

Around The Ring

By AYCOCK BROWN

Jack Steed, the so-called middle-weight champion of North and South Carolina took a licking and a TKO in the eighth round of a 10-round bout here at A. J. Warren's Casino boxing show on July 8. Ken "Tiger" Lewis, pugilist and scrappier deliverer of the TKO. After it was over Steed came back into the ring and stood along side James Medala, ex-Carolinian who was refereeing the bout, while the latter announced that Steed challenged Red to another encounter at some pending date. The pending date was officially announced on Atlantic Beach to be by A. J. Warren who stated that he would match them on Friday night, August 6. The bout—a 10-rounder will top the card.

Insofar as Atlantic Beach is concerned Steed can still be the middle-weight champion of the Carolinas—but not of Virginia because a Virginian brought his blood and teeth to him at this seaside resort on the date mentioned in the foregoing paragraph. Many water fight fans who saw the previous scrap between the two will probably be on hand to see who brings blood on August 6.

In the semi-finals on August 6 Tony Amaroza of Richmond, who last season proved that he was as hard a fighter as his surname is to pronounce will meet Mike O'Brien of Sanford, N. C., in eight rounds. Mike has never appeared before fans in this coastal resort but Tony has and those who remember well, recall that the Richmond Anthony can deliver the goods.

A couple of recent college boys, now pro will meet in a six rounder as a final battle for the prelims. Glen Penland of N. C. State will fight Bill Shores of Carolina.

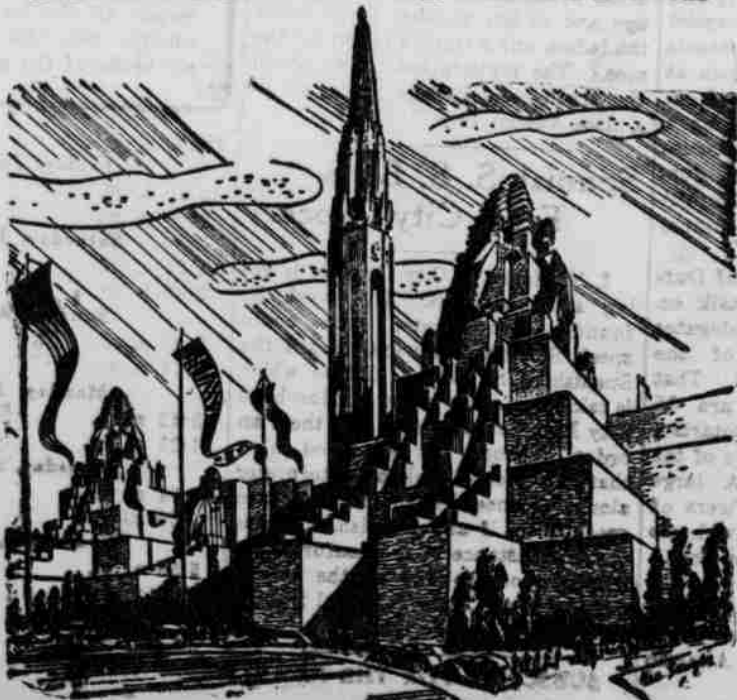
Early in the preliminaries, but a bout which should be more than "some what of a scrap, will be the challenge bout between "Gilla Kid" Eldridge of Dunn and the U. S. Marines and Henry Gillikin of Morehead City, sometimes called the fighting fisherman. Here on Friday night July 23rd, the "Gilla Kid" was kaychod by Gillikin in the second of a 4-round bout. It is thought hereabouts that even Gillikin was somewhat surprised at the result of the bout. He was challenged and somebody in the crowd of two involved feeling rather sure of victory in any return bout suggested that winner take all in their coming engagement. So the 4-rounder which will involve enough money to make the next payment on a moderately priced automobile—maybe more, it will be a challenge bout and a winner take all bout.

Teeny Finer of Morehead City will fight Russell Lewis of Richmond in a scheduled 3-rounder. Teeny is sort of fast on his feet and has a fair way of punching. Nobody in this neck of the water has seen Russell mix it so the outcome of the first prelim on the card is in the bag.

Atlantic Team Wins From CCC Boys 12-5

W. W. CLARKE
ATLANTIC, July 25—The CCC boys from Jacksonville weakened in the eighth to lose to the local team, 12 to 5. Scoring first in the second inning, Jacksonville's lead was overcome in the fourth by Atlantic's two runs. In the seventh, the local team's CC Under Hardin hit the ball over right field fence, Atlantic got two in the seventh on a walk and a couple of errors. In the eighth frame the boys from Atlantic made five costly errors, and Atlantic, getting four hits and two walks and stealing bases easily, galloped across the plate eight times.

