

# SMOKE RINGS

## Football Moves On

By SAM RAGAN



One of the biggest movements to be inaugurated in Wilmington was made here yesterday when a group of civic leaders of the city met and formed a permanent working body for the promotion of college football in this section.

The sport, which made its initial bow here in 1938 and was repeated last fall, will, I am sure, receive the wholehearted support and endorsement of every citizen of the city and section.

### Program Highlight

For the past two years, the one college football game which has served as the highlight of the fall and winter sports program in Southeastern North Carolina has proven very popular. And now with a permanent organization working toward the securing of one or more college games for Wilmington each fall, this sports feature should meet with even more success.

Wilmington has an athletic plant suitable for staging affairs of this kind adequately and increased interest should make this the sports center of this section of the state.

The committee, headed by Harold Jeter, is looking forward to staging the Davidson-Citadel game here next fall and, in our opinion, this city has the better advantage in securing the game than any other which may be seeking the contest.

### Cape Fear Loop

The Cape Fear Baseball association will open its 1940 playing season on Sunday, April 14, and the eight clubs which will comprise the league this year are already planning for the season's opening. Pre-season practice is expected to be started within the next two or three weeks.

And to give a review of the league and the chances of each club in the coming race, R. J. Powell, league statistician, will present a series of eight articles dealing with each team in the next several days.

The first of this series starts today, with Powell doing a little early season guessing on the Hi-Kappas.

### Cape Hothed

Indiana has been hooded as the hothed of American basketball and bears the reputation of producing more champions in the cage game than any other state. The Hoosiers are pretty good, we admit, but we don't think North Carolina is so far behind when it comes to checking up on the cage race.

This state produces some of the best high school basketball in the nation, primarily because so many of the schools look upon basketball as their main sport and concentrate all time and effort on it.

If you don't think these high schools play a good brand of basketball take a look at some of the county tournaments now under way.

### Here And There

Presbyterian college, winner of the South Atlantic conference gridiron championship last year, has carded a tough schedule of ten games for the 1940 season. . . Chief among the games will be a tilt with Clemson, on September 21 to be played at Clinton as part of an elaborate celebration in honor of the beginning of Walter Johnson's 25th year as mentor of Presbyterian's athletic teams. . . The hoosiers will play Wofford in their homecoming tilt on November 16. . . Those who ought to know are saying that Clayton Heafner is about due to hit the top this summer. . . The Wildcats will close a tough-look cage schedule to right, meeting Raleigh. . . And we look for 'em to win.

### Hemenway Girls Capture Seventh Grade Title

The Hemenway girls basketball season climaxed a perfect season yesterday with a 13-2 victory over the Winter Park girls in a game played at the Brigade Boys club.

The victory gave the Hemenway girls the grade championship. Hemenway's list of victories this season includes wins over Delgado, Isaac Bear, Tileston, and Winter Park. In yesterday's game Hemenway and Haar accounted for all of Hemenway's scores with nine and four points respectively, while Skipper scored the lone tally for Winter Park.

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# FOOTBALL GROUP FORMED HERE

## CITADEL - 'CATS TILT IS SOUGHT

Jeter Elected Chairman Of Permanent Committee To Promote Games Here

The organization of a permanent committee to promote collegiate football here for the benefit of the city and Southeastern North Carolina was perfected yesterday at a meeting of civic leaders in the office of R. B. Page, publisher of the Star-News.

The committee, it was said following the session, will stress efforts to obtain the Citadel-Davidson game this fall.

Harold Jeter was elected chairman of the group. Other officers are Mr. Page, vice chairman, and J. Walter Webb, secretary. The executive committee will be composed of W. B. Beery, Bruce Cameron, W. Louis Fisher, F. P. O'Crowley, J. C. Roe, Major William VanDyke Ochs, Col. R. S. McClelland, Mr. Jeter and Mr. Page.

It was decided to go ahead immediately with plans to obtain outstanding games and give them a most prominent part in the city's winter program. The meeting also dealt with many details of the general program.

Those in attendance were Mr. Jeter, Mr. Page, Mr. Webb, Col. McClelland, Wilbur R. Doshier, Major Ochs, Lewis Weinberg, Mr. Roe, Ronald Stewart, Mr. Fisher, Addison Hewlett, Mr. Cameron, Mr. O'Crowley and Mr. Beery.

All who were present at the organization session will serve as members of the permanent steering committee.

