



SMOKE RINGS

Friday The 13th

By SAM RAGAN

Ladies and gentlemen, uncross your fingers long enough for me to remind you that this is "jinx day." Good old Friday the 13th, it is, and it is only proper that you be warned to keep all shenanigans to a minimum on this day.

Black cats may cross and recross your path, you may walk under all the ladders you like and you may make all of the common mistakes that lead to a jinx, but don't overlook a Friday the 13th. It's bad medicine.

Code Of Ethics

One of the major items that is supposed to come up at the meeting of Southern Conference coaches in Charlotte Saturday is a "code of ethics" in the recruiting of football talent.

Last year there was some talk of the matter and it was generally understood that at that time that some kind of an agreement was to be drawn up to be acted on at this year's session.

But whether the matter will be renewed in the discussions is not known, as it probably hinges on whether some coach in the circuit has been burnt in his dealings with prospects over the past year or not.

It's not such a big problem but it's one that has caused a lot of arguments about the loop for many years. It may have already reached a natural basis that satisfies all.

This And That

It appears now that the New Hanover High school gymnasium will not be completed before some time next spring. . . . Yesterday workmen started putting the metal on the roof, but a shortage of labor is expected to stall the work inside for a good while. . . . The Durham High school cagers started practicing for the coming season this week and the coaches are feeling pretty well satisfied with the prospects. . . . In a recent vote Duke football players voted Tennessee as the best offensive, defensive and coached team they'd played this fall. . . . Foxx, of the Vols, was termed the best player and Hackney, of Davidson, and Kimball, of North Carolina, were voted the two leading most underrated players. . . . Carolina and N. C. State were the cleanest-playing teams. . . . An to top off their voting spree the players voted Wallace Wade as the best coach in the U. S. . . . And that reminds me about the announcement from Duke yesterday that the school has not had a contract with Wallace Wade in years. . . . The grid coach having the same rating as professors on the faculty. . . . He's a pretty good teacher at that.

Yanks Sale Deal To Be Completed In Few Days

SOUTHPORT, Dec. 12.—(P)—The \$4,000,000 deal for the purchase of the New York Yankees by a group headed by James A. Farley will be completed within the next few days, brokers in the negotiations said today.

The office of Brown, Wheelock, Harris, Stevens, Inc., said there never had been any question involving the cash in the transaction, and that final details have been practically ironed out. Preston Goodfellow, co-broker, said he had been in touch with Farley and John Barber, of the law firm representing Farley, and had been informed by both men that Farley has the necessary funds to purchase the club.

The deal involves the purchase of the New York, Newark, Kansas City, Binghamton, N. Y.; Akron, Ohio; Norfolk, Va.; Butler, Pa., and Amsterdam, N. Y., properties.

GOLF TOURNEY

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 12.—(P)—Fred Corcoran, P.G.A. tournament bureau manager, announced today that an \$11,000 open offering the largest purse so far in the 1941 schedule would be played next Sept. 4-7 at Chicago.

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Carpenter, here only three weeks ago, became so impressed with the sport fishing on the lower North Carolina coast, that he has advised friends here he is coming again, just to see for himself how late in the year the fish can be found off this part of the coast. 4

CAROLINA WINS

CHAPEL HILL, Dec. 12.—(P)—North Carolina's Southern Conference swimming champions placed heavily in seven of nine events and easily beat William and Mary 53 to 22 in the season's opener here today.

VITT DUNS TRIBE

CLEVELAND, Dec. 12.—(P)—Carroll Vitt, former manager of the Cleveland Indians, has taken his \$2,500 salary due against the Tribe to Baseball Commissioner Kenesaw M. Landis, President Alva Bradley said today.

A contract for \$75,313,000 recently was let to Consolidated by the Navy. It was understood that it was for additional four-motor long-range scouting planes.

FLOWERS KILLS TWO DEER WITH ONE SHOT

Joel Moore Also Economizes On Ammunition, Killing Three 'Coons At Once

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TRIBE MAKES DEAL WITH BOSTON

INDIANS OBTAIN WALKER, BAGBY

Red Sox Get Pytlak, Hale And Dobson In First Major Swap In League

CLEVELAND, Dec. 12.—(P)—The Cleveland Indians tonight announced a three-cornered deal intended to bolster their outfield and pitching staff.

The tribe obtained Outfielder Gerald Walker, Pitcher Jim Bagby, Jr., and Catcher Gene DeSautes from the Boston Red Sox in exchange for Catcher Frankie Pytlak, Infielder Odie Hale and Pitcher Joe Dobson.

The Red Sox traded Outfielder Roger Cramer to the Washington Senators for Walker before the deal could be completed, Indians officials said.

The deal was completed at Chicago today by C. C. Slapnicka, Indians' vice president, and President Tom Yawkey and Manager Joe Cronin for the Red Sox, representatives of the Cleveland baseball club reported.

With the acquisition of Walker, the Indians hope to give the outfield the batting punch it lacked in Cleveland's World Series pennant drive last season.

The 31-year-old Walker, a native of Gulfport, Miss., averaged 100 runs batted in per season for the past five years, accounting for 96 with the Senators last summer. He previously played with Detroit's Tigers and the Chicago White Sox.

"I'm delighted with the deal," said Roger Pecknappa, recently appointed manager of the tribe. "As I see it, we got exactly what we went after without giving up anything but Dobson's prospects. And don't forget that Bagby has some prospects, too."

Bagby, 24, son of a hero of Cleveland's 1920 pennant-winning team, won 10 games against 16 losses for Boston last year, and can win upwards of 10 games for the Indians during the coming season, Pecknappa believes. He joined the Red Sox in 1938.

Dobson, 24-year-old right hander from Durant, Okla., won only three and lost seven games last season. DeSautes, 33, Red Sox first string catcher since 1937, "will be every bit as good as Pytlak" as a second-string catcher for the Indians, Pecknappa declared. The catcher started with Detroit in 1930.

Both Pytlak and Hale have been popular with Cleveland fans, but they knew the fiery little catcher probably would be offered in trade for an outfielder. Both players have been with Cleveland since 1933 and the previous year played together at Toledo. Both are 31.

Hale, used mainly as a pinch-hitter the past two seasons, batted .224 last summer.

Carpenter, here only three weeks ago, became so impressed with the U. S. open golf title, his first national championship since leaving the amateur ranks, was considered such a fine comeback that he was given three first place votes and a total of 49 for fourth place. Max Baer received 23 votes for knocking out Tony Galento and Pat Conroy and Gene Sarazen 20 for his good showing in golf competition.

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Mat Card For Benefit Of Legion Fund Planned

The wrestling program at Legion stadium Monday night will be for the benefit of the American Legion Christmas basket fund, the promoters of the bouts announced last night.

The card will feature a 90-minute time limit, best two out of three falls between Sailor Hill and Chief Little Beaver.

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