

SPORTS IN BRIEF

By HANK MESSICK

AT the time of this writing the biggest sport of all is being watched and played by Haywood County. The stakes are high enough and the issue is certainly in doubt. Two million dollars is enough money to scare many people; others have been more frightened by what is being done, and not done, to the future of their children. By the time this is published the results should be known, but I can ask questions that might still apply. How many people let their love of a good fight confuse their minds as to the real question? How many carried over grudges from the past and permitted them to decide their stand on this matter? And how many stayed on the sidelines and watched, not realizing or caring that they were on the first string? Yeah, politics and elections are a traditional American sport. People expect exaggerations and card tricks, and expecting them assume all that they see and hear are nothing more. Who wins?

THE Southern Conference is having a rough time devising face-saving expressions, and the University of Maryland isn't cooperating. The SC issues a ruling refusing permission for the Terps to play in the Sugar Bowl: the Terps say "we'll play anyway." Clemson, who at least sent all the member schools a wire before accepting the Gator Bowl bid, was put on probation along with Maryland who just went ahead and accepted. The ruling is supposed to mean that other conference teams cannot play the two backsliders. However, when Maryland is one of the top teams in the country, do you suppose that many of their poor relations are going to pass up the Terps and their drawing power out of self-righteous wrath? Be refreshing to see all the teams start cancelling, but I'll be surprising too.

KENTUCKY is having trouble these days. After being rated on top of the cage, along comes Minnesota and shakes them down. Then announcement is made that Kentucky players are involved in at least one more "fixed" game and that investigation is continuing. It is all up to the governor to do something about it, however, and he may turn out to be at the races.

BACK to the question of bowls. The Southeastern Conference has refused to ban them, surprising no one, but they did put a limit, officially on spring practices. Not that I'm cynical this beautiful election morning, you understand, but spring practice is capable of many names and interpretations while you could hardly fill the Sugar Bowl by announcing that a pink tea would be held there.

BOY, was my face red! I had a story to write about a basketball game. My usual source of information was silent. I could not locate him either. In desperation I turned to the morning paper. Ah, there was the story, and even more and better details than usual. Well, a little discreet rephrasing would have done it and given the Waynesville arena what they wanted to know. I wrote, basing my story upon the facts in the paper, but, naturally, using my own words and arrangement. It was a good story, all right; there was just one thing wrong: the facts in the morning paper, including the score and the winner, were all wrong and very much so. I hereby apologize, and promise that in the future I will believe only what I read in the Mountaineer. I have established a double check by the way, that should give me the straight dope hereafter. But my face would be at home in a Christmas tree.

ANOTHER proof of the way Americans stick by the underdog is the fact that Carl Snively was elected president of the Southern Conference Football Association recently. They must expect him to be around for at least another year.

TEN college presidents voted recently to abolish post season football and thereby created an uproar. Sorta reminds me of the things that follow political scandal. Everybody howls, harsh talk flows, and then slowly the sound and fury

Clyde Splits Opener With Fines Creek

The Cardinals of Clyde High School flew over to Fines Creek Friday night to open the cage season, and returned home with one wing broken. Joe Turner's girls mauled the lassies of Hugh Constance 51 to 28, but the boys redeemed the humiliation somewhat by extracting a 28-23 victory from the lads of Fines Creek.

The girls' game was strictly no contest. At half time FC was leading by ten points, 23 to 13, and that margin widened steadily. R. Ferguson was the high scorer of the contest, of the entire doubleheader, looping 24 points through the hoops for Fines Creek. E. Rathbone swished in 14, and J. Clark got nine. For Clyde it was Shuler with 14 and McCracken with six.

In the boys' battle Limbo was high scorer for the winning Cardinals, getting 13 points, but Stevenson, who with his left-handed tosses put 12 points in, was perhaps the most outstanding player. J. Green led the Fines Creek five with 14 points; the rest of the scoring being done by Billy Rogers and J. Rathbone with nine each. Payne, however, played a very good game. His ballhandling was beautiful to watch, and he was especially good on rebounds.

The lineups, girls:
Fines Creek (51) Clyde (28)
 F—R. Ferguson (24) McCracken (6)
 F—E. Rathbone (14) Cole
 F—J. Clark (9) Shuler (14)
 G—Messer (1) Mann
 G—Leford (1) Allen
 G—M. Rogers (1) Jones
Subs: Fines Creek—D. Rathbone (2), V. Rathbone (2), B. Rathbone, P. Russell, J. Trantham, J. Ferguson, M. Trantham, Davis, K. Russell, W. Ferguson, and D. Rector.
 Clyde—Spencer, Latimer (2), Redman (2), Frady, Stamey (2), Rhodamer (2), Stamm, and Collins.
 Half score: Fines Creek 28, Clyde 18.

The lineups, boys:
Fines Creek (32) Clyde (38)
 F—J. Green (14) Stevenson (12)
 F—Billy Rogers (9) Sutton (8)
 C—J. Rathbone (9) Milner (5)
 G—Bobby Rogers (1) Jolley
 G—Davy Rathbone (1) Limbo (13)
Subs: Fines Creek—McCracken, Payne, Clyde—Rogers, Medford.
 Half score: Fines Creek 14, Clyde 15.