STORIED RAMPARTS OF WORLD'S FAIR



First view of the entrance to the magic city being erected for the 1939 Golden Gate International Exposition on Treasure Island in San Francisco Bay. More than 22,000,000 persons are expected to attend the World's Fair.

By J. W. STEWART

Ray Matulewicz was offered some opposition in his fight last Friday night by one of the fastest scrappers seen in this section of the State in some time, Hunter Crostic, former AAU Champion of Virginia. In round one Matulewicz let Crostic do all of the fighting, and thus received several blows to the face and body. In round two Matulewicz gave some action but again Crostic led the fighting and got in several good blows. In the third round Crostic was fouled and time was taken out. Under the old rules Crostic would have been awarded the fight, but under the new rules time is taken out and the fight then continued. In round four Matulewicz went after Crostic with all the power within his ability. Crostic went to the floor five times in all. On two of these occasions he layed in sucking blows, while on the others he took the count of seven, eight, and nine. In the fifth round Matulewicz again went after Crostic who was still putting up a good fight, getting some good blows in. On a double cross to the body Crostic went down for the count of nine and came up in a weakened condition but striving in every way he could to get away from Matulewicz. However Matulewicz soon landed a right to the jaw and Crostic went down for the full count although he tried at the count of eight to rise on his feet but fell back to the canvas in the attempt after one minute 15 seconds of the round. Crostic was given two rounds by the referee, the 1st and the 3rd.

In the runner-up event "Red" Lewis knocked out Lee Huggins of Fort Bragg after 2 minutes of the fourth round. Huggins at the outset of the fight looked as if he would give Lewis a good fight. He used a windmill offensive with both fists which seemed to have Lewis guessing for the first two rounds. However in the fourth Lewis solved Huggins' defense and sent a good right upper cut to the jaw and Huggins was out cold for several minutes.

In the preliminary Jimmie Lucas substituted for Joe Lewis who was unable to fight due to a bad lip, and mixed it up with Jim Johnson of Winnetka, S. C. Johnson was either not a fighter, or was off color for the night as he merely stayed in the ring dodging himself and occasionally landing a blow. Johnson soon opened an old cut over Lucas' eye and the blood from this added a little zest to the bout. Lucas got a good blow to Joe's jaw in the fourth and he took the count of nine. He fought about as good the remainder of the six rounds as he had previous to this bout. Lucas was given the decision.

In the other preliminary Henry Gillikin was matched with Steele Elridge who was substituting for Buddy Thomas of Beaufort. Elridge appeared clumsy as a fighter, but managed to get several good blows in during the first round. However Gillikin soon ended it in the second round by a good half left hook to the solar plexus.

In the fatal eighth Hardin pitched a masterly game for the visitors, allowing only three safeties. It was his superior defensive play on the bases that Jacksonville Tigers could not score. After having secured only one hit in six innings of his performance, Elmer Corbett got two hits in the eighth. The Cardinals made no errors in the eighth and fifteen errors. The boys from Atlantic played a guarded game. While getting only seven hits they took six walks and made no errors (save a debatable one).

Wilt Disease Attacks State's Tobacco Crop

RALEIGH, July 28—Granville wilt, rapidly spreading into new areas, will probably cost North Carolina tobacco growers \$1,000,000 this season, estimates Dr. Luther Shaw, extension plant pathologist at State College.

Although no practical, effective cure for the disease is known at present, he said, growers can take action in check and to protect future crops from wilt.

The first step, he continued, is to identify the disease as soon as it appears in a field. Wilt causes leaves to droop or wilt, then wrinkle, turn yellow, and die. Finally the entire plant is killed.

The disease is usually found in scattered patches over a field, but a high percentage of the plants in each patch is affected. If a diseased stalk is cut in two and pressed with the fingers, a dirty, yellowish ooze will drip out.

The diseased organisms can be spread into uninfected areas by water running from one field to another, on the feet of men or animals, or on wheels or other parts of farm implements.

To check the spread of the disease this season, Dr. Shaw pointed out, growers should exercise every precaution to keep the organisms from being carried into new territory.

To protect future crops, it is advisable to start a four-year rotation with wilt-resistant crops such as corn, wheat, rye, soybeans, cotton, sweet potatoes, and melons.

These crops will give the wilt organisms a chance to die out before tobacco is planted again. On the other hand, plants like Irish potatoes, peppers, tomatoes, peanuts, ragweed, and horse nettle help keep the wilt organisms alive.

On Sunday afternoon August 1 the Pollockville Tigers will meet the local club in their second game here this season. The contest called for 3:00 o'clock, promises to be a close one.

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