

Behind The Play In Sports

BY DON DE LEIGHMAN

ROWDYISM AT OUR BALL GAMES

NEW YORK — Rowdyism in Negro ball games is keeping in pace with the times. Rowdy players will attack umpires with bats, knives, and their fists find their counterparts in the stands. There you see women fighting each other, men knocking women down, and brawls springing up all over the place. The progress of the game. Complaints come in from most of the cities where Negro ball clubs operate. People take their petty quarrels and arguments into the open at Yankee Stadium and the Polo Grounds in New York. Griffith Stadium in Washington, Crosley Field in Cincinnati, Comiskey Park in Chicago, as well as Wrigley Field and Briggs Stadium in Detroit.

There they fight, cuss, knife each other, drink liquor, and carry on in an outlandish manner, making people wonder "why in the hell do I have to be identified with such a race of people?" It is not so much the fact that these senseless brawls take place in the presence of white ushers, park attendants, gatekeepers, and white fans, but it hurts because we have not learned how to behave in public. No one seems to have taken this problem into consideration, for no effective means has been advanced to cope with it. JUST MERE MATTER OF COLLECTING MONEY.

The promoters of Negro baseball have been content merely to take in the money at the box office, and off the players, put on a game, and go home. In most of the parks where the policing is done by white cops or stadium guards and attendants, the policy is to allow such brawling to continue. The logic behind this is plain. The white policeman who pulls a club or black jack and starts whaling away at a Negro engaged in the technical task of carving up another, is in a position to start a race riot, because in a crowd predominantly Negro, a white man beating another Negro for whatever cause is almost sure to incite further trouble. That is why most white policemen and stadium attendants try to leave such brawling alone.

Negro baseball has advanced many steps since the days of Rube Foster, Teddy Blount, and J. L. Wilkerson. It has grown from a two-bit affair to a million-dollar-a-year business. But it is threatened with destruction because of its own indifference to the weeds growing up around it. Negroes are number one baseball fans. Of all the sports involving team play, there are more Negroes knowing and following baseball than any other, and that is the reason why Negro baseball has been able to capitalize on the interest of the public in such players as Josh Gibson, Satchel Paige, Willie Wells, Ray Dandridge, and others.

THOUSANDS MIGRATE NORTH
Right now, there are thousands upon thousands of Negroes migrating from the South daily to such places as New York, Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Indianapolis, Washington, and other cities.

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FORMER MORGAN GRID STAR TO COACH AT A. AND T. COLLEGE

GREENSBORO — Charles W. Carter, former Morgan College star quarterback, has been named assistant to William Bell, head coach of the Agricultural and Technical College eleven according to an announcement by Dr. F. D. Bluford, president of the institution.

The Aggies face one of the heaviest and hardest schedules in their history.

However, no store will be left untaken by the mentors in their effort to lead a championship team.

A call has been issued for the veterans pigskinners and new candidates to report at an early date for initial practice and training.

The Aggies schedule for the coming season is:

HOME GAMES
Oct. 13 — A. and T. vs. Hampton
Oct. 27 — A. and T. vs. W. Va. State
Nov. 10 — A. and T. vs. Ky. State
Nov. 22 (Thanksgiving Day) A. and T. vs. J. C. Smith

GAMES AWAY
Oct. 6 — Shaw University at Raleigh
Oct. 20 — N. C. College at Durham
Nov. 3 — Morgan State College at Baltimore, Md.
Nov. 17 — Va. State College at Petersburg, Va.

Commission Against Discrimination Making Headway

NEW YORK (CNS) — Elmer Carter and Julian S. Reiss, members of the New York State Commission Against Discrimination, assigned to probe Jim Crow baseball, is reported to be making some headway.

The 2 members of the Commission are planning to confer with manager of upstate organized baseball teams.

Carter has revealed that he and Reiss have held "preliminary and informal meetings" with Larry McPhail, Yankees' president, and Branch Rickey, Dodgers' president, and intend to confer with Horace Stoneham, Giants' head.

Robinson-LaMotta Feud Still Undecided

CHICAGO, Ill. (CNS) — Hard-hitting Ray Robinson has thrice beaten Jake LaMotta but somehow couldn't knock him out. LaMotta has knocked Robinson down in their second scrap but couldn't manage a knockout.

Robinson-LaMotta matches haven't been scheduled for longer than 10 rounds.

