

# SMOKE RINGS

## It's A Business

By SAM RAGAN

"Football is not a sport in the college world. It is big business. With us it is a problem."

Thus spoke General Charles P. Summerall, The Citadel's head man, at a banquet held in Charleston last week to honor the advent of Coach Bo Rowland and his assistants on the gridiron scene at the military college. And in the vernacular "the General spoke a mouthful."

**Money Maker**  
College football is a business and a very lucrative business as long as a school puts a winning team on the field. For instance, look at what the Duke-Carolina football game each year pours into the coffers of the two institutions. Last fall the gate went over \$100,000.

But General Summerall realizes that The Citadel, just as many other small schools, is not able to compete on the same basis with the big school teams and so he assured his listeners that The Citadel hereafter will not go out of its class any more than policy and expediency demands and that the football teams of the Light Brigade will be matched with teams of equal ability.

A wise move, as most will agree.

**Costly Dilemma**  
And while we are talking of The Citadel an interesting dilemma has arisen at the Charleston school.

The school has just completed a \$335,000 armory to be used both for indoor athletics and drills. But the basketball team is unable to use the building for practice because it costs too much to light.

The situation is just about like the farm hand who spent his year's earnings on a new automobile and then had to park it under the chinaberry tree because there was no money left to buy gasoline.

**Dog Shows**  
Here is a little commentary on the benefits of a dog show, which we pass along to you for what it is worth.

"Considering the fact there were 326 Dog Shows held in the United States during 1933, with more than 100,000 pure-bred specimens entered, the extent of this one phase of well-bred dogs is clearly evident.

"Forty-two states figure in the complete list of 1933's 326 shows. The only states not holding dog shows last year were: Arkansas, Wyoming, Mississippi, Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota.

"The holding of an all-breed dog show represents an average expenditure of \$3,000. This includes show hall, printing, trophies, ribbons, expense of judges, local help, transportation and erection of benching equipment, exercise runs, etc.

"A checkup of the 326 shows held in the United States last year reveals that the average dog show had 300 individual dogs exhibited and that these dogs represented entries from 17 states. Not less than 200 to 300 exhibitors, their helpers and friends come to the city from other points, bringing their dogs, patronizing hotels, garages, service stations, eating places, stores and other business establishments.

"With dog owners in the United States spending more than \$150,000,000 annually for dog food, and ten colleges in this country teaching no-

thing but veterinary medicine, dogs have definitely become big business.

"Every wideawake city should sponsor an annual dog show. Dog shows are just as important to a well-rounded community sports program as any other type of sporting event. Dog shows bring together a group of high type sportsmen and sportswomen who spend lavishly on their hobby—dogs. A dog show is a good advertisement for a city. It has become a major sporting event in many cities. Besides being a meeting place for dog fanciers; it brings an influx of outside money which helps all business men indirectly.

"A dog show gives the local public the opportunity to study the various breeds of dogs. Every show has specimens of rare breeds never before seen in that section. A dog show has become an educational factor affording local people the chance to view America's top flight dogs, many of which cost their owners thousands of dollars.

"A dog show is advertised nationally in the dog magazines for several months before the show; the awards are published extensively after the show. Thus a dog show even in a small sized city takes on national importance as months before the show is held, prospective exhibitors are advised of the show. Every dog show is advertised throughout the United States.

"All in all, the average dog show is a civic event in its benefits. The local public enjoys attending a dog show, studying the dogs and various breeds. It is a revelation to the novice to see the best specimens of each breed brought together in the show ring for a minute comparison by impartial judges who are qualified to give their expert opinions on the specimens exhibited. Spectators at a dog show acquire a new appreciation of man's best friend. After all, the dog is the only animal that prefers the company of man to that of its own kind.

"In many cities the chamber of commerce actively co-operates with the local kennel club in holding an American Kennel club championship point show at least once a year. It can be conservatively estimated that the average dog show of 300 dogs bring at least 500 to 600 visitors to the city, who spend an average of not less than \$10 to \$20 each, depending on whether it is a one-day or a two-day show."

**SIGNS CONTRACT**  
WAKE FOREST, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Clem Crabtree, senior tackle at Wake Forest college, has signed a contract with the Detroit Lions, professional football team, and will report to the club next fall.

# 'CATS, DURHAM TO PLAY TONIGHT

## BULLDOGS RATED BEST IN SOUTH

### Locals Hold Final Drills For Game; Visitors Are Top-Heavy Favorites

The New Hanover Wildcats went through their final polishing-up drills yesterday afternoon in preparation for the invasion of the Durham high school cagers, acclaimed as the best High school cage team in the south, on the Y. M. C. A. court tonight.

