russell Cup, I was standing at the chalkboard in Mr. Feiock's class, working a geometry problem, when a twosome from the journalism class entered. I heard 'King' Feiock say in his southern drawl, 'Well, normally I would not permit it, but I think this is a special exception.' He then excused me to don my track uniform and meet with 4 of the 8 Russell Cup princesses (Anne Tarman, Susan Berry [daughter of CUSD Superintendent Ray Berry], Joan Erhard [daughter of coach Lloyd Erhard, Honorary Meet Director, 1976], and Karen Gavin for a publicity photo that ran in the Santa Barbara News Press.

"On the day of the meet, it was exciting to arrive at Memorial Stadium and see the plethora of yellow buses, mostly Gilligs, Crown coaches, and a host of smaller ones, all emblazoned with their respective school names, parked about the campus and adjoining streets. The variety of multicolored uniforms worn by the athletes—many big guns from the larger Southern California schools—fostered a pageantry of its own. I remember the acute butterflies of anxiety I felt until I

finally got out onto the field and involved in the first events.

"Despite any prowess I may have had, the competition was fierce and I wasn't always able to achieve the finishes I sought, though most were within the top three. My biggest disappointment was that in my 3 years of participation, I never accumulated the points to earn the coveted Barney Milne-Carpinteria Lions Club High Point Warrior Athlete Perpetual Trophy. But I knew and respected those who did—Stu Homes, Dave Pollard and Dick Sinclair in 1957, Bob Herrera in 1958, and Henry Franco in 1959."

At the 1958 Russell Cup, the unassuming presence of movie star Gregory Peck in the bleachers (attending to watch his son compete) caused a muted stir among participants. Ward had been alerted by Rod Soria and Tom Munro, and spotted Peck while warming up. Down among the princesses, Anne Tarman (Dowd) '60 also saw him: "I remember Gregory Peck in the bleachers that day—he stood out, dressed in a suit, hat and dark glasses, sitting off to the left by himself. Nobody bothered him. There were no paparazzi—people in those days didn't bombard celebrities. It was fun to sneak a little look, though!"

Two years later, girls would not just be princesses, but would compete for the first time in 2 events at the Russell Cup. The pioneers were a CUHS relay team:

Dolly Sanchez, Susanne Clawson, Irene Reveles and future Olympic hopeful Sari Small, coached by Marjorie Secrest. This was a defining moment in the meet's history, as we will see in our next installment. We will also get a glimpse of the many volunteers who have kept the meet running. Stay tuned! 🐾



Ward Small, Carpinteria High sprinter, is surrounded by the Russell Cup Princesses, from left, Anne Tarman, Susan Berry, Joan Erhard, and Karen Gavin, in this publicity photo promoting the Russell Cup Meet of 1958. Santa Barbara News-Press photo.

MUSEUM NEWS

SPRING MUSEUM MARKETPLACE

The **Museum Marketplace** will be held on **Saturday, March 29 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 P.M.** Bargains and treasures abound from our 70 vendors of vintage goods, antiques, collectibles, plants, books, clothing, jewelry, furniture, and much, much more!. As always, we appreciate your tax-deductible donations of items to the museum's used treasures booth. Donations may be dropped off at the museum's back patio at any time. Future Marketplace dates are **April 26** and **May 24**.



CALIFORNIA SCIENCE CENTER TRIP ANCIENT POMPEII & ENDEAVOUR EXHIBITS

We have planned an exciting excursion to the **California Science Center** in L.A.'s Exposition Park on **Thursday, June 19** to view the new blockbuster ***Pompeii: The Exhibition***, as well as the inspiring history of the space shuttle— ***Endeavour: The California Story***, in its new home in the science center's Air & Space Museum. Upon first arriving at the museum, we will receive special ticketed admission to travel back in time to the year 79 A.D., when Pompeii vanished beneath thick layers of volcanic ash left by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. But what nature destroyed, it also preserved.

Pompeii: The Exhibition features over 150 precious artifacts on loan from the Naples National Archaeological Museum in Italy, which offer a glimpse into the opulent lifestyle and tragic end of this ancient Roman society forgotten for centuries until its rediscovery over 250 years ago. From garden frescoes and marble statues to



Gladiator helmets and shin guards, coins and currency to religious altars and shrines — all set in their original surroundings — experience daily life in this once vibrant Roman city. Then, as the floors shake and the walls rumble, relive the volcano's catastrophic eruption through an immersive CGI experience, culminating to reveal full body casts of twisted human forms, asphyxiated by extreme heat and noxious gases and forever frozen in time.

HISTORY: The ancient city of Pompeii was situated in southern Italy's west coast region of Campania, near the bay of Naples. Today, the ruins of Pompeii are located inland near the modern suburban town of Pompei (now written with one 'i'). Pompeii was a cultured and vibrant city rich in architecture, complex infrastructures, and exquisite works of art, and was home to 25,000 inhabitants. Its location also allowed for it to become a rich agricultural center, a vital seaport, and a booming commercial hub. The city hosted theatrical and sporting events and built luxurious public baths. Wealthy Roman visitors came to enjoy the lavish Mediterranean lifestyle that Pompeii offered.

In 62 A.D. an earthquake rattled Pompeii, but citizens rebuilt the city, not suspecting the looming disaster. On August 24, 79 A.D. Mount Vesuvius erupted in the morning and the surrounding landscape had been changed forever. Within a span of 24 hours, Pompeii was completely buried under 12 feet of ash and stone, the river and port were gone, and Vesuvius was a crater. Pompeii and its secrets laid buried for the next 1,650 years until around 1711 when a farmer, sinking a well, struck Herculaneum's ancient theater, in which he found ancient marble sculptures. An Austrian general acquired the land, had deep tunnels dug and for two years plundered the site for antiquities. Subsequent archeological excavations have preserved much of Pompeii's history; Pompeii was finally declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1997.

Endeavour: The California Story On October 30, 2012, Space Shuttle Endeavour opened to the public in the Science Center's newly built Samuel Oschin Pavilion. In the Pavilion, guests are able to see Endeavour up close and discover some of the science behind this amazing space vehicle. The Pavilion also features SPACEHAB, a workshop for astronauts while in space, and a space shuttle main engine (SSME) which helped push the shuttle into orbit. Before entering the Pavilion, guests will be able to enjoy an



introductory experience, ***Endeavour: The California Story***, which celebrates Endeavour's many scientific achievements and its strong connection to California, where all the orbiters were built. ***The California Story*** includes images of Endeavour under construction locally in Palmdale and Downey, as well as artifacts that flew into space aboard Endeavour. Also on view is the Rocketdyne Operations Support Center (ROSC), which monitored the first 8.5 minutes of every shuttle launch, Endeavour's space potty and galley, and the tires from STS-134, Endeavour's final mission.

Join us on this extraordinary journey that allows us to peer into the ancient past and then fly into the future of space exploration. **We will depart the Carpinteria Museum at 8:30 a.m. and return by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 19.** Trip cost for historical society members is just \$49; guests and nonmembers are \$59. Price includes deluxe motorcoach transportation, special ticketed admission to ***Pompeii: The Exhibition***, admission to the ***Endeavor*** exhibit and the rest of the California Science Center, and refreshments aboard the bus. A no-host lunch is available at the museum's café. **Call David to reserve today, 684-3112;** or, fill out the reservation form on the back of this newsletter and return with your check. Don't miss out; reserve today!! ☺

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