LaMotta is being given a good hearing because of the length of the meeting. Sept. 12th's bout is scheduled to last 12 rounds. Previously, Robinson-LaMotta matches haven't been scheduled for longer than 10 rounds.

The longer schedule may work for LaMotta's advantage, who insurably makes a slow beginning but finishes strongly.

Joe Louis Mum On Army Discharge

NEW YORK (CNS) — Looking fit and young as he did when he fought Al Simon in March, 1942, Sgt. Joe Louis appeared in town this week weighing an edge over 200 pounds.

He was mum as to whether he might soon be out of the Army. But he was silent as to whether he has been secretly training hard for months.

Profits of sheep raisers and lamb feeders have been declining because of increased operating expense.

The woman who brings whiskey to parks and drink out in the open should be barred. The promoters know them because most of them come regularly to see their favorite clubs play and can be identified easily.

The men who use ball games as a place to sell whiskey which they smuggle into parks should be barred, or if caught selling whiskey, they should be promptly ejected from the park.

BRING DINNERS TO BALL GAMES

In fact, it wouldn't do much harm to get rid of the old fashioned people who bring their dinners to the ball park, as I have seen on a number of occasions. An illustrative incident which occurred 3 years ago when Frank Forbes at Yankee Stadium was searching suspects for bringing liquor along with federal men came upon an old lady with a big bundle trying to go into the park. They stopped her and opened the bundle and lo and behold, the dear old lady had a pot full of greens and a pan of cornbread. She said she had planned to be at the park all day and didn't want to miss her dinner. Whether Forbes and the FBI men ate the greens or cornbread, I do not know, but such old ladies and others like her should be discouraged from such acts.

Wilmington's City-Wide Field Day A Success

WILMINGTON — The Recreation Department sponsored a City-Wide Field Day which proved to be a grand success. On Wednesday afternoon, August 2, 1945, at Williston Primary School participants gathered from all sections of town and Maffitt Village to contest against each other. Much interest and enthusiasm prevailed throughout the activity.

The Field Day was carried out according to plans as all directors and assistants cooperated in helping to make the Field a success.

At the conclusion of the various contests, names of the winners were called, and as they paraded in parlor colts to receive a ribbon which designated the activity, and place the individual had won.

There was a double jump rope exhibition given by the girls of R. R. Taylor Homes which all enjoyed, and became captivated in.

The winners, activity, place, and sponsoring center were as follows:

Julius Martin, Horseshoe, 11-14, 1st; Williston, Peter Willis, Horseshoe, 11-14, 2nd; Taylor Homes, Charles Hankins, Horseshoe, 11-up, 1st; William Robinson, Spanish Checkers, 15-up, 1st; Taylor Homes, Harry Hankins, Spanish Checkers, 15-up, 2nd; Williston, Willie Pope, Spanish Checkers, 15-up, 3rd; Worth, Ernest Johnson, Ping-Pong, 15-up, 1st; Williston, George Davis, Ping-Pong, 15-up, 2nd; Taylor Homes, John Stanley, Ping-Pong, 11-14, 1st; Taylor Homes, Julius Martin, Soft Ball, Distance Throw, 11-14, 1st; Taylor Homes, Harry Hankins, Soft Ball, Distance Throw, 15-up, 1st; Williston, Ernest Hemingway, Potato Race, 7-10, 1st; Hillcrest, Jeanette Murphy, Potato Race, 11-13, 1st; Taylor Homes, Curtis Samuels, Potato Race, 7-10, 2nd; Taylor Homes, Peter Griffin, Potato Race, 11-13, 2nd; Hillcrest, Kenneth Waddell, Sack Race, 7-10, 1st; Taylor Homes, Norman Taylor, Sack Race, 11-13, 1st; Taylor Homes, Barb Black, Sack Race, 11-13, 2nd; Taylor Homes, David McLain, Broad Jump, 11-14, 1st; Taylor Homes, James King, Broad Jump, 15-up, 1st; Williston, Barbara Black, Jump Rope, 11-13, 1st; Taylor Homes, Dorothy Calloway, Jump Rope, 11-13, 2nd; Hillcrest.

R. R. Taylor Homes Recreation Center received the highest score, which gave them first place. For this achievement a banner will be awarded the R. R. Taylor Homes Recreation Center.

The certificate for second place was awarded the Williston Recreation Center.