## KAPPAS ADD NEW PLAYERS TO CLUB

Frat Nine Rated One Of Pre-Season Favorites In Cape Fear Baseball Loop

BY R. J. POWELL

According to prevalent street-corner gossip, one of the teams to beat for the bunting in this year's Cape Fear baseball loop race will be the Hi-Kappa fraternity outfit, which wound up the last half of the 1939 schedule in a tie for second place with the first half winners, the Peppi-Cola gang.

The Cape Fear league's 1940 season will open on Sunday, April 14. As was the case last season, the frat nine will again be managed by R. J. Powell and Oscar Flowers, Jr. Powell will handle the front office affairs while Flowers will serve as field general for the team.

The Hi-Kappas will hold their first practice session of the year on Sunday afternoon on the fraternity's athletic field at Hilton. Work of conditioning the diamond has been under way for some time and it is expected to be in good shape within the next two weeks.

Besides several stars of last year's aggregation who will be back in harness for this year's campaign, the Kappa roster will include many outstanding newcomers who are expected to bolster the team's chance of grabbing the pennant.

Among the old boys who will be back are Billy Pieper, speedy third baseman, who rapped the apple for a batting average well above the .350 mark last year; Jimmy Mintz, one of the most dependable flingers in the circuit a year ago; Oscar Flowers, hard-hitting captain of the squad; Leon Thomas, last year's shortstop; Infielders Elmer Thomas, Charley Herring and Muss Lockamy.

Outfielders who have signed include Joe Cherry, Robert Merritt, Shine Moore, Richard Dixon, and Allen Brown.

Sorely missed on the Hi-Kappa squad this season will be Leroy (Heggie) Flowers, sparkplug of last year's smooth-clicking machine, who was also one of the leading batters in the loop.

To offset the loss of the firebrand catcher, the Hi-Kappas are expected to have Gordon Hobbs, the slugging backstop from Acme behind the plate this season.

To team up with Hobbs, Jim Bulluck, also from Acme, is expected to join the Kappas' mound crew that may boast such hurlers as Sweeney Swinson, Walter Winn and Charles Hatchel.

Heading the list of candidates for the infield posts are Billy High, who holds down the first base duties; his brother, Drexel, who guards the keystone sack; and Billy Davis, who worked in the hot corner for the Jackson-Bell entry last season.

## Hemenway Boys Win Over Tileston, 16-13

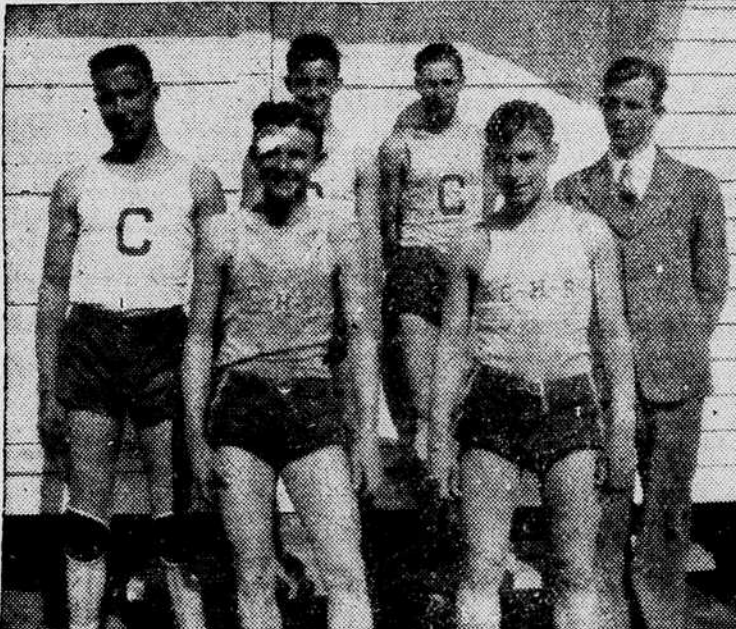
The Hemenway seventh grade boys defeated the Tileston cagers 16 to 13 in the first game of a three-game playoff for the grade championship in the boys division in a tilt at the Brigade Boys club.

W. A. Brown shot a field goal in the final seconds of the game to give Hemenway the victory after the lead had changed several times during the course of the tilt.

Darden of Tileston was high scorer of the game with 8 points to his credit, while Harvell, Sneed, and Brown each scored four points for the winners.

