

THE SPORTS TRAIL

By Whitney Martin



NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—(P)—The fight mob is pretty proud these days. The gents along Jacobs' Beach had reason to be proud before, with most of the champions and leading contenders in Uncle Sam's service. But now they are fairly popping their vest buttons.

Of course they knew Barney Ross had the makings of a hero. They had seen enough of the sturdy little warrior during the 10 years of his spectacular ring career to know he wasn't afraid of man or beast, and that he would carry on in the face of whining bullets and shrapnel's deadly spray as long as there was a breath of life in him.

So they weren't exactly surprised he had been recommended for the Distinguished Service Cross. Just proud that one of their own had received public recognition for his feats.

They knew he would carry on when fighting instinct alone remained. They had seen him do it, that night in San Francisco in 1935 when Ceterino Garcia landed a bolo punch flush on Barney's chin in the first round, and Barney came back to his corner four rounds later waiting to know what town he was in. For four rounds he had fought by sheer instinct, but he came back to win the decision.

They knew he would carry on when his cause was utterly hopeless. They had seen him do it, that balmy late-May night in 1938 in the Long Island city bowl when Henry Armstrong battered him to a pitiful pulp in taking Barney's prized welterweight championship. They'll never forget that night. How the fading little warrior, realising he was at the end of his string, threw his usual caution to the wind and went in there swinging from bell to bell until, after seven rounds, he was spent and at the mercy of his great little opponent. And how Armstrong, in tribute to his game foe, coasted through the final rounds and refused to knock him out.

They knew he would carry on under any circumstances. They had seen him do it in stirring battles with such great little men as Tony Canzoneri, and Jimmy McLarnin, and Billy Petrolle, and Johnny Dato, and Bat Battalino. We never knew Barney, unfortunately. Never even saw him fight. When he was climbing to fame we were caged in the midwest, away from his scenes of action.

But we heard about him, even before he won his first championship. Tommy Grogan, a capable lightweight in Omaha, returned from a Chicago bout much the worse for wear, and instead of whining with the usual alibis of a beaten fighter, said emphatically:

"He's the next champion, mark my words. He's a great fighter." And he was the next lightweight champion. That same year, four months later, he defeated Tony Canzoneri for the title, the first of three to be acquired.

Probably no little man of recent years met as many good, "name" fighters as did Ross during his decade of ring warfare; a decade during which the little men held their share of the spotlight. Ten decades of the Canzoneris, and the McLarnins, and the Petrolles, and the Frankie Kliefers, of Goldfingers, and Johnny Dato, and Young Terry, and Babe Ruth. He not only met them. He defeated them. During that decade he knew he was through; when Henry Armstrong made him realize he was at trail's end, he was through definitely. Never again did he fight.

Not with his fists, that is. When the time came for the bigger fight, Barney Ross was ready. And the boys along Jacobs' Beach aren't surprised. They'd seen the brave little guy in tight spots too often not to know he would come through as a hero.

TOBACCO QUOTAS
WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—(P)—The Agriculture Department said today the 1943 marketing quota acreage for flue-cured tobacco was 841,000 acres instead of the 767,000 acres it announced November 30.

Recreational Gifts Sporting Goods
SNEEDEN CYCLE CO.
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EXCLUSIVELY IN WILMINGTON AT **CINDERELLA BOOTERIE**

SINKWICH JOINS THE DEVIL-DOGS

Leaves For Leatherneck Training Upon Graduation In March

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—(P)—Naturally attired in a brand new Marine Corps uniform, Georgia's All-America Frankie Sinkwich arrived in the big city today to receive one of football's highest awards the Heisman Memorial trophy.

The trophy, annually awarded by the Downtown Athletic club to the athlete selected as the outstanding football player of the year, will be presented to the Youngstown, O., star tomorrow night.

Although somewhat taken back by the size and fuss of the reception committee, Frankie was not long in telling how proud he is to be wearing the blue and red uniform of the United States' Leathernecks.