The game is scheduled to get under way at 8 o'clock. The Wildcats stopped the title ambitions of the fast Rocky Mount aggregation last Friday night on the Cape Fear Armory floor by a 39 to 28 score and have been polishing their attack and defense all week-end with the one ambition of upsetting the high-flying state champion Durham lads who have topped everything in the south for the past two years.

In the Bulldogs, the fans will see one of the finest teams ever to play on a local court. Teams like Duke frosh, Carolina frosh, junior college teams and the champions of most of the southern states have fallen to the accurate shooting of the visitors.

## PITCHERS HELPED BY RULE CHANGE

### Baseball Rules Committee Allows Hurlers To Use Legs More In Wind-Up

BELLEAIR, Fla., Feb. 12.—(AP)—Baseball's playing rules committee finally got around to giving the pitchers some help at their meeting here today. They passed a new rule which will permit the hurler-pitchers much more latitude in the use of their legs on the wind-up.

Sponsored by Owner Clark Griffith of the Washington Senators, the new rule provides that the pitcher may take his position with one leg outstretched behind him and have the advantage of a full, swinging stride as he goes forward to deliver the ball. Previously, the moundman has been compelled to stand facing the batter, with his two feet parallel, and he gained only what momentum he could in swinging his free leg forward from that awkward position. The greater freedom now permitted might have a revolutionary effect upon pitching and batting averages.

The new rule, which was bitterly opposed by Eddie Collins, general manager of the Boston Red Sox, stipulates only that the pitcher's foot must be in contact with the rubber. His other foot is free, except that he cannot step to either side of the plate, and that he cannot raise either foot until in the act of throwing. He may, in the wording of the rule, "take one step back and one forward."

Collins fought the motion, he said, because it "will cause more cheating than ever on the part of pitchers." He declared he would rather have voted for the return of the spit-ball.

"You'll see," he prophesied. "Now that they can start from a position like a sprinter, pitchers will be lifting that front foot off the rubber and taking what amounts to two full jumps before they turn loose the ball."

Other members of the committee, who started overhauling the rule book from cover to cover before noon and continued arguing far into the night, were unanimous in adopting the rule. President Will Harridge of the American league expressed the opinion that pitchers now will have as great a head-start on the batters as ever they had in the old day of the "spitter" and emery ball.

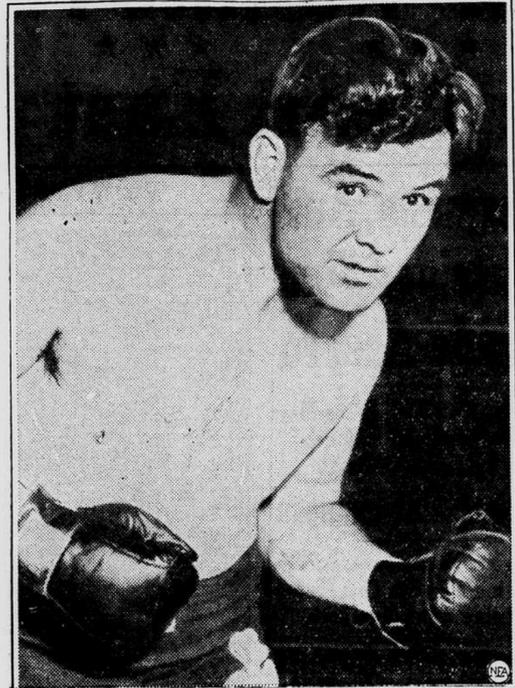
Others who attended the meeting were Commissioner K. M. Landis, President Ford Frick of the National league, President Bob Quinn of the Boston Bees, President Sam Breadon of the St. Louis Cardinals, President Clark Griffith of the Washington Senators, Umpire-in-Chief Tom Connolly of the American league, and W. G. Bramham, commissioner of the minor leagues.

Other than the pitching amendment, they made no changes of very great importance, and they stepped bluntly on a suggestion by Quinn that the intentional pass be abolished or penalized by giving the batter two bases instead of one. Pitchers will go right on issuing free trips to first, and hereafter the catcher will not even have to make a pretense of squatting behind the plate. The rule saying it constitutes a balk if the backstop stepped out to the side before the pitcher cut loose was removed from the book.

