

The Sports Trail

By WHITNEY MARTIN

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—(P)—The fact that Ford Frick and Clark Griffith have been doing a little gumshoeing in Washington does not mean baseball has deserted its "we don't want nuttin' from nobody" policy.

Frick, national league president, and Griffith, owner of the Washington Senators, merely have been trying to find out if anyone down there is winding up a haymaker for the game, as they know the racing people discovered the Government slugs first and lets the victim ask questions afterward.

In other words, they don't want the umpire to yell "play ball" and Jimmy Byrnes to yell "yer out" practically simultaneously, and nobody can be accused of asking undue favors who only wants to know whether it's all right to start on a hike or whether it's going to rain.

If circumstances are such that baseball can't operate this year, the Washington brass had better have an inkling of it by now, and if they would impart this knowledge to baseball officials it would save tremendous worry, work and expense.

Even the curtailed spring training means quite a financial outlay, with scores of other details, such as printing of tickets, preparation of the parks and such, adding to the total. The baseball people can't be blamed for being a trifle apprehensive, particularly since they have found out it is a matter of indifference to the government if they are told three

months in advance whether or not they'll have the manpower to operate, or told on opening day.

Frick and Griffith apparently were unofficial spokesmen for the game, but if a choice had been made by the club owners they couldn't have picked two better men. Frick is suave, alert and wise. Griffith is practically as much a fixture in Washington as the Washington monument, and is so highly esteemed in official circles he undoubtedly has entree where other baseball men fear to tread. In his noiseless, unassuming way he probably has done as much or more to put the game in a favorable light with the powers that be than anyone else.

We'll never forget the first time we saw the old fox. He had come to New York for some meeting, and walked into the hotel headquarters looking anything but the shrewd old baseball man he is. In fact, his ruddy complexion, white hair and bewildered expression, combined with the large traveling bag he was toting, offered the picture of a retired farmer ripe to be taken by the city slicker.

Anyway, although both are without official statements, Frick and Griffith have unofficially agreed slightly divergent ideas as to what they learned in Washington. Griffith seems a little on the optimistic side; Frick, if anything, slightly pessimistic, although he said:

"I won't say that the talks were not optimistic, nor were they pessimistic."

What could be clearer than that?

ST. PAUL'S SET TO PLAY TRINITY

Topping tonight's fray in the Y.M.C.A. Church league, the Trinity Methodist hardwooders are scheduled to battle the league-leading St. Paul's Episcopal basketball team at 7 p. m. The Trinity aggregation is fifth on the ladder, winning one encounter with two defeats.

St. Paul's leads the way in the league, with three victories to remain undefeated.

Also scheduled tonight is an encounter between the Leland Baptist quintet and the Maffitt Village cagers, which will start at 8 p. m. St. Andrew's Covenant quint will meet the Grace Methodist cagemen at 9 p. m.

Team	W	L
St. Paul's	3	0
Leland Baptist	2	1
Grace Methodist	2	1
St. Andrew's Cov't	1	2
Trinity Methodist	1	2
Maffitt Village	0	3

ELECTRICS BEAT WAREHOUSE QUINT

The Electrical Department of the North Carolina Shipbuilding Co., walloped an underdog Warehouse Department 42-17, in the shipyard league last night.

McCall and Kaylor led the Electricians with 18 and 17 points respectively, while the Warehouse basketballers were sparked with Boswell, aggregating a total of 45.

Warehouse	fg	ft	tp
Casteen, f	1	2	4
Boswell, f	2	1	5
Haywood, f	0	0	0
Coughenon, f	0	0	0
Worrell, c	1	0	2
Crouch, g	1	0	2
Waggoner, g	2	0	4
Totals	7	3	17

Electricians	fg	ft	tp
Kaylor, f	8	1	17
Best, f	0	0	0
Spain, f	1	0	2
Noe, f	0	0	0
McCall, c	9	0	18
McKeithan, g	1	0	2
Edens, g	1	1	3
Totals	20	2	42

Jack McGill, Of Olympics, Joins Bruin Hockey Team

BOSTON, Jan. 26.—(UP)—Jack McGill of the Boston Olympics has joined the Boston Bruins for the remainder of the season and will start at left wing against the Montreal Canadiens at Montreal tomorrow night, it was announced tonight.

McGill will be the first line left winger replacing Bill Thoms who is being shifted to defense in place of Dit Clapper, sidelined with a back injury.

