

(pro) as the teacher's pet. "Ballet of Youth" included visiting stars Gretchen Merrill and Polly Blodgett. Then in succession came "The Debut", "Collegiate", "The Engagement", "Travels in Later Years", and "Memories of Youth". Visiting amateurs: Singles—Gretchen Merrill, Joan Tozzer, Polly Blodgett; Pairs—

Joan Tozzer and M. Bernard Fox. Professionals: Phyllis Thompson, Dick Salter, Andree Joly and Pierre Brunet. Local stars: 4-year-old Helen Platt and 84-year-old Dr. Leete (somewhat of a record in ages!)—as well as club members in a six, an eight and many larger groups. Mari-bel Vinson Owen—Director.



The Pacific Coast Championships

JACQUELINE J. ALLEN

Oakland Figure Skating Club

THE PACIFIC COAST CHAMPIONSHIPS take their place in the annals of the skating past and a new set of champions may rest on their laurels until another season. Sponsored by the Oakland Figure Skating Club, the two day meet drew seventy-four competitors and many enthusiastic followers from all sections of the Coast.

On Friday and Saturday morning school figures for the three adult classes, in the late afternoons juvenile school figures, dance eliminations, and four preliminaries (California's first Four event), and Saturday evening the grand finale of free skating, colorful, intense and exciting—such was the program for March 29 and 30.

IN THE JUVENILE DIVISION for skaters under thirteen, Norman Polse and Bobby Redding took first and second respectively, while tiny Carlie Licht, an ever present source of hilarity with his invisible tracings, came third. The Girls' was a more serious affair in which Louella Ettinger skating a remarkable free program for such a small girl, overcame Sue Allen's school figure lead to win with Sue in second place.

Beverly Licht, not much bigger than brother Carlie, but skating good figures and an excellent free program, took the

Ladies' Novice title over Margaret Field, a close second. Jack Mite won the Men's Novice with Neil Rose second.

The Ladies' Junior title went to Los Angeles, thanks to Donna Atwood who skated a scintillating program to win over Marcella May, who had led in figures. Meryl Baxter built up a good lead in figures and then skated a solo full of the jumps for which the Baxter brothers have become famous and won the Men's Junior, while George Monnier came second.

IN THE SENIOR CLASS, matter-of-fact Ramo-



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na Allen took time from her self-appointed accountant's job to pile up a school figure lead which neither Britta Lundequist, skating a thrilling exhibition, nor Jean Sturgeon, also skating beautifully, could overcome. The Galbraith brothers, sole contestants for the Men's Senior vied with each other in a battle of spins, split jumps and Axels with Murray outdoing Sheldon.

The Junior Pair from Pikes Peak—

Patty Vaeth and Jack Mite—came near to stopping the competition the audience was so enthusiastic, and without question they presented one of the most outstanding programs the Coast has ever seen.

Jean Sturgeon and Murray Galbraith won the Senior Pair; the two Galbraiths with Jean Sturgeon and Margaret Field won the Four; Barbara Ann Gingg and Drexel Gibbins retained their Dance

Championship to complete the competitions.

THOUGH WHAT HAPPENS ON ICE is the major factor of a skating competition, the judges' meeting (with visiting National Judge Heaton Robertson leading the group) before the Championships at which

the importance of judges helping each other by meetings, discussion groups and schools was emphasized; the general meeting of club officials, the first of its kind on the Coast; and the Judges School following the competitions, were significant and will undoubtedly prove of value in the future of the western skaters.

Ladies' Senior

1. Ramona Allen, *Oakland F. S. C.*
2. Britta Lundequist, *Seattle S. C.*
3. Jean Sturgeon, *All Year F. S. C.*

Men's Senior

1. Murray Galbraith, *Skate & Ski Club.*
2. Sheldon Galbraith, *Skate & Ski Club*

Ladies' Junior

1. Donna Atwood, *Los Angeles F. S. C.*
2. Marcella May, *Skate & Ski Club*
3. June Rasmussen, *Oakland F. S. C.*

Men's Junior

1. Meryl Baxter, *Oakland F. S. C.*
2. George Monnier, *Skate & Ski Club*
3. Bill Udell, *Oakland F. S. C.*
4. William Hart, *Skate & Ski Club*

Ladies' Novice

1. Beverly Licht, *St. Moritz I. S. C.*
2. Margaret Field, *Skate & Ski Club*
3. Zoe Longfield, *Skate & Ski Club*
4. Dory Ann Killian, *Los Angeles F. S. C.*
5. Patty Vaeth, *Pikes Peak F. S. C.*
6. Patty Sonnekson, *Pikes Peak F. S. C.*
7. Rozanne Bassett, *Seattle S. C.*
8. Peggy Egan, *Skate & Ski Club*

Men's Novice

1. Jack Mite, *Pikes Peak F. S. C.*
2. Neil Rose, *Oakland F. S. C.*
3. Edward Bodel, *Skate & Ski Club*
4. Albert McNulty, Jr., *Skate & Ski Club*
5. William Hoyt, *St. Moritz I. S. C.*
6. Marcus Nelson, *Oakland F. S. C.*
7. Fred Sturgeon, *Oakland F. S. C.*

Ladies' Juvenile

1. Louella Ettinger, *Los Angeles F. S. C.*
2. Suzanne Allen, *Oakland F. S. C.*
3. Gloria Licht, *St. Moritz I. S. C.*
4. Constance Bissell, *St. Moritz I. S. C.*
5. Beverly Fields, *Oakland F. S. C.*
6. Anna Regalia, *San Francisco F. S. C.*

Men's Juvenile

1. Norman Polse, *Oakland F. S. C.*
2. Robert Redding, *Oakland F. S. C.*
3. Carleton Licht, *Skate & Ski Club*
4. Douglas Tyler, *Oakland F. S. C.*

Senior Pairs

1. Jean Sturgeon, *All Year F. S. C.*
Murray Galbraith, *Skate & Ski Club*
2. Dorothy and Ralph Beymer
Seattle S. C.
3. Margaret Fields and Sheldon Galbraith
Skate & Ski Club

Junior Pairs

1. Patty Vaeth and Jack Mite
Pikes Peak F. S. C.
2. Shirley Davies and Claude Gilker
Los Angeles F. S. C.
3. June Rasmussen and Bill Udell
Oakland F. S. C.
4. Beverly Licht and Albert McNulty, Jr.
Skate & Ski Club

Dance

1. Barbara Ann Gingg and Drexel Gibbins
St. Moritz I. S. C.
2. Edith Musser and Howell Janes
St. Moritz I. S. C.

THE MAY ISSUE will be published late in that month. It will contain a report of the U. S. F. S. A. Annual Meeting, results of the Photograph Contest, the final chapter of the "Carnival Merry-Go-Round," a story on the Pacific Coast Championships by Heaton R. Robertson, and a list of tests passed during the past season. The deadline for editorial contributions and reports will be May 3.