"I don't feel at home yet in it," said Frankie, "but I certainly am proud to wear it. I only hope I can be a credit to it."

Sinkwich, a member of the Marine Corps reserve, will be called up for active duty following his graduation early in March.

Y.M.C.A. TROUNCES COAST GUARDSMEN

City Basketball League Gets Underway With Fast Contest Here

The Y. M. C. A. City Basketball League got underway in the local gymnasium last night with the initial contest between the Y. M. C. A. senior team and the U. S. Coast Guard quintet.

The fast action and high caliber play may be indicative of the quality basketball to be expected from the City League this season.

Tom North and Bill Pieper were superb for the winners and Harlan and Lawhorn were outstanding for the losers.

Jimmy Copeland, a former Wilmington athlete, coaches the Coast Guard outfit. He is now a petty officer stationed in Wilmington.

Scoreboard for Y.M.C.A. vs U.S. Coast Guard basketball game. Columns include Player, F.G., F.T., and T.P.

The score at half-time was Y. M. C. A. 35, U. S. Coast Guard 14. Referee was Frank Kelly, scorer, Jimmy Austin, timekeeper, W. Gholson.

Tonight's schedule calls for 603 Signal Corps, U. S. Army, to play the North Carolina Shipyard at 7:30 — and the 104 Infantry, U. S. Army, to take on the Naval Section Base, Southport at 8:30 p. m.

UNC Loses Basketball Captain To Paratroops

CHAPEL HILL, Dec. 7.—(P)—Captain George Paine has dropped basketball to join the paratroops. It was announced on the eve of Carolina's final pre-Christmas practice game.

Dick Hartley, sophomore southpaw, and Toad McCahren, speedy reserve, will take over at forward against the big, sharpshooting Fort Bragg quintet, which comes here tomorrow night.

The dual announcement was made tonight by Coach Bill Lange, who has led the Tar Heels to one state and one conference title in his three-year tenure, but who must re-build from the ground up this season.

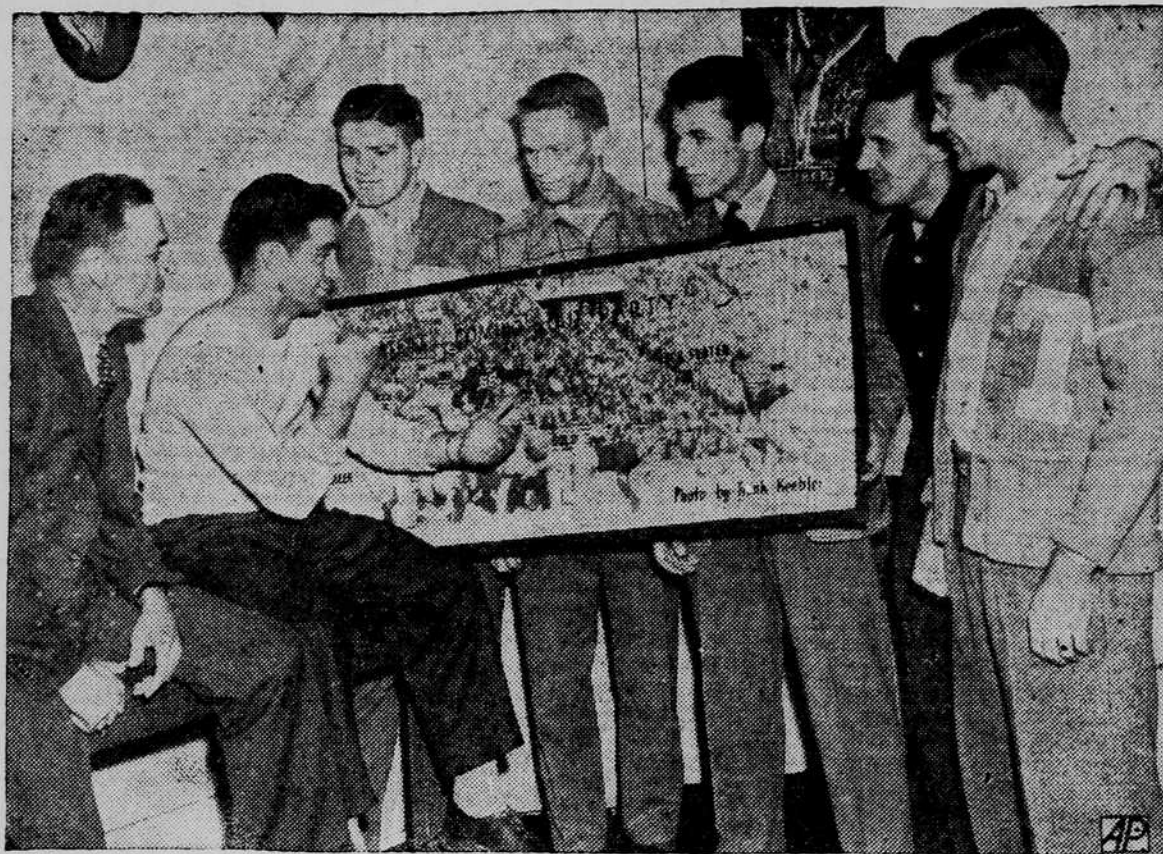
given their lives during this first year of war.