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CADET LEAGUE BEGINS TODAY

The YMCA Cadet Sunday School league will go into action this afternoon for the first time, when St. Paul's Lutheran basketballers take to the YMCA floor against the cadets of either Maffitt Village Baptist, or Fifth Avenue Baptist.

Immediately following the first game, which starts at 12 o'clock, the Grace Methodist quintet is scheduled to meet the Trinity Methodist cadet team, followed by a third contest featuring Leland Baptist and Winter Park Baptist youngsters. The age limits for the cadet league has been established at 12 and 14 years.

Tickets for this afternoon's contests will be sold at the YMCA gymnasium. The 'Y' Seniors are scheduled to engage the local U. S. Navy hardwooders at 8 p. m. Tuesday in the senior league, followed by the 'Y' Dormitory quint, vs. a fast Kress' aggregation, and the shipyard Welders will meet the Erectors. The last game is scheduled to begin at 9:30 p. m.

LAST MINUTE APPEAL MADE TO PUBLIC FOR THE MARCH OF DIMES

With only four days left in the annual "March of Dimes" drive to raise funds to provide treatment for children stricken with infantile paralysis, the outlook was that Wilmingtonians and others in the county would have to dig deeper in their pockets to reach the \$8,269 quota and the hope was that today, "Tag Day", would bring a good increase in funds.

This was drawn from a statement by D. M. Darden, campaign manager, who said that about 25 per cent of the goal had been reached yesterday, and urged that New Hanover county residents again go over the goal as in all previous drives. Members of the "Teen-Age club, under the direction of the City recreation department today will sell lapel tags, as an added effort in raising funds for the campaign.

Collections in local theaters will continue through Tuesday, according to Darden. All contributions can be sent to the New Hanover County Infantile Paralysis Campaign, Box 1170, Wilmington, or can be delivered to Darden at the People's Saving bank.

BOWLING CIVIC LEAGUE Results Thursday

Players	1st	2nd	3rd	Total
Hamilton	122	154	139	415
Greer	143	132	175	450
Walton, G.	150	120	122	372
Carswell	115	141	105	316
Dummy	100	100	100	300
Totals	625	649	641	1915

Players	1st	2nd	3rd	Total
Ward	115	119	116	350
Platt	141	134	125	399
Lawther	146	111	154	411
Raney	100	115	134	349
Dummy	100	100	100	300
Dummy	100	100	100	300
Cannady	158	152	310	420
Totals	602	687	656	1945

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GAFFORD LEADS BYRON NELSON IN TEXAS OPEN

Little Known Texan Leads Tourney With Five Under Par 66

By HAROLD V. RATLIFF

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Jan. 26.—(AP)—Slender Raymond Gafford put a double dose of Texas into the Texas open today as the Fort Worth professional slipped in with a five under-par 66 to lead favorite Byron Nelson by a stroke at the end of the first round.

Nelson, the war bond wealthy transplanted Texan now getting his mail out of Toledo, O., had sprayed six birdies on tough brackenridge course for a 67 an hour before the tall, easy-talking Gafford came in with a 32-34 that stood up under the bombardment of a field cut to 150 players by first day withdrawals.

Gafford, little known outside this State and winner of no major tournaments, had five birdies and not a bogey and he didn't miss a green. He had only 32 putts.

Tied for third place were Tex Consoler of Wichita, Kans., and Frank Stranahan, amateur from Maxwell Field, Ala., each with a 68.

Next in line with 69's were Sam Schneider of Corpus Christi, Leland Gibson of Randolph Field, Toney Penna of Dayton, O., Sam Byrd of Detroit and Harold (Jug) McSpaden of Sanford, Me.

Craig Wood of Mamaroneck, N. Y., national open champion and one of the top-rated men in this tournament, had "spectator trouble"—That is his hit hit a couple of spectators—costing him heavily and he came in with a five-over-par 76.

Bob Hamilton of Chicago, national P.G.A. champion, shot a one-under 72, the same score posted by Johnny Revolta of Evanston, Ill., defending Texas open champion.

SENATORS REJECT HENRY A. WALLACE

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Clellan, Ark., in opposing the nomination. Democratic Sens. Claude Pepper, Fla.; James M. Mead, N. Y.; Theodore G. Bilbo, Miss.; Warren G. Magnuson, Wash., and John H. Overton, La., voted in favor of Wallace. McClellan swung over to them on the futile motion to report the nomination without recommendation and thus remove the stigma of an "adverse" report.

