

reminiscences, or anything else that seems pertinent regarding members of the iron game who have passed away. Do not assume that others have sent us the clippings or obituaries. We, along with Joe Roark, will then do our best to make sure that the major magazines are notified.



Correction: Volume 1, Number 2 of IGH credited Gene Jantzen with winning the 1941 Mr. California contest. The winner in 1941 was Harold Zinkin; Jantzen was second.



This issue concludes Joe Roark's listing of the dates on which various significant events occurred in the iron game. He makes no claim that the events listed are the most significant, only that they are as accurate as he was able to make them. They represent careful research and cross-checking. If you have any additions to make, please send them to him and, in time, if he accumulates enough, we will repeat this feature.

March

- 1: 1902 Hackenschmidt came to England.
1903 Charles A. Hise wed Amy Banta (Joe Hise's parents).
- 2: 1930 Rigoulot cleaned and jerked Apollon Bell.
- 5: 1881 Jacques Roumageon born.
1872 Prof. Adrian Schmidt born. Died Feb 28, 1944.
1913 Mary Willianson, 19, wed Bernarr Macfadden, 45.
1920 Armand Tanny born.
1949 Bob Peoples deadlifted 725 1/2 (or March 4th?).
- 6: 1894 Sandow performed for Edison's motion picture.
- 11: Kurt Saxon born. Died Sept 5, 1952 (Born 1884).
1896 Hans Beck won European lifting championships.
1950 Dinner held honoring John Davis.
- 12: 1920 Wilhelm Turk died. Born May 10, 1857.
1927 Keith Stephen born.
- 13: 1931 Lillian Leitzel(1) fell to her death.
- 14: 1865 Paul Pons born. Died relatively young by drowning.
1893 Milo Steinborn born. Died Feb 9, 1989.
1940 George Hobby bent pressed the Rolandow dumbbell.
1974 Gene Dubuque died.
- 15: 1866 Prof. Anthony Barker born: died 1973.
1924 Louis Attila died, or died March 24th. Born July 2, 1844.
1936 John Grimek gave a lifting demonstration at the Illinois State Championships in Chicago; bodyweight 188; press 242, snatch 225 1/2, C&J 302 1/2.

Ed note: Mark Henry continues to train on the Olympic Lifts and was featured in July in *Sports Illustrated* magazine. Mark is now living at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs. After winning the Collegiate Nationals and setting three American snatch records in the junior division, Mark went on to place a disappointing sixth in the Junior World championships. He has reduced his bodyweight to approximately 370, yet on a trip to Austin he recently cleaned 440, a personal record.



The recent passing of several major figures in the iron game--Oscar Heidenstam, William T. Coggins, Charles A. Smith, Joe Mills, Bert Assirati, etc—has impressed upon all of us here at *Iron Game History* the need for a “central clearinghouse” of information related to members of the iron fraternity. As Joe Roark wrote to us recently,

“Our sport is not one whose achievements are recorded in daily newspapers, or bi-weekly magazines, and so when someone in our sport passes away, it may well be three months or more before it is reported in the major magazines-if someone thinks to notify them.

“I'd like to see IGH become a clearinghouse for this sort of material. I'd like to see us make sure that the greats of our game get proper coverage.”

We think Joe's idea has considerable merit, but to make it work we need your help. Please send to us, or to Joe, any newspaper clippings, obituaries, photographs, if you have them, and any biographical information,

