



**BOXING SCHOOL** — Ossie Sussman looks on as James Fasino, 9, of 97 Bloss St., punches bag in Ossie's boxing school at 585 Monroe Ave. Other lads are Bob

Holley, 12, of 135 Ave. A, and John Emmel, 55 Reservoir Ave. Sussman's idea is not to develop future boxers but to give the young lads confidence in themselves.

## He's Out to Kayo Delinquency

### Boxing Instructor Knows Value of Confidence

By DICK TRABOLD

**MANY PEOPLE** consider boxers or former boxers as rough, tough, uncouth persons whom they would not invite to tea.

That maintains in some cases, but in most it doesn't. Boxers and ex-boxers in the majority of cases are just as alert, mentally and physically as the next fellow.

Rochester has a former ringman who conducts a School of Boxing and, although it is a business, he does a vitally important job in combatting juvenile delinquency. He's Ossie Sussman, 982 Harvard St., and his gymnasium is at 585 Monroe Ave.

Ossie explains it this way:

"I was born on Thomas Street, in one of the toughest neighborhoods in the city. The kids were tough—so tough they called them the Thomas Street Terrors. I was never tough myself. I lacked confidence. I managed to avoid trouble and fights, possibly because of my lack of confidence.

"Then a fellow who was a boxer, realizing my lack of belief in myself, took me in hand and taught me to box so that eventually I could lick the neighborhood bully. That fellow

is Tony Vincent, who later was my manager when I boxed as an amateur and professional. As an amateur I won the Western New York lightweight championship in 1939. As a pro I wasn't a topnotcher, but did all right.

"After leaving the ring, I remembered the way Tony Vincent had given me that confidence I needed, and opened my gym. I'm not running it to develop boxers. I'm running it to give kids, youths and even older men the confidence they need. Many of them come from broken homes, or are lads who, without some sense of their own ability and personal importance, might be sent to a reform school.

"My classes total some 200. There is a class for boys 7 to 12, one for those 13 to 18, and another from 19 up. I have fellows in their 30s in that one.

"I have worked with the Police Athletic League and, most importantly, with Capt. Henry Jensen, who heads the Youth Bureau. He has sent me lads who need what I can give them."

Lou's wife is the former Rosalind Cohen, daughter of Ike Cohen, one of the original Rochester Centrals basketball team.

## Charlotte Cagers Of 1923-24 Hold Reunion Thursday

The Liederkranz Club will be the scene of a reunion Thursday night of the Charlotte High basketball team of the 1923-24 season. Elbert Angevine will be master of ceremonies and Joseph T. Adams, ex-city sports editor, will be the guest of honor. The Rochester Times-Union will be the featured guest.

Members of the 1923-24 club, coached by Carl Chamberlain, can confirm reservations by contacting Bob Decker, 308 Plymouth Ave. S., or by calling HAMILTON 6-1837.

Club members expected to attend are Gordon Howe, Wis Henry, Ernest Doty, Milt Punnett, Charles McLaughlin, Tom Gaffney, Vic Carr, Jack Vaughn, along with managers Decker and Monk Hughes, trainer Marty Callahan, and Chamberlain.

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