Overton joined the anti-Wallace forces in the vote on the George bill. Committee action came after the Wallace cause had received support from two separate quarters.

Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Jr., praised Wallace as a "Yankee businessman with horse sense enough to recognize that we are living in a world of change" and said his record in handling loans is "beyond reproach". Secretary of the Interior Harold I. Ickes had praised the Wallace nomination earlier as a "good appointment."

And the United Packinghouse Workers (CIO) sent its members a letter urging them to call on their congressmen to support the Wallace nomination and to oppose the George bill.

OPA SCHEDULES POINT VALIDITY

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designed to prevent accumulation of large backlogs of unused stamps as well as avert last minute buying rushes. With four months to spend each series of stamps, housewives will be able to space expenditures evenly over the period, OPA said.

While definite expiration dates were in effect prior to last March, each series of stamps was good for only about seven weeks. This led to buying rushes, the agency said when the program was abandoned.

This is the schedule of expiration dates for other red and blue stamps:

Red—T5, U5, V5, W5, and X5, valid December 31, good through April 28; Y5, Z5, A2, B2, C2, and D2, valid January 28, good through June 2.
Blue—C2, D2, E2, F2, and G2, valid January 28, good through June 2.
Blue—C2, D2, E2, F2, and G2, valid January 1, good through April 28; H2, J2, K2, L2, and M2, valid February 1, good through June 2.

WEATHER

(Eastern Standard Time) (By U. S. Weather Bureau) Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., yesterday. Temperature: 1:30 am, 44.0; 7:30 am, 42.7; 1:30 pm, 50.1; 7:30 pm, 42.8. Maximum 53.5; Minimum 40.8; Mean 44; Normal 46. Humidity: 1:30 am, 93; 7:30 am, 90; 1:30 pm, 62; 7:30 pm, 66. Precipitation: Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 pm, 0.00 inches. Total since the first of the month, 1.97 inches. Tides For Today (From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey) Wilmington: 9:18a 3:43a; 9:25p 4:20p. Masonboro Inlet: 7:12a 12:46a; 7:21p 1:25p. Sunrise, 7:13 a.m.; Sunset, 5:37 p.m.; Moonrise, 5:11 p.m.; Moonset, 6:49 a.m.

New York Yankees Sold For \$2,800,000, Including 400 Players, All Franchises; Wildcats Downed By Blackbirds, 25-20

BILLY KELLY TRIES FOR RECORD



Billy Kelly (left), sensational swimming star-at the University of North Carolina, pulls himself out of the water at Chapel Hill as Coach Willis Casey checks his time with a stop watch. Kelly has won three National Junior championships and is gunning for a fourth. There are only four National Junior championships to be won. If he wins the fourth, he will be the first athlete to turn the trick. He's one of the few who have been able to win three.

Domestic Court Parley Postponed Until Monday

The meeting of the city-county committee chosen to investigate legislative authority for the institution of a domestic relations court, scheduled to take place yesterday afternoon, was deferred until Monday, Councilman Edgar L. Yow said last night.

Mr. Yow, W. B. Campbell, City attorney, and Marsden Bellamy, County attorney, constitute the membership of the group, whose task is to determine whether or not the general State law providing for the establishment of family-problem tribunals can be applied to the Wilmington-New Hanover plans. A joint meeting of City Councilmen and County commis-

Jury Fails To Agree On Long Case; Trial Will Be Heard Again

SOUTHPORT, Jan. 26.—The case of Tom Long, Shallotte farmer accused of murdering Ace Galloway, Negro of that area, today was scheduled for a retrial in the May session of superior court, after a Brunswick county jury told Judge John J. Burney that it could not agree.

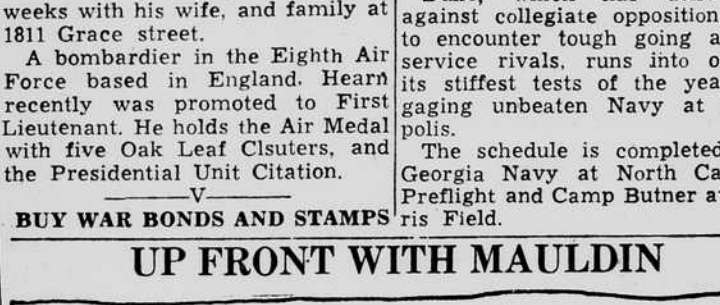
The jury stood the same as it did on the first ballot, 8 to 4, and had been locked up from 8 p. m. yesterday until late this afternoon. Long remained out on \$5,000 bond. The shooting took place January 22, 1944.