A new rule affecting mainly the minor leagues provides that an inning must not be started after 11:50 at night. At least one community complained after midnight and disturbed the sleep of neighbors. Neither, after this, may more than two games be played by a club in a single day. Umpires hereafter will have the power to forfeit a game any time they believe that a club is "palpably delaying or shortening a game." They also were ordered to see that pitchers do not put resin directly on the ball.

# Nelson Defeats Hogan To Win Texas Open

## Ex-Champ To Appear Here Tonight



James J. Braddock, the "Cinderella Man" of boxing, who rose from a worker on the relief rolls of a WPA project to world's heavy-weight champion in little more than a year's time in 1934, will be the feature attraction on tonight's wrestling card to be presented at Legion stadium. Braddock, who relinquished the title to Joe Louis in 1937, will referee the three amateur boxing matches and the two mat bouts scheduled.

## Braddock Will Referee Matches Here Tonight

### Three Amateur Boxing Bouts On Card; Lever, Little Beaver To Grapple

Boxing and wrestling with James J. Braddock, former world's heavy-weight champion, as the feature attraction, will be offered at Legion stadium tonight.

Braddock is scheduled to arrive in Charlotte by plane this morning and will drive to Wilmington late this afternoon. His role on the card tonight will be referee, although he is scheduled to make a talk to members of the New Hanover High school boxing team, who will be the guests of the American Legion at the matches.

Three amateur boxing matches will precede the two wrestling bouts. The boxing matches will be between:

Greeley Long, 118 pounds, of the 1933 City, who fought in the 1933 Golden Gloves here, vs. Jimmy Casteen, 118-pound winner in the novice class of the 1940 Golden Gloves tournament.

Billy Mead, of the New Hanover boxing team, vs. Jack Bryan, who fought in the novice division of this year's Golden Gloves.

Tubby McNeil, of Lumberton, defeated in the heavy-weight finals of the recent tourney by Tiny Taylor, vs. Gentry Jones, of Wilmington, a former Golden Glover.

The American Legion said that the Mead-Bryan bout would be given providing the high school coach gives Mead permission to fight.

The wrestling card will feature Dick Lever, the Tennessee Terror, against Chief Little Beaver in the headliner, with Jack Hader and Johnny Marrs mixing it up in the semi-finals.

All of the above matmen have appeared here before, except Hader, whose reputation as a rough and tumble artist has preceded him here.

The Lever-Little Beaver battle is expected to be a roughhouse affair that will include practically every trick in the game.

Braddock will referee both the boxing and wrestling matches. The Legion announced last night that it will give 50 per cent of its profits derived from the program to the Civitan club's "Iron Lung" fund campaign.

All bouts will be held in the exhibit building at the stadium, with the fights scheduled to start at 7:30 o'clock.

**Gallagher Signs 1940 Contract With Browns**  
BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 12.—(AP)—Big Joe Gallagher, outfielder for the St. Louis Browns, returned his signed contract today. He said he was "pleased and surprised at the generosity of the St. Louis club—they are not tail-enders on the salary league."

## VICTOR IS STROKE AHEAD IN PLAYOFF

### National Open Champ Comes From Behind To Grab \$1,500 First Prize Money

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Feb. 12.—(AP)—National Open Champion Byron Nelson shot his first round of golf over the 60s in two years of the Texas Open, but his flat 70 was good enough to beat out Ben Hogan of White Plains, N. Y., by a stroke in the 1940 title play off at Brackenridge Park today.

They just don't have the touch that would them up in a tie-at the end of the regular 72-hole play at 271, 13 strokes under par and the same score as Dutch Harrison's record of the previous year.

The victory gave Nelson the \$1,500 first prize money and left Hogan with \$750 for second.

Twice Hogan had the jump on Nelson. Nelson three-putted the fifth green to go over par by a stroke. Ben three-putted the seventh to go one over par himself, and left the par all square again.

On the ninth hole, a short par five, only 485 yards from tee to green, Nelson knocked his second shot barely on the green, and Hogan was pin high to the left. A poorly played pitch and run shot left Hogan with a 15 foot putt and he missed it for a five, Nelson two-putting for a birdie four.

Hogan knocked in his first birdie of the day on No. 11, squaring the match. On the par-five 19 green Hogan two putted for a birdie. Nelson also pumped his second shot on the edge, but three-putting from 60 feet to take a par five.

The hole that really lost Hogan the match was No. 15, 330 yards with the green barely on the other side of a swift, narrow river. Both men smacked tee shots far down the middle, but Hogan's ball stopped in a divot hole and his mashie niblick toward the green was pitifully weak, falling right in the middle of the water.