# 'Cats Meet Raleigh In Final Tilt Tonight

Entered In Cage Tourney Here



Among the first high school teams to enter the annual Star-News-Y. M. C. A. basketball tournament was the Calypso high school cagers, who are strong contenders for the Duplin county championship this season. They will hold one of the favorite spots when the county tournament opens on February 29. The girls team, above, is composed of front row, left to right; Grace Guy, who has scored 180 points this season, Hazel Holloman, Mary Ruth Davis; back row, left to right; Christine Jennette, Maxine Taylor and Sadie Lou Swinson, and Nelson Stephenson, coach. First stringers on the boys team at bottom are, front, left to right; Laugh-ton Crumpler and Elbert Rackley; middle row, Coach Stephenson and Jack Jennette; back row, Lawrence Flowers and Paul Lambert.

## Southeastern N. C. Basketball Calypso

Calypso high school's cagers boast a high-scoring record for the 1940 season and this week are entering the home stretch before marching into the Duplin county championship basketball tournament, which will open on February 29.

The boys' team has scored a total of 430 points against 300 by their opponents this year and has an impressive record of 15 victories against three defeats. No team in the league has beaten it twice in succession.

Elbert Rackley holds the scoring lead with 120 points, although the rest of the starting five is close behind. Laugh-ton Crumpler, Lawrence Flowers, Paul Lambert and Jack Jennette usually get the first call.

Although the team has managed to outdistance all foes in the scoring race, Coach Nelson Stephenson is prouder of the team's defense than of its scoring punch. "My team has lit-

## Holdouts Present Picture Of Anemia; Dean Main Blow

By EARL HILLIGAN

CHICAGO, Feb. 22.—(AP)—Shades of Ruth, DiMaggio and Mungo — where are those noisy holdouts of yesterday?

Perhaps of Diz Dean is a little lonesome as he "sets" down on his Texas farm awaiting a \$5,000 message from the Chicago Cubs. Maybe he's wondering what's happened to that old holdout guard of which he appears to be a lone but still embattled member. What has happened to those rousing salary squabblers that once echoed from coast to coast this time of the year? Have they gone with it—or just run out of wind?

Oh! Diz isn't going down without a fight, he'll let you know, even if he hasn't any company established class. "I'll starve before I sign for class. 'I'll starve before I sign for \$10,000," he yells at Cub Owner F. K. Wrigley in typical Dean voice. "I'm a-building a house on my farm and I'll set in it all summer before I take a cut of \$10,000."

But Jerome Herman isn't getting much assistance. Outside of Dizzy, this spring hasn't produced another No. 1 noisy, colorful, headline-making holdout squawk. Sure, there are a

## JUNIORS TO PLAY LELAND IN FINALE

Caps Will Be Favored To Repeat Win Over Locals In Last Loop Game

The New Hanover High school basketball team will square off tonight against their final foes of the season with the varsity taking on the strong Raleigh Purple Hurricanes and the juniors stacking up against the Leland High school varsity.

The first game which will be a conference affair will start at 8 o'clock on the floor of the Y. M. C. A.

The varsity will be gunning for its second win of the conference season. Coach Pepper has installed a new attack for this game and will spring it on the visitors tonight.

Captain Allison Alderman and Bobby Edwards will be the probable starters at forwards; Morrison, center and Bowen or Merritt and Pieper, guards for the Wildcat varsity.

The second game which will feature the speedy Leland High first string, much improved since their meeting with the local juniors, and the fast traveling little wildcats, who have been showing their senior brothers a thing or two about how to win ball games.

In the first meeting, the teams were tied at the end of the regulation periods and were forced into an extra quarter which also ended in a 33-33 tie-up. The game got so fast and hot that the two coaches decided to call a stop so the boys could cool off in time to play tonight.

This particular game is expected to pack the fans in and the following starters are promising plenty of fireworks: Johnny Oliphant and Junior Johnson, forwards; Harry Mohr, center and Tom McCraw and C. G. Herring, guards.

## Tar Heel Swim Team Captures State Title

CHAPEL HILL, Feb. 22.—(AP)—The University of North Carolina won its second winter sports championship within a week here today when the Tar Heel swimmers racked up an impressive 51 to 24 victory over Duke.

It marked the second time that Carolina and Duke, each rivals, have met to decide a state title. Last Saturday the Tar Heel boxers beat Duke 6 to 2.