Local Flier Returns Home After War Front Activity

After participating in 35 combat missions over Germany and German-occupied territory, Lt. James E. Hearn, Jr., is spending a few weeks with his wife, and family at 1811 Grace street.

A bombardier in the Eighth Air Force based in England, Hearn recently was promoted to First Lieutenant. He holds the Air Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Presidential Unit Citation.

BUY WAR BONDS AND STAMPS UP FRONT WITH MAULDIN



"That's funny. He's gonna pick us up an' there ain't no newspaper reporters around."

New Hanover Loses Fifth Loop Contest

ROCKY MOUNT, Jan. 26.—New Hanover High school lost their fifth consecutive conference clash this afternoon, when defeated by a highly favored Rocky Mount aggregation 25-20, but the Wildcats were somewhat rejuvenated in the fact that they held the Blackbirds to their lowest score this season.

Figuring in game this afternoon were two full teams of fighting Blackbirds, while Wilmington coaches were handicapped with only three substitutes.

Proof of the dauntless, high-spirited 'Cats, was shown in the high scoring of Rocky Mount, dividing honors between Allsbrook and Thorne, with five each. Highly scorer for Wilmington was Billy Mason, with nine, followed by his brother, Carl, with six.

The visiting basketballers led the Blackbirds up to the half-time, with the score set at 9-4 at the end of the first quarter, and leading 14-9 at the half.

Wilmington	FG	FT	TP
Mason, Billy, f	4	1	9
Colley, f	0	0	0
Brindell, f	0	0	0
Mason, Carl, c	3	0	6
Tuttle, c	0	0	0
Croom, g	1	1	3
Fennell, g	1	0	2
Waters, g	0	0	0
TOTALS	9	2	20

Fliers Meet Marines In Top Flight Game At Air Base Tonight

The Bluethenthal Field hardwooders play host to the visiting Cherry Point Marines quintet at the Air Base gymnasium tonight. The Cherry Pointers are rated as one of the top service teams in the South.

Although the Marines are a slight favorite in tonight's game, the high-flying Thunderbolts, winners of nine of ten games, and boasting a winning streak of seven straight victories, promise a tough landing for the Marines.

Lennon Urges 'Caution' In LeGrand Opposition

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with having secured the inclusion of both areas in the same bill, as well as with the "guarantee" clause, which requires representation by two suburban appointees for two years on the City Council and the public endorsement by four out of five Council members of an announcement that the City was ready to render fire, police and other services to the annexed areas.

Despite the strategy urged by Mr. Lennon, residents of Brookwood, Oleander and the other eastern suburbs chose a committee to join efforts with the group picked Wednesday night at Sunset Park to remonstrate with Rep. LeGrand by telegraph. A distinct likelihood that a delegation would go to Raleigh was evidenced by remarks from the 100-odd suburbanites present.

Mr. Lennon was chosen chairman after he had rendered the report of the action committee and received a vote of thanks. Previous head of the group was the late F. A. Matthes, whose sudden death in December Lennon said he thought might have been caused in part by work on the committee.

The only comment from the membership of longer than five minutes' duration was given by W. K. Rhodes, Jr., who rose to explain that he had not been author of derogatory comments concerning the Wilmington police made at a Sunset Park meeting Wednesday, but that his statement at the same gathering, that he did not consider the City Council's promise worth a snap, would be forthcoming again whenever anyone suggested the council promise to install sewerage or a water-system in 1945. He simply did not believe that there was manpower for any such job, he said, however good the intentions of the city government in promising it.

He suggested that city extension would be a much more suitable project for the postwar period, when servicemen had come home. To this Mr. Lennon assented, saying "If it's good now, it will be good five years from now."

Mackall Orchestra Plans To Play At Local Church

The Camp Mackall paratrooper band-orchestra will present a semi-classical concert in Thalian Hall at 3 p. m. Sunday and will play the same day at 8 p. m. at St. Andrew's Covenant Presbyterian church, rendering sacred numbers and leading in the song service.

St. Andrew's has departed recently from its accustomed form of worship Sunday nights, according to Dr. Frederick W. Lewis, and has been conducting an informal service, consisting largely of the old familiar Gospel songs.