Wildcats Are Tall

The University of Arizona basketball squad averages nearly six feet 3 inches and 180 pounds. Tallest man on the team is Tom Cash, 6-7 sophomore forward. Shortest is 5-10½ Jack Howell, senior guard. Five of the Wildcats are 6-5 or over.

Scattered Starlings

The Old World's starlings were introduced into New York in 1890, and for 20 years remained close by, the National Geographic Society observes. Then they began spreading rapidly, settling as far away as Hudson Bay, the Pacific, and Mexico.

and the reform, fade away. It is almost as if people think that by giving the subject their attention for a few minutes, days or weeks, they have done enough and someone else should follow with some action. Of course these college presidents have no power, but they should carry a lot of weight. So far about the only result has been the decision NOT to abolish Bowls. Well, it's time I went bowling along.

Face Mask Aids Gridders



Dr. M. T. Marietta of Dallas is in the mask-making business. His protective devices have proved so successful with football players that the doctor has turned his home into a mask factory.

DALLAS — An Englishman who died two years ago was indirectly responsible for the development of a protective device which appears destined to find general use in football.

The Englishman, a farmer near Independence, La., asked Dr. M. T. Marietta, a dentist, to fashion him a plastic nose. The man had suffered a disease that had destroyed his nose.

Dr. Marietta prevailed upon another resident of Independence to be his model. The man, like the patient, was tall, thin and hollow-cheeked. The dentist made a mold of the man's face and then formed a crude plastic mask to be attached to the Englishman's face with metal hooks fitting inside the cheek bones.

The Englishman was content with the results of the experiment and wore his false nose until he died. Dr. Marietta now resides in Dallas and lately has moved to develop the face mask. Last year he fitted Bob Smith, Texas A. and M. football star, with one for protection of his broken jaw suffered in the Baylor game in mid-season. This year the entire Texas A. and M. football team has been fitted out with the masks for protection of the nose and teeth.

As soon as Dr. Marietta learned of the broken jaw sustained by Drake University's famed halfback Johnny Bright, he dispatched two of his special masks to the player.

Dr. Marietta has been virtually deluged with inquiries and orders. The University of California used 30; Tulane University, seven; Commerce, Tex., High, 21; Hardin-Simmons University, six. A high school in Marblehead, Mass., ordered one to protect the face of a star player. Bill Rippey, Southern Methodist player, has one. Dr. Marietta produced two for Jesuit High in Dallas; they were for two players who wore glasses.

Coach Ray George of Texas A. and M. is quite enthusiastic about the mask, which is made of transparent plexiglass and, while protecting the nose and teeth, does not obstruct the vision. "The mask overcomes the tendency of the football player to lower his head," says George. "That should reduce the number of injuries received by players who drop their heads when

Black Bears Divide With Crabduff

Give and take seems to be the high school cage spirit these days as seldom a doubleheader is won. Friday night it was Crabtree-Iron Duff, hereafter known on these pages as Crabduff, and Canton. Since Crabduff was host is seemed only proper and in accord with the season that the Canton girls should win. The score, however, 29 to 28, indicates that there was considerable doubt about it. The Crabduff boys came right back to emerge with a three point margin of victory, 52 to 49, over the boys of Paperville.

Messer led the Canton girls with 12 points, Johnson got seven. The losing ladies were led by a sub, Bobby Jean Bradshaw, who racked up eight. Another sub, Justice, got seven along with a regular, Bishop.

Smart reasserted himself for Crabduff and fired 30 points through the netting. Caldwell and Pope were minor guns in comparison, but they got the next highest total with eight each. Chuckin' Charlie Carpenter continued to demonstrate that his passing arm is versatile as he slashed through 18 points for the losers. Ledford was right behind with 14, and Alexander was on his heels with 12.

The lineups, girls:
Canton (29) Crabtree (28)
 F—Palen (4) Crawford (4)
 F—Messer (12) Bishop (7)
 F—Johnson (7) Haney
 G—Bentley (1) Ferguson
 G—Ford (1) Medford
 G—Brank (1) Presnell
Subs: Canton—Rogers (6), Pierce, Crabtree—Justice (7), James, McCracken, Bradshaw 8.
 Half score: Canton 16, Crabtree 12.

The lineups, boys:
Canton (49) Crabtree (52)
 F—Carpenter (18) Caldwell (8)
 F—Ledford (14) M. Pope (8)
 C—Alexander (12) Smart (30)
 G—Hall (1) Medford (2)
 G—Stamey (4) James (1)
Subs: Canton—Williamson (1), Crabtree—Jones (2), R. Pope (1).
 Half score: Canton 24, Crabtree 24.
Officials: Mayfield and Mills.

Jackets Set Record

ATLANTA — (AP) — Georgia Tech's grid squad set a new Southeastern Conference record when it drove 83 yards on 20 consecutive plays in eight minutes and 56 seconds to score against Alabama. In 1938 Alabama drove 72 yards on 18 plays.