SIDE-ORDERS FOR K-RATIONS
WASHINGTON, D. C. — If they can't get home right away, the GI's in the Philippines who might otherwise be limited to processed or dehydrated foods can now prepare their own victory gardens.

In the tropical climates, especially, the seeds given them at our western ports of embarkation by American Red Cross must be producing plenty of tomatoes and melons by now.

A new modified cotton fabric that will not mildew or rot has been developed by scientists of the USDA.

PLAIN TALK
(Continued from page four) no work with his hands. The easy money and gay social life, that goes with social work and protest jobs, has destroyed the pioneer spirit of the present day Negro college graduate. We should start now to de-emphasize this leadership by stressing productive opportunities in the scientific and business field. Here is where the Negro press can again assume leadership.

HOEY AGAINST FEPC
(Continued from page One) favor low wages for the South, since in all these years they have done nothing about them.

If the Southern Senators are going to help perpetuate wage differences between the North and the South, we believe the Southern Senators should voluntarily take a wage cut, to carry out the same principle. Green told Hoey.

At one point in the FEPC dispute, Senator Hoey was asked if it were not true that he opposes the FEPC because he fears it will get better opportunities for the Negro people.

At this he went into a long description of his friendship for the Negro people, and all the things he did for them as governor. He talked a great deal about education, and how he got equal pay for Negro teachers, and how North Carolina has 2,000 Negro teachers, and Negro children and white children have to go to school together. Like they do in Pennsylvania, where there aren't nearly as many Negro teachers.

The delegates pointed out to

MIKE JACOBS INSISTS LOUIS-CONN BOUT CAN BRING TOP PRICE

NEW YORK (CNS) — Bustling Mike Jacobs is definitely against the idea that a Louis-Conn match can bring so much per ticket and no more. Remarkable Jacobs scornfully said "When the class is there like a Louis-Conn match, a fight is the biggest sporting thing in the world. Bigger than any ball game, any race or whatever you name."

Continued Mike gruffly, "Right now I don't know exactly what I'd make the Louis-Conn top. It could be \$50, \$75 or \$100. It depends on where I put it. New York hasn't got a really big enough place although it belongs here. But there's one thing, I won't undervalue it. A heavyweight title fight is worth what you put on the ticket."

Senator Hoey that education alone is not enough; that it does no good to get an education if you are going to be crowded out of any decent job afterward. And as for the 7,000 Negro teachers in this state, it was pointed out that the Negro population in Pennsylvania is much smaller than it is here, so that his figures mean nothing in proving that Negroes are going to be crowded out of any decent job.

When Sen. Hoey made his crack that people should go into the jobs they are fitted for, he was asked if he meant that as soon as they get out of school, Negro girls should go into domestic service and Negro men should look forward to getting the dirtiest, worst, and lowest paid jobs in industry.

The Senator, of course, denied this, but his position in opposing the FEPC clearly shows that this is the result he would get in practice.

Despite the universal recognition need for an FEPC during the war, to provide sufficient manpower to insure victory, Senator Hoey openly declared that he was opposed to it even during the war.

In other words, he was willing to risk a Nazi and Jap victory, rather than see the Negro people get an equal chance at jobs and a decent life.

When his absolute refusal to consider a change of position on the

FEPC became clear, Senator Hoey was asked if he would at least promise not to filibuster against it. He refused, saying he was in favor of filibustering and would use any tactics he thought necessary to defeat any measure he opposed.

He was told that the CIO was against such undemocratic, fascist methods as a filibuster, but he shrugged that off, saying "You can't against it as much as you want to."

It was finally told that the situation of the Negro people is so bad, and is such a problem for the nation, that as much energy should be used by the nation in remedying it as was spent in gaining victory in the European war.

Senator Hoey was again making any such offer, offering instead the old, sour tune about time and education being enough to cure things, that the Negro people should just be patient.

On other things important to all people, white and black, Senator Hoey was not much help. He said he favored unemployment compensation, but wasn't sure that \$23 for 26 weeks was the right amount. Too much money for a jobless worker might keep him from going back to the farm, the Senator said.

It was pointed out that unless adequate cure is taken for the security and wages of industrial workers, it would do no good for people to go back to the farm anyhow. Farmers simply starve too, when the wage earners have no money to buy food.

The senator favored the full employment idea, he said, but was against the bill as it is now written, which is a favorite dodge of those who want to defeat something without being labelled as fighting against it.

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