Col. MacPhail Tops The List Of New Owners

By JACK HAND

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—(P)—Control of the vast New York Yankee baseball empire today passed into the hands of Col. Larry MacPhail, Capt. Daniel R. Topping and Del Webb of Phoenix, Ariz., for an estimated purchase price of \$2,800,000.

Real estate including the Yankee Stadium and Ruppert stadiums at Newark and Kansas City were included in the deal as well as their respective franchises and those of Binghamton, N. Y., in the Eastern League.

Almost 400 players, 269 of whom are in the service on the organization's national defense list, went with the deal which was concluded shortly before a late afternoon press conference in the swanky press room of a 52nd street restaurant.

The 86.88 per cent of the stock administered by the Manufacturers Trust Co. in behalf of the three heirs of the late Jacob Ruppert brought \$2,500,000 in cash, according to Wilfred Wottrick, vice-president of the trust company.

MacPhail said he concluded the deal for the 10 per cent owned by President Ed Barrow for an indefinite sum "between \$300,000 and \$500,000" but that George E. Ruppert, brother of the former owner, did not sell his holdings amounting to 3.12 per cent of the stock.

Barrow will continue as chairman of the board of directors and will continue to be acting president until MacPhail is placed on the Army's inactive duty list February 10 when the colonel is out of uniform he will become president and general manager of the club.

DUKE BASKETEERS, SWIMMERS ENGAGE ARMY, NAVY TODAY

DURHAM, Jan. 26.—(P)—The Duke basketball and swimming teams step out into high class competition tomorrow when they take on Navy and Army, respectively, in away from home skirmishes.

Coach Gerry Gerard's Blue Devil cagers, triumphant in seven of 13 starts to date but still unbeaten in college competition, will be out to avenge last year's 45-43 loss to the Navy at Annapolis, Md., tomorrow afternoon.

With the team showing vast improvement over early season play, Coach Gerard has high hopes of giving the Middlesex some anxious moments.

Coach Jack Persons' Blue Devil swimmers expect plenty of trouble from the Army cadets. Army hasn't had more than 15 points scored on it in a single meet this season.

SFA BAN HITS INDOOR SPORTS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—(P)—Such wartime indoor sports as basketball games, Madison Square Garden events, hockey and fights apparently were temporarily frozen out today in 16 states.

The Solid Fuels Administration announced further restrictions on the use of coal in states east and south of the Great Lakes, due to a log-jam of winter-struck freight traffic.

The announcement urged curtailment or elimination of the use of coal in places of amusement.

While only bowling alleys in the sports category were mentioned specifically, it was later explained that the limitations apply also to basketball games, fights, track meets, hockey, ice carnivals and so on until the emergency passes.

The only exceptions will be where local supplies are sufficient to permit sports events to continue without danger of running out of fuel.

"It's purely a matter of judgment on the part of local officials," an SFA source said. "But the order certainly applies to other indoor sports as well as bowling."

Such contests might be postponed until restrictions are lifted or cancelled, it was suggested. It may be a week or two before the pinch is felt in some communities.

The orders become effective Sunday until further notice. Restrictions affect Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, West Virginia, part of Virginia, Washington, D. C., and St. Louis, Mo.

JAPANESE GUNS SHELL YANKS AT CLARK FIELD

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and on the right, troops of Maj. Gen. Innis P. Swift's First Corps hammered out gains of up to two miles north of Sison and captured Cauringan, 15 miles south of Baguio on Highway three.

They also captured high ground northeast of Rosario, hornet's nest of enemy resistance three miles northwest of Cauringan, in what appeared to be a developing two-way threat to the road junction point of Camp One, a little over two miles north of Cauringan. At Camp One, Highway three and another road running east from Rosario join with Highway 11 running north to Baguio.

Fighting continued around San Manuel, 13 miles southeast of Cauringan, where United Press dispatches said troops of the 25th Infantry Division knocked out 24 tanks and guns in two days' house to house fighting up to Thursday. MacArthur's communique said American troops were "pushing through" San Manuel against stubborn resistance.

Meanwhile, Lt. Gen. George C. Kenney's medium and heavy bombers continued blasting enemy defenses in the Manila area. They attacked shore defenses and barracks on Subic Bay and on Bataan, "wrecking many coast defense positions," MacArthur's communique said.

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