Other speakers were Mayor Edgar L. Yow, Mayor Oscar C. Tigner, commander of Wilmington Air Defense Region, and DeLoach.

The High School band, under the direction of Lt. Lacock, furnished the music for the occasion.

The following 28 men have been enlisted in the Navy this month: Ralph L. Chahoc, 202 Meares street; Ralph D. Johnson, Roseboro; Glenwood E. McDowell, Bolivia; Lewis E. Howard, Hampstead; William L. Mead, 211 South Sixth street; David L. Troutman, 308 South Seventeenth; Charles R. Owen, Roseboro; Leroy McCant, 1319 North Eighth street Hilliard; F. Morgan, Loris, S. C.; Bryan Lancaster, Taber City; James T. Watts, 40 Spofford Hill; Ray A. Doster, Southport; James E. Reeves, 713 South Fifth street; Willie Hosley, 603 Taylor street; Richard Evans, 1307 Church street; Lloyd L. Terry, RFD 2; Stanley C. Walker, Willard Lewis C. Porter, Ivanhoe; Johnny M. Thornton, Erwin; Walter A. Carter, Alton; Alexander Underwood, Jr., Clinton; George T. Pridgen, Clinton; Joshua C. Chadwick, Leland; Edwin Ivey, Fayetteville; Dekon I. Jones, Turkey; and Bennis L. Boyette, Lumberton.

Vols' Slater Hopes For Another Coming Out Party



Head Coach John Barnhill (left), of the Tennessee Vols, hears his star Junior tailback, Walter Slater, seated next to him, tell how he hopes to have "another coming out party" against Tulsa in New Orleans Sugar Bowl. Holding a big photo of his first party a re-teamsmate, left to right, Capt. Al Huxst, end; Bill Nowling, fullback; Jim Meyers, guard; Jim Gaffney, halfback, and O. C. Price. The first party was the Vols' smashing defeat of Fordham, in which Slater starred.

Enough Thrills This Year To Last Grid Customers For The Duration

Mobley Retains Crown Against Bragaw Threat

By R. J. POWELL
Delmar Mobley, the durable Wallace boxer, retained his shipyard middleweight title last night in the Thalian ring as he floored gallant Billy Bragaw five times in six rounds of the action-packed championship bout that stood out on the weekly pugilistic show.

After being met by fierce opposition that almost got him in the opening chapter, Mobley came back strong in the other five rounds to turn in one of his best efforts as he employed an effective left jab with a healthy right breeze to bring the Southport blond breeze to almost a complete standstill. In fairness to Bragaw, it might be noted that he too tried hard, even in defeat. This was Mobley's last fight locally for some time as he joins Uncle Sam's forces soon.

