

BOXING NOTES

Strickland Putting on Weight
Importations In Australia + Joe
And The Golden Eggs



TOMMY GRIFFITHS was a great little fighter in the days gone by. He hailed from Dunedin, the home of boxing in the South, and jumped into prominence very soon after he started boxing. It was not long before he became feather-weight champion of the Dominion. When he met the Australian Billy McAllister in the Palmerston North ring, in a ding-dong battle, he covered himself with glory by out-pointing the Aussie over fifteen rounds. Tommy is still in his home town and is doing well.



The Australian boxer Merv. Willis is one who believes in keeping fit in case something in the way of a contest turns up. He is very eager to start the season for any Association wanting a star performer. He is training in Auckland.

Joe Louis has fought himself right out of opponents and his manager is now concerned about keeping Joe "laying the golden egg." The champion is said to be a poor exhibition performer. It seems he is only imbued with the fight-to-win instinct in the ring, so any suggestion of barnstorming is out of the question. Since Louis stopped Johnny Paychek in a round and a-half recently, and no others of his calibre are in the offing, it

HOW MUCH DID YOU KNOW?

Here are the answers to the questions on page 27.

SUNDAY: "The Bell Song," from "Lakme" (Delibes) (2YA at 8.6 p.m.)

MONDAY: "A Thousand and One Nights" (Strauss), the Intermezzo of which is in 4YA's dinner music

TUESDAY: "Comin' Thro' the Rye" (Traditional) (4YA at 8.11 p.m.)

WEDNESDAY: Bruno Walter, conductor (3YA at 9.25 p.m.)

THURSDAY: "The Yeomen of England," from German's "Merrie England" (4YA at 8.39 p.m.)

FRIDAY: George Baker, baritone (3YA at 9.29 p.m.)

SATURDAY: Alice Delysia (1YA at 9.51 p.m.)

Recorded Personalities in Caricature (15): Peter Dawson, baritone.

seems that Joe is destined to lay off until another worthy contender is born. In any case it is said that both Louis and his manager are anything but "hard up."

Ambrose Palmer is still in the lime-light as an athlete, but is now confining his activities to sprint running and coaching a youngster or two.

Importations to Australia have not raised any wind during the past month and the Australian boxers have proved more than a match for most of them. Joe Hall, who was in New Zealand some years ago, recently defeated the American Dave Lefton, and Alan Westbury took a points decision over Hughie Dwyer's American importation, Leon Zorita.

No more has been heard of the Strickland-Richards contest, either in

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New Zealand or Australia. Strickland has now gone up to more than fourteen stone. As Richards is a legitimate middle-weight, such a big difference in the weights would not make for even matching, even though many consider that the Australian would win.

In the latest rankings Strickland is shown as fifteenth on the list while Tony Galento is shown as the logical contender for the world heavy-weight crown. It is apparent that Tony's second round knock down of Louis in their bout last year, earned for him this honour.

Harry May is now in Auckland. In a contest with Gene Volaire in the distant past, Harry suffered an injury to his left eye and just recently had it removed

and replaced by a glass one. May was a light-weight champion of worth in his day.

Centennial One-Act Play Competition

The attention of our readers is drawn to an advertisement appearing in this issue announcing the organisation which has been arranged by the Centennial Branch of the Department of Internal Affairs in collaboration with the British Drama League and the Auckland Drama Council, to give effect to the decision of the Government to include in its programme of National Centennial Celebrations a festival of community drama. The festival will take the form of a competition in which play-acting groups in all parts of the Dominion should be interested.

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