Nelson struck his iron close to the pin, and then Hogan made his best shot of the day, chipping up to three feet from the hole after his penalty stroke, and holing out his five, Nelson missing his putt for a birdie and squaring the match.

The national open champion's second birdie of the day, on No. 16, gave him a stroke lead that held up the rest of the way.

## DUKE FIVE WHIPS CLEMSON, 39-37

### Blue Devils Retain Lead With Victory In Over-Time Contest

CLEMSON, S. C., Feb. 12.—(AP)—Duke defeated Clemson 39 to 37 in an overtime Southern conference basketball game tonight before 3,800 wildly cheering fans.

In the extra period, Allen, Duke reserve center, put in two field baskets in the first minute and then the Blue Devils froze the ball while holding Clemson to two points in the remaining four minutes. The second half ended 35-35.

Clemson, defending Southern conference titleholder, got off to a 9 to 6 advantage in the first eight minutes, but Duke, current conference leader, pulled ahead at halftime 21 to 17 principally through the brilliant shooting of Mock, a forward.

The Tigers tied the score after five minutes of the second half, but fell behind again when their key man, Center Banks McFadden, fouled out. But the Tigers rallied once more a few minutes later when Lancaster sent through two field goals and a foul, tying the score with seven minutes to go.

Shokes' two field baskets sent the Durham club in front again. It looked like a Duke victory, but with only 10 seconds remaining Barney Coyle lifted a high one from mid-court that slashed through to tie the score.

## Miami To Nassau Sailing Race Will Begin Today

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 12.—(AP)—Facing an arduous 184-mile course, 13 of the country's fastest sheeted craft will start tomorrow in the annual Miami to Nassau sailing race.

With fair weather in prospect, it appeared likely a keen three-cornered race would develop out of the sixth renewal of the classic. The 54-foot yawl Stormy Weather was favored, however, to capture the event for the fourth consecutive year.

Owned by William La Brot, Stormy Weather will fly the burgee of the Annapolis, Md., Yacht club.

Most dangerous contender probably will be the new and potentially faster 64-foot yawl Good News, entered by R. W. Johnson of Princeton, N. J., who formerly owned Stormy Weather.

## Tabor City Boxers Win Over Lake View Team

TABOR CITY, Feb. 12.—The Tabor City boxing team triumphed over the Lake View, S. C., mitt-men 4-1 to 1-2 in a meet held here last week.

Results were as follows: Thomas Harrellson, 124, of Tabor City, decision Brogden, 123. Greeley Long, 134, Tabor City, decision over Moore, 131. Liston Grice, 137, Tabor City, decision Aultman, 142. Albert Gore, 141, Tabor City, decision over Gaddy, 145. Ralph Fowler, 150, Tabor City, and Atkinson, 150, drew.

John Strickland was referee and Rae Scarborough was timekeeper. Judges: Walter Spivey, Guy Davis and Douglas Horn.

## DEAN, CUBS STILL UNABLE TO AGREE

### Dizzy Leaves For Baseball School After Telephone Talk With Wrigley

CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Jerome Herman Dean left town tonight without getting any closer to settling his salary differences with the Chicago Cubs than another telephone conversation with President P. K. Wrigley—a talk freely sprinkled with dollar signs.

Mr. Diz, big righthanded pitcher who cost the Cubs \$185,000 and three players two years ago, received \$20,000 last season, wants \$15,000 this year, and since last Friday has been offered \$10,000. Today he phoned Mr. Wrigley at the club's owner's Lake Geneva, Wis., residence.

"Mr. Wrigley, what would I be worth to you if I won 22 games next season?" asked the great Mr. Dean. Wrigley's reply:

"Why, Diz I guess you'd be worth about \$25,000."

"What would I be worth if I won 15 games?" said 'Diz, warming up to a favorite subject.

"Why, I guess you'd be worth the amount you received last year," Wrigley answered.

"Now, Mr. Wrigley, what would I be worth if I won 10 games—and lost 16?" said Diz, whipping in a fast one.

"Well now," returned the Cub president slowly, "that's hard to say, Diz. Maybe you wouldn't, under those circumstances, be such an attraction—and maybe not worth so much."

Whereupon 'Diz headed for a train for Jackson, Miss., where he'll serve as professor of pitching in a baseball school for six weeks. He was in high spirits as his train, "the Dizzy Dean special," chugged out of the station.

"Boy, am I in great shape," he yelled. "So long, fellows, next year I'll win . . ."

## GOLF RULES SHOW ONLY FEW CHANGES

### 1940 Edition Makes It Illegal To Test Links Surface During Play

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—(AP)—The United States Golf association went out today with its 1940 edition of the "Rules of Golf," incorporating the changes approved at its month's annual meeting.