Huck Liles, who was scheduled to meet Bill Wilson for the shipyard heavyweight championship, was unable to fight. Mooring announced that plans were underway to bring a formidable opponent for Hickory Bomber in a match to be staged in the near future.

Billy Johnson, the good little middleweight and Stocky McCullough, the crafty heavyweight veteran biffed and banged away to a six-round stalemate verdict in the feature colored mixup of the night. Johnson, the shipyard shuffler, found a big but constantly protected target in the East Wilmington darkie, and at times the ancient Thalian ring fairly rocked with the resounding blows exchanged by the hard-working warriors.

The biggest disappointment of the entire show came in the much-anticipated Buddy O'Sullivan-Jack Inman return dish in which the one-time whirlwind fighters looked way off form as they waltzed to a booted draw decision in a three set love match. Much activity but little real damage was produced by the popular featherweights, who in past performances had featured a slam-bang style of battling.

Joe Smith, 160 pound East Wilmington negro lost his second fight in as many starts in the Thalian ring when he tangled with hard-hitting "T" Model Ford of Whiteville in a three rounder. Ford was the master all the way, tagging the covering up Smith plenty at every turn.

Blackout Ferguson, the 135 pound Wilmington negro tossed a lot of cowhide as he outpointed George Willet in the first colored scrap on the program.

Three white flyweight bouts opened the show. Jack Canfield, pated Eugene Ganey, Jack Benson swamped Billy Garrison and James Ganey fought a draw with Willie Best.

Charles Hornday was the referee and Bill Rhodes handled the announcing.

ODT Wants No 'Followers' To Travel To Bowl Games

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—(P)—Joseph B. Eastman, defense transportation director, made it clear today he wants no "team followers" to travel to bowl football games Jan. 1.

Telegraphing sponsors of the Rose Bowl at Pasadena and the Sugar Bowl at New Orleans, Eastman said that supplying of tickets to competing teams for sale in their home communities would run counter to his request that admissions be distributed only locally.

Eastman's telegram to Robert McCurdy, president of the Tournament of Roses, said he understood McCurdy had expressed doubt whether the travel curtailment request meant exclusion of a delegation from the University of Georgia, one of the Rose Bowl teams.

"We must discourage enthusiasts and team followers from making these trips this season," Eastman said. "Hope that travel from Georgia may be limited to essential players and coaching staff."

Cream of the Soph Crop In Southern
He's wearing a broad and friendly grin, is this 200-pound husky—and no wonder. For he's Chan Highsmith, the University of North Carolina's sophomore center, who made it so tough for the opposition that he earned the Associated Press nomination as the Southern Conference "Sophomore-of-the-Year." His home is in Brunswick, Ga.

Several New Records Set In 1942 Sport Contests

STRONBERG MEETS CHEWCHI FRIDAY

'Ladies Night' To Be Observed At Thalian Hall Wrestling Show

After failing to appear in time for his scheduled bout with Rudy Stronberg, Chief Chewchi, the mad gypsy, walked into Bert Causey's headquarters late Thursday night full of apologies for his belated appearance. It seems that the chief was held up by transportation problems.

Since the default obviously wasn't the Chief's fault, he has been rematched with Stronberg for this coming Friday night in a 75-minute time limit fracas.

Due to the fact that many fans were disappointed by the mixup in fights last week, Causey feels that something should be done to give them a little added feature this week. So he has arranged for a special "ladies' night" in which all ladies will be admitted free to the main floor with one paid adult admission.

The card will be presented at 8:30 Friday night and doors at Thalian Hall will be open at 7 o'clock. Special prices will be effective for men in uniform.

EXPANSION SEEN FOR BOND GROUP

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promoting the sale of government securities necessary in financing the war.

