

# Behind The Play In Sports

BY DON DE LEIGHUR

NEW YORK — Edwin B. Henderson of the public schools of the District of Columbia asked that I note the boxing situation in the capital of the nation as regards the Amateur Union. The whole story is a sad one and shows clearly the dismal picture of race discrimination, prejudice, and segregation as it prevails in the shadow of the White House.

Amateur boxing got its biggest lift from the fists of a Negro boy, Joe Louis Barrow, who came out of Detroit to focus the attention of the nation on the Simon Purse. The Brown Bomber, whose rise to the world's heavyweight championship has been a source of inspiration all over the world, has brought respectability to the boxing game and fame to America. Louis began his career as a Golden Gloves boxer and since that time Negroes have been snipped from all over the country to go into the game, several of whom have won prominence and fame.

**AMATEURS PROVING GROUND**

Boxing, like professional baseball and other sports, depends on the so-called farm system on which to draw its stars and headliners. While amateurs are certainly not controlled by professionals, they do provide the proving ground for professional attention at later stages in their careers.

In Washington, D. C., however, the local Negro boys are denied the chance to enter the Golden Gloves Sponsored by the Times Herald Welfare Association, the Washington Golden Gloves Amateur Boxing Tournament bars Negroes with the left-handed sanction that it would welcome colored boys, but is prevented by the control over amateur sports by the Washington branch of the A. A. U.

To conduct a boxing tournament, a sponsoring organization must receive a sanction from the local branch of the A. A. U. Then all amateur athletes must pay a registration fee of \$25 to the A. A. U. In return, these boys are guaranteed the right to engage in any contest sanctioned by the A. A. U. in its jurisdiction. By using the sanctioning power to deny the right of a sponsor to hold inter-racial contests, the Negroes and white boys are deprived of the rights their memberships provide.

**WHAT'S WRITTEN ON BACK**

The way I understand it, when the Washington branch of the A. A. U. grants sanction to a sponsoring applicant, it charges \$10 for the sanction but writes on the back of the sanction the following: "The registration committee of the District of Columbia Association of the Amateur Athletic Union does not sanction mixed racial competition or exchanges in any sport under its jurisdiction."

**SPORTS OUT OF ADAM'S HAT**

**CHARLIE HYATT, DITT STAR, SCORED OVER 300 POINTS DURING THE 1927-28 SEASON—BUT HIS ACTUAL PLAYING TIME ONLY AMOUNTED TO 21 GAMES**

**DORIS ANDERSON OF THE ELCO-RADO ARKANSAS HIGH SCHOOL TEAM, SCORED 106 OF HER TEAM'S 120 PTS AGAINST WESSON HIGH, FEB. 14, 1930!**

**JAN. 30, 1910, A TEAM FROM BUFFTON, IOWA, BEAT ONE FROM CELINA, OHIO, 138 TO 0—THERE WERE ONLY ONE FOUL IN THE GAME!**

## Coach McLendon Says His Team Is 'Very Green'

DURHAM — "Green enough to grow!"

Yes, that's North Carolina College's 1945 Eagle cage squad. And one man who really and truly hopes the cagers do grow is Coach John B. McLendon.

McLendon, the "Grim Weeper from Kansas" who claims the untruth that he was last season when his Eagles, is a sadder and wiser man than he was last season when his wonderful "Iron Five" won 16 of its 17 games, losing only to Lincoln, Pennsylvania, in New York in a post-season tilt.

Sixty-two wins in sixty-eight contests in 4 years is the Kansas' record at North Carolina. No other team in its conference can boast such an imposing array of wins.

Fans in the Tar Heel State are accustomed to winning basketball teams at State and McLendon this year, more than ever, is being pushed to defend his remarkable string of victories.

Last year when his forces were depleted heavily by injuries, losses to the draft and war plants, wise areas were saying he could not make the proverbial mountain out of the well-worn mole hill. But he did! Can he do it again?

In Captain Floyd "Cootie" Brown and James "Boogie-Woogie" Gardner, a lackadaisical youngster of deceiving speed and ability.

Richard Miller, Stanley Burt, and Harold Hunter.

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## PIEDMONT OFFICIALS MEET IN DURHAM FOR TENTH SESSION

DURHAM — R. D. "Navy" Armstrong, of Rocky Mount, W. F. Butler of Winston-Salem and Frank G. Burnett of Durham were re-elected president, vice president and secretary-treasurer respectively at the 10th annual meeting of North Carolina's Piedmont Board of Officials held here Saturday at North Carolina State College.

John B. McLendon, Jr., director held here Saturday at North Carolina College, conducted a special rules interpretation session in the college gymnasium following the regular business session.