## TAR BABIES WIN

DURHAM, Feb. 22.—(AP)—Fighting off a second half rally, the University of North Carolina's freshman basketball team defeated Duke's yearling five 27-23 here tonight.

The flag acquired its present form in Spain in the sixth century. Before that it was small and square.

was the undisputed White Sox salary squawker champ, Luke whipped his signed contract in a month ago—and the Sox office employes still are shaking their heads and muttering "it ain't so."

The Calypso sextet hasn't made as impressive a record as the boys, but it is conceded a good chance of entering the county finals next week. Its 1940 record shows 11 victories against six defeats.

Free scoring has dominated most of the games in which the club has played. Its slate to date shows 410 points chalked up against 350 by opponents. Grace Guy, who captains the squad, is out front in the scoring race with 180 points.

Calypso this week added its name to the growing list of teams which have entered the annual Star-News-Y. M. C. A. basketball tournament which will be staged here from March 6 to 9.

## Smiths Beats St. Pauls In Robeson Cage Meet

Defending Champs Lose Out As Tourney Goes Into Semi-Finals; Finals On Monday

LUMBERTON, Feb. 22 — Smiths quintet defeated St. Pauls, the defending champions, 29-27 in the quarter-finals of the 18th annual Robeson County High School Basketball tournament here tonight in the biggest upset to date.

Semi-finals will be staged tomorrow night with the finals to be held Monday night.

Smiths captured the game tonight in the final ten seconds of the tilt, with C. Kinlaw sinking the final shot. In the last half the lead changed 12 times. Smiths was out front 19-15 at the intermission.

Evers and Council with 10 points each led the winners while Powers was high man for St. Pauls with seven markers.

In the other boys game tonight Maxton defeated Red Springs 27-21 with Speros with nine and Steed with eight points leading the visitors.

Barnesville defeated Fairmont 25-17 this afternoon, and the Barnesville boys will go into the finals on a semi-finals bye. McPhatter with 10 points topped the Barnesville scoring drive with Herring tops for the losers with seven points.

Barnesville's girls spanked Orrum 24-17 this afternoon, with Ruth and Effie Lee, the sister cage stars, leading the scoring field with 12 and 11 points.

Barker Ten-Mile won over Allenton 32-10. E. Musselwhite grabbed scoring honors with 16 points. Frieda Lee with nine led Allenton's sextet.

The Parkton girls nosed out St. Pauls girls 24-21, with Irene Walters the big gun in the winners attack with 18 tallies. Louise Everett and Martha Fales led the losers with nine each.

Semi-finals Friday night will be as follows: Barnesville girls vs. Barker Ten-Mile girls at 8 o'clock; Parkton girls bye to finals; Maxton boys vs. Smiths boys at 9 p. m.; Barnesville boys bye to finals.

## Spartanburg Midgets Whip Sumter Cagers

SUMTER, S. C., Feb. 22.—(AP)—The Spartanburg Midgets defeated the Sumter "Green" Midgets 46 to 3 tonight in the first round of the Carolina Y. M. C. A. Midget and Junior basketball tournament.

The team that represented Sumter tonight is classed as the town's No. 3 team.

The tournament this year attracted teams from Wilmington, N. C., Spartanburg and Sumter. The latter won the Junior and Midget division championships last year.

Sumter's Juniors and Midgets will meet teams tomorrow night from Wilmington. Finals will be played Saturday night.

## Y TEAMS TO LEAVE FOR SUMMER TODAY

Junior And Midget Cagers To Begin Play In Annual Tourney Tonight

The Y. M. C. A. Midget and Junior basketball teams will leave for Sumter, S. C., for their annual M. C. A. tournament tonight.

Play in the annual tourney opened last night but the Wilmington teams drew a bye and will start their cage wars in the second round.

The Juniors will meet the winners of the Florence-Sumter tourney at 7 o'clock tonight and the Midgets will meet the Sumter team at 8 o'clock.

The Wilmington entries have been practicing steadily in preparation for this tournament and are expected to give a good account of themselves in tournament play.

The Midgets of last year, who are the Junior team of this year, went to the finals of their division last year and are hopeful of repeating this season.

Boys expected to make the top are: Midgets — Robert Watson, Douglas Pridden, Ois Jernick, James Croom, Mickey Kelly, Bill Maner and J. T. Johnson, Juniors — James Crowley, Charles Durkin, Cliff Owensby, Frank Kelly, Kaynor, Bryan Broufford, Ernest Smith, C. F. Bell and Adolph King.

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