At present the New Hanover county committee is composed of H. C. Rorison of the Security National Bank, D. M. Darden of the People's Savings Bank and Trust company, E. A. Laney of the Morris Plan Bank, Allen C. Ewing of Allen C. Ewing and company, and C. Van Leuven.

Mr. Rogers said last night that he had already notified the members of the new volunteer group, whose names will be announced later, and he expects to receive unanimous acceptances.

When this group is assembled, Mr. Rogers said a meeting of the entire committee will be called for the purpose of receiving instructions and information from an area manager of the Victory Fund Committee.

Wartime Boom Raises Attendance At Races On New Orleans Turf

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 7.—(P)—The fair grounds winter racing program isn't ten days old yet but it's plain already that a wartime boom is on in both attendance and betting with promise of the greatest season since Colonel E. R. Bradley's sponsorship in the golden twenties.

Attendance and betting have increased 55 per cent already over last winter's program, and is up 100 per cent on Saturdays and holidays, and it is evident that with more than 1,000 horses quartered at the track.

Track officials expect one of the largest turnouts in the city's racing history Saturday when Whirlaway, leading money winner of all time, competes in the \$15,000-added Louisiana handicap, December 12.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—(P)—One hundred and 41 new American records in swimming and track will be written into the books, if the Amateur Athletic Union approves the report of Paul R. Jordan, of Indianapolis at its annual meeting in Chicago, Dec. 11-13.

Jordan, chairman of the records committee, will submit 41 track and field marks, 51 in women's swimming and 33 in men's swimming. A number of the aquatic figures and track and field standards will be passed on to the International Federation for consideration as world records.

From the standpoint of numbers, the leading record-breaker of the year is Gloria Callen, pretty New York back stroker, who created 19 marks. Maria Link, breast stroke star from Brazil, who topped the U. S. last winter, is second with 11.

Bill Smith, 18-year-old Hawaiian, now a student at Ohio State, tops among the men with eight performances up for consideration. If passed by the A. A. U. his clocking of 4:39.6 for 440 yards and 9:54.5 for 880 along with Nakamura's 20:29 for the mile and Adolph Kiefer's 1:02.8 for 100 meters and 1:32.7 for 150 yards backstroke will be turned over to the International Federation.

In addition, there are three clockings of 51 seconds flat for 100 yards "estyle to equal Johnny W. Miller's world standard. They were made by Harold Johnson and Alan Ford of Yale and Bill Brew of the Detroit A. C. Yale swimmers also will have relay marks up for consideration.

Top man on the track all-letes is Greg Rice of the New York A. C. with eight discus-throwing marks. John Boston of Asbury Park, N. J., has five and Cornelius Warner, the only man ever to clear 15 feet in the pole vault, has four in his specialty. The West coast school teacher boosted the indoor pole vault standard to 15 feet 7 1/4 inches last winter and the outdoor mark to 15 feet 7 3/4 inches.

STOCKING FUND MUST HAVE AID

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Help your sick, handicapped neighbors to Christmas cheer. The fund total now:

Table showing fund totals: Previously Acknowledged \$12,500, A Friend \$100, W. H. M. \$100, Brick Layers Union No. 11 of N. C. \$100, Total \$12,800.

Advertisement for Treet brand paper products. Includes text: "Make it go twice as far", "A nicked blade means waste steel. Handle your super-tough Treet Single Edge Blade carefully and it will last longer!" and an image of a Treet razor.

OLD OVERHOLT IS TOTAL RYE WHISKEY

Advertisement for Old Overholt rye whiskey. Includes text: "ESTABLISHED in 1810... distilled at Broad Ford, Pa., Old Overholt straight rye whiskey is bottled in bond at full 100 proof under U.S. Government supervision." and an image of an Old Overholt whiskey bottle.

RAILROAD INCOME

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—(P)—A billion dollar net income for the railroads this year was forecast today by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Advertisement for Philco Radio. Text: "For A Real Christmas Gift PHILCO RADIO. A Good selection now in stock. PICKARDS 299 Market St. Dial 3224"