Chief among these, of course, the footnote to rule 29, section 1, which makes it illegal to test the surface especially prepared for putting by roughing or straining it with a club or otherwise. Henceforth, this will come under the heading of "placing a mark" on the green, and will be subject to the penalty already on the books for such marking: loss of the hole in match play, a two-stroke penalty in medal play.

Officials at Columbia University have decided that Paavo Nurmi still rates the title of "Platinum Finn." Nurmi and his countryman, Taisto Maki, both of whom Columbia's outdoor track the other day without advance notice.

They ran four or five miles on the boards and then, as silently as they had come, they departed. They hadn't brought an interpreter, there was no one there who spoke Finnish, so that there wasn't a word exchanged between them and their hosts.

If the present European war should continue for any length of time, one sports-by-product is likely to be U. S. recapture and later retention of the Davis cup. After the World war, Davis cup was resumed in 1919, but the United States did not challenge for it until the following year. Then den and Johnston swept through the Australians, 5-0, in the challenge round, and from then on 1927 the trophy remained in the country.

Did you know that: While it still was considered pretty much of a sport for "wants Wilkes" in those days, Walter Camp played in the first intercollegiate tennis tournament, 1887. . . Clara Callender, a California miss who has been playing in Florida golf tournaments, the same girl who made such a favorable impression on the sports in 1937 when she won the national quarter-final Memphis? . . . The Cantelero Golf club, near Cleveland, when the 1940 U. S. Open will be played has a 623-yard hole that is longest on any midwestern course. . . ice hockey, in some part now is played in 35 of the states. . . Jules Ladoumeque, France, Sydney Wooderson of England, Jack Lovelock of New Zealand and Luigi Beccali of Italy are the only foreign runners to have run the mile under 4 minutes 10 seconds?

## Southeastern N. C. Basketball Leland

Leland high school's basketball teams for the past three years have been built around the slogan of "Pass"—and that simple rule of playing has carried the shifty little quintet through some tough seasons.

This season has been no exception so far as tough schedules are concerned, but the Lelanders have come through with some startling results, winning 10 games and losing three to date.

W. A. Wheelis, coach of the boys' team who took over three years ago, feels that his team has at least a good chance of breaking even in their remaining games which will send it against Waccamaw, Southport, Bolivia and Elizabethtown in the next two weeks.

When Wheelis came to Leland three years ago he rearranged the team from the one-man offensive used before to an all-around fast aggregation with every player able to shoot. In fact, Wheelis says that he doesn't like a team built around a "star" and for this reason he doesn't have any figures on individual scores. "We have no individual high scorers," he said, "all of the boys can shoot."

And that ability to pass, shoot and guard has made Leland one of the fastest handling outfits in this section of the state.

All of the players are of fairly even stature, but small, and this has proven a disadvantage in several games against taller boys. But what they lack in height, the boys make up in their smooth passing attack and other teams in this region say that no doubt the Leland cagers are the "smoothest working and passing team in Brunswick county and vicinity."

The types of defense and offense vary with each game and even during the game and Wheelis has a large category of drills which each player

must learn to perfection. There are only two tall players on the squad, with Charles Robbins and J. C. Chadwick alternating at the center slot.

Leland lost three of its first-string men last year, but has good replacements in a bevy of up and coming youngsters, chief among these being Clifton Skipper, who has developed into one of the fastest forwards on the team. Paul Robbins, co-captain, and Cecil Lowe, form the most-used forward combination this season. Robbins almost sure to grab all-around honors for both offensive and defensive work, although Lowe is usually more sure.

George Hollis, who holds down the right guard position, has reverted from a purely defensive player to an offensive man this year. Roy Lane, the first string left guard, has a very dangerous "pump" shot which he utilizes from the ball lanes during tight games.

Armand Ganey, veteran right guard, is the "mystery man" of the team. Rarely a starter, Ganey has turned the tide of many a game when thrown into the swim in a tight spot. Dan Willetts and Billie Hines are the outstanding reserve material.

The Leland girls team has had a bad start this season, due to considerable sickness and the inability to fill empty berths from last year. However, in recent weeks, the team has been coming along steadily and hopes to break better than even by the end of the season. Coached by Miss Fannie Burnett, the team is composed of Ethel Douglas, Mildred Clark and Elizabeth King as the outstanding players.

The Leland boys are expected to compete with the other teams from this section in the Star-News-Y. M. C. A. basketball tournament to be staged here from March 6-9.

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