Frosh Was Duke Best

DURHAM — (AP) — Jerry Barger, freshman quarterback from Salisbury, led the Duke University football team in net yards gained this year with 613 yards, 336 of them by passing. Red Smith, sophomore halfback was next with an even 500 yards, 442 of them by rushing.

they tackle." Dr. Marietta has turned his home into a mask factory. He has made as many as 53 in one day and now has a large supply on hand. The dentist actually started developing the mask in 1947 when Lex Cook, coach of the Dallas hockey team, asked him to make one for a player who had suffered a broken nose.

Contribution to Football Occasionally, as the word spread around athletic circles, Dr. Marietta would receive another order. When Lindy Berry, Texas Christian quarterback, broke his jaw during the 1949 season, Dr. Marietta offered to make a mask for him. He devised one which Coach L. R. Meyer of TCU terms, "a fine contribution to football."

So now Dr. Marietta is in the mask making business. He has obtained a United States patent and is applying for international patents. Some day, the dentist's mask may be standard equipment for football players and other athletes participating in sports where the danger of facial and head injuries is prevalent.

Brooklyn Girl Hunts Fish In Red Sea South Of Suez

GHARDAQA, Egypt—Meet the "Esther Williams of the Red Sea". She's pretty, port Eugenie Clark, 26, a Brooklyn girl who's been living for nearly a year in this isolated spot 75 miles south of Suez. Miss Clark is as much at home in the Red Sea waters as the strange and fascinating fish that abound here.



SCIENTIFIC MERMAID Eugenie Clark, of Brooklyn.

As a matter of fact, it's the fish that brought Eugenie here. She's an ichthyologist—holding a doctor's degree—and her specialty is studying poisonous fish.

She's in Egypt on a U.S. Fulbright exchange scholarship doing just that. Before coming here she travelled in many parts of the Pacific ocean studying marine life.

Eugenie is serious about the business. She's a research associate in the Department of Animal Behavior at the American Museum of Natural History in New York City. She centers her research in Ghardaqia at the marine biology station of Fouad I University — one of Egypt's largest schools.

There are several laboratory buildings and a few cottages for living quarters. There's a small oil field village several miles away. The oil company ships in food and other supplies for the biological station. Dr. Clark does much of her research with Dr. H. A. F. Gohar Bey, bearded young Egyptian scientist who is in charge of the station here.

Equipped with goggles and a snorkel-type breathing tube, the two spend hours prowling around the warm Red Sea waters. Because of the great variety of fish in the Red Sea, marine biologists regard this spot as one of the best outdoor laboratories in the world. Dr. Clark, a small woman, is an excellent swimmer. She's brown as a berry. Even the fish seem her friends. She can swim right up on top of them and almost brush up against some of the fish before they dart away.

Many of the specimens are kept alive in tanks at the laboratory ashore. Not long ago, Doctors Clark and Gohar Bey had a distinguished visitor in the person of Jefferson Caffery, the U. S. ambassador to Egypt. The ambassador had heard about the place and came to see for himself. He's noted in Egypt for getting around. Although he's 64, he's climbed to the top of the pyramids—a feat that scares most tourists.

Caffery wasn't satisfied to look at the specimens in the tank or through the glass-bottomed boat. He put on goggles and grabbed a breathing tube and went down in his swimming trunks for a long look at the reefs and fish. "Delightful," he said after what makes some fish poisonous. It's an interesting problem. She says that some fish as delicacies in the South might be poisonous if caught or vice versa. She believes the living and feeding habits of the make the difference. She'll write reports on her when she finishes her studies

Defeat Hur Especially If It Wasn

Due to misinformation from an informer who apparently on April 1 with the present Black Bears a victory they did not deserve over the dersonville Bearcats. In the bill played Tuesday, Dec. 11, Canton, the girls won as reported to us, Canton ing 71 to 61.

Double precautions have been taken to ensure recurrence of the error. How as many games as are weekly, it is impossible to each game personally and the sibility of a mistake must be considered. The Mount will attempt to correct any however, as quickly as possible.

Basketball NEWS

Canton 29, Crabtree-Iron Duff 28, Fines Creek 51, Clyde 23, Bethel 35, Waynesville 30.
 Boys
 Clyde 38, Fines Creek 32, Crabtree-Iron Duff 32, Canton 28, Bethel 37, Waynesville 24.
 Games Tuesday
 Crabtree-Iron Duff at Bethel, Sand Hill at Canton.

20,000 Deer Die In West Virginia

West Virginia held a three open season on deer recently when the shooting ceased 4,000 animals had fallen. In the County alone more than 4,000 killed. No figures were released to how many people fell but it is reported that some main streams ran red with blood.

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HAS BEEN SCORING TOUCHDOWNS IN PAIRS—THE BIG ONE WAS HIS 50-YARD KICKOFF RUN AGAINST U.S.G.

HIS FEATS ARE MORE AMAZING SINCE HE HADN'T PLAYED FOOTBALL FOR 3 YEARS—AND MISSED ALL BUT SECONDS OF THE FIRST 3 GAMES OF 3 INJURIES

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