Officials attending the sessions included J. E. Lytle, W. J. Latham, P. H. Williams, W. H. Peace, D. H. Keck and C. J. Barfield of Raleigh; Jerry Johnson, W. M. Jones and L. H. Robinson, Fayetteville; J. M. Miller and R. O. Komegaya, Wilson; A. H. Peeler and F. A. Jackson, Greensboro; F. E. Corway, Salisbury; J. T. Locke, Zebulon; R. D. Armstrong, Rocky Mount; W. F. Butler, Winston-Salem; and J. H. Malloy, H. H. Riddick, F. G. Burnett, C. J. Mabrey and J. B. McLendon, Jr., Durham.

## N. C. EAGLE CAGERS DEFEAT FT. BRAGG 73-24 IN OPENER

DURHAM—North Carolina State College's Eagle cagers defeated the Ft. Bragg 73-24 here Saturday night in the season's opening tilt for the Tar Heel five.

Performing for the GI's were Jim Livingston of Brooklyn, former Tech High and Brooklyn Academy star; Cliff Cosby of New York City Junior College, Bill Turner of Lincoln U. Mo.; former professional player with Denver and Davenport, Iowa five; Fritz Moody, Canton, O.; Clarence Mallory of East St. Louis, Ill.; Richard Grayson of Camden, N. J.; John McElvane of Louisville, Ky., and Herbert Hobbs, of Goldsboro.

Eagle Coach John B. McLendon, Jr., sent 16 men into the contest, 13 of them green freshmen hopefuls. Galbraith and Thomas with 12 and 10 points respectively for North Carolina and Crosby and Moody with 9 and 8 tallies for the soldiers were high scorers in the contest.

Half-time score, N. C. College, 32, Fort Bragg, 15.

Officials: Burnett and Riddick.

## Activities At Chavis Heights Recreation Center

RALEIGH — The Recreational program has been progressing with much success for the winter months. There has been a very large participation in all of the activities. The Chavis Heights Center and Playground has run an average weekly attendance for the winter months of 900.

Outstanding among the Teen Age Clubs and Junior Clubs at the Center has been the work of the Junior Supervisors Girls Club. This group of young ladies serves as Junior Leaders and is active in all of the programs and activities of the Center. It was in charge, planned and conducted the Christmas Program and Christmas Tree that was held at the Center Christmas week. The fruit and candy for the children at the Christmas Tree were donated by the "Negro Business Men of the City." On the 3rd of January they took part in "The Scrap Paper Drive" that was conducted throughout the city and collected over 1000 pounds of scrap paper. At present they are conducting "Clean Week." The members of the C are as follows: Brunhilda Law, president; Lelo Jeffry, vice president; Mary McGhee, secretary; Juanita Brodie, treasurer; Cous Jeffreys, Evelyn Little, Equ Weaver, Ossibelle Brodie, Be Bevin, Vernice Miller, Mary J. eoun, Freddie Mae Williams, Hannah Patterson and Frances Robinson.

The V. O. Sipes' orchards Conover in Catawba County wrapped in colored oil paper, the holiday trade. More than 1000 such packages were marked.

**"I'm Shipping out again"**

**This is no time for a Negro Seaman to be ashore . . ."**

**JOHN B. CLARK, Third Mate**

**TWO TO BE ADDED TO PHYSICAL ED. STAFF AT N. C.**

DURHAM — Two additions will be made to the Physical Education Department at North Carolina State College here, President James E. Shepard told members of his faculty this week.

One of the additions will become assistant to John B. McLendon, Jr., director of physical education, and the other will probably be named as football coach. No indications of the identity of the men were given.

**W. VA. COLLEGE CO-ED WEBS EAGLE CAGER**

DURHAM — Announcement of the marriage of Miss Mildred Thompson, West Virginia State College Sophomore, to Willie Williams, North Carolina State College Star was made here recently by the bride's aunt, Mrs. E. T. Bradshaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams are natives of Durham and graduates of this city's Hillside High School. The couple will continue their education at their respective colleges.

The State College Extension Service is inaugurating a special series of corn demonstrations this year through the county agents to combine all the latest improvements in corn production.

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...in Washington throughout the year in professional fields, and there are no disorders or unseemly or exchanges in any sport under its jurisdiction."

According to Ed Henderson, this sanction is granted with the understanding that there will be no inter-racial competition on the program for which this sanction is given.

...and then he is a star? In Captain Floyd "Cootie" Brown and James "Boogie-Woogie" Gardner, the "Galloping Ghosts from Gary (Ind.)", the Eagles in 1944 had two of the country's smoothest cagers. With George Parks, a Lexington, Ky., guard, Aubrey Stanley, a Beaufort, N. C., 16 year old

...mous "Whirlwind" Johnson, Lincoln U. (Pa.) athlete of decade or so ago, Plymouth; Elmer P. McDougal, Jr., Chicago; William A. Gardner, a lackadaisical youngster of deceiving speed and ability.

...education at their respective colleges.

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