- 16: 1856 Duncan C. Ross born.
- 17: 1882 Herman Saxon born. Died 2, or 12th 1961.
1900 D. P. Willoughby born; died Jan 17, 1983.
- 20: 1918 W.L. Travis teeth-lifted 311 pounds.
1942 Ken Waller born.
- 21: 1879 Josef Steinbach born. Died Jan 15, 1937.
1918 Santo Leone born.
1953 Paul Anderson's second lifting contest: 300-250-325-won.
1974 Bob Jones died. Born Feb 20, 1904.
1974 Sergio Oliva on the "Tomorrow" show.
1988 Harold Ansorge died. Born 1917.
- 23: 1950 Oscar Matthes died. Born Sept 29, 1863.
- 24: 1933 Goemer—two arm front holdout, 121 pounds.
1934 Clevio Massimo, age 43, posed in Maryland.
- 25: 1872 Horace Barre born. Died 1918.
1938 Roger Eells' 14 futile attempts to bent press Cyr dumbbell.
- 26: 1966 Tony Terlazzo died. Born 1911.
1966 Vic Nicoletti died.
- 27: 1880 Hector Decarie born. Died June 30, 1954.
1883 Dowd's 1442 1/2 pound hand and thigh lift.
1912 Charles A. Smith born. Died Jan 29, 1991.
1953 Marvin Eder pressed 325 pounds.
1965 Tom Sansone performed muscle control at John Fritshe's show in Philadelphia.
- 28: 1891 First "world's" weightlifting competition; held in London. No "foreigners" competed.
1978 Joe Bonomo died. Born Dec 25, 1901.
- 31: 1909 "Paris" died. Born 1850.
1932 Lud Shusterich born.
- April**
1:1880 Stanislaus Zbyszko born. Died Sept 23, 1967.
1896 Louis Cyr won lifting contest with August Johnson.
1923 Dan Lurie born.
1946 Vince Gironda opened his Hollywood gym.
1978 Bill Reynolds began working for Joe Weider.
- 2:1867 Eugen Sandow born. Died Oct 14, 1925.
1916 Donald Dinnie died. Born July 8, 1837.
1946 Alan Stephan discharged from the Navy. Two months later won Mr. America.
- 4:1957 Paul Anderson's two week engagement at the Mapes Hotel began in Reno, Nevada.
- 5:1918 Juan Ferraro born. Died 1958.
1935 Hackenschmidt arrived in America from England.
1940 John Davis bent pressed Rolandow dumbbell.
- 1984 Tom Bruno died. Born July 27, 1914.
- 7:1880 Joe Lambert born.
1881 Dudley Sargent wed Ella Ledyard.
- 8:1888 W.A. Pullum born. Died Aug 29, 1960.
1903 Arthur Saxon's first public record in the bent press, 314 pounds.
- 9:1859 Franz Stahr (Stohr) born.
1937 Sieg Klein's first success bent pressing the Rolandow dumbbell; did it again the following day on his birthday.
1979 Gerard Nisivoccia died, age 73.
- 10: 1902 Sieg Klein born in Thom, W. Prussia, Germany.
1912 Bob Harley born.
12: 1961 Theodore Siebert died. Born Oct 25, 1866.
- 13: 1891 Hermann Goerner born. Died June 29, 1956.
- 14: 1873 Heinrich Eberle born.
1879 Jean Le Breton born.
- 15: 1926 Joe "Mighty Atom" and Leah Greenstein became American citizens.
- 16: 1859 Charles Sampson born.
- 17: 1946 Abe Boshes died.
1965 Pat Casey bench pressed 570.
1966 Bill Pearl appeared on Groucho Marx's show "Hollywood Palace."
- 18: 1915 George Redpath born.
- 19: 1927 Val Pasqua born.
1933 Karl Swoboda died. Born July 1882.
- 20: 1933 Arthur Gay, slow curl, 142 pounds.
- 21: 1840 Georges Jagandorfer born.
1912 Frank Leight born. Died 1990.
1927 Pepper Gomez born.
- 22: 1866 John Y. Smith born. Died 1956.
- 23: 1932 Vic Seipke born.
1973 Buster McShane died.
- 24: 1893 Roy L. Smith born. Died Aug 1, 1970.
1961 Joe Weider wed Betty.
1963 Floyd Page died, age 37.
- 26: 1911 Oscar State born. Died when?
- 27: 1909 George Kirkley born. Died June 30, 1989.
- 28: 1878 Arthur Saxon born. Died Aug 6, 1921.
1989 James Douglass died. Born May 12, 1911.