

# The Morning Watch

WITH  
Edward Sachs

Wilmington will be the scene of the first organization meeting of the year of the North Carolina Wildlife Federation, Ross O. Stevens, executive director of the Federation informs us.

On Monday night the local branch of the federation will meet in the courthouse with J. Edwin Bunting presiding. Tuesday night the Southport group will meet with Bill Keziah as temporary chairman and on Wednesday evening Frederick B. Yates, president of the Columbus County Wildlife club, will preside at a meeting in Whiteville.

Thus it would appear that Stevens is continuing to work for the federation despite the recent order from his boss that he desist or resign as biologist on the faculty of N. C. State College.

His boss, Chancellor J. H. Harrelson made his statement two weeks ago but it hasn't fazed Stevens. The biologist tells us that the federation now has 91 affiliated clubs in 81 counties of the state with 11,000 members. His goal, he said was 25,000 members before the year is ended.

City Softball Commissioner Roy J. Cook leaves today for Greensboro to enter the city's bid for the state softball tournament in late August. However, Cook is not too optimistic about Wilmington's chances. It seems that a large amount of coin must go along with the bid and city softball leaders are not sure the money involved is in line with the event's drawing power.

The death of Georgie Woolfe, the jockey who earned at least \$200,000 in his years of riding was a shock indeed to sports fans.

Woolfe ranked with Don Meade, Johnny Longdon and Nick Wall as a munny rider. Too good to be under contract to one stable, this type of rider's forte is free-lancing. If an owner has a horse entered in a big state race, he will pay a rider of this class a set sum for the one race and often will give an interest of the purse as a bonus for a winning ride.

Nicknamed the Icemen, the cool rider from Canada is the first fatality to be recorded in turf history in several seasons. The recent regulation making the wearing of helmets by the riders compulsory has undoubtedly cut down the number of deaths.

When you consider the number of races in this country each day, the record of racing in keeping down fatal accidents is to be commended. It is probably one of the finest of major sports.

Buck Cheek, forward on the Durham High school five which defeated the Wildcats here last season is seeing plenty of action with the Duke quint this season.

Speaking of basketball, one of the finest scoring exhibitions in state history was put on the other evening by Earl Wooten of the Hanes Hoseiery five of Winston-Salem. Wooten made 40 points on 16 baskets and eight free throws as the Stockings lost to N. C. State College, 60 to 59.

Understand that several of the nation's sports writers who covered the Rose Bowl were not too impressed with Harry Gilmer of Alabama. His trick of leaping before he throws would be a hindrance in fast competition, several midwestern scribes said while west coast writers think that the boy from Birmingham was several notches below the general all-around ability of Herman Wedmeyer of St. Mary's.

One scribe said that Coach Frank Thomas' claim that Gilmer is the best passer in the country was a little on the overzealous side. Several writers have said that the boy is several paces from the class throwing of Baugh, Waterfield, Luckman, Isbell and Bertelli.

Still Gilmer helped Alabama beat Southern California and we think that was all the kid was supposed to do. These "great", "greater", and "greatest", arguments always made us a little ill.

# New Hanover High Beats Wilson, 27-23

## CYCLONES STOPPED BY LOCAL DEFENSE BEFORE 900 FANS

### McKoy, Star NHHS Center, Misses Game Because Of Studies

WILSON, Jan. 4.—(Special to the Star)—The New Hanover High School's Wildcats chalked up their first Eastern A Conference victory here tonight, edging out a fighting Wilson quintet, 27 to 23 before a large crowd of approximately 900 fans, who jammed the Atlantic Christian Gymnasium to see the season opener for both teams.

Led by Billy Lee and Charlie Smith, the Wilmington cagers took the lead early in the contest and held it to the end even though they were never more than six points ahead of the Cyclones. Lee racked up 9 points in his conference debut, while Smith, playing his initial game at center, tossed in three goals and one foul shot for seven markers.

Charles Anthony, star forward for the Wilson five, led both squads in scoring with a lofty total of 12 points. Only three other Wilson lads besides Anthony made baskets, showing the "Cats" tight defense.

A taller Hanoverian quint built up a halftime lead of 13 to 11, paced by the floor play of little W. A. Brown, who pleased Wilson spectators with his clever ball handling. Brown tossed in five tallies from his guard position in the tight struggle.

The locals, without for the first time, Johnny McKoy, the regular center, who could not make the trip due to scholastic reasons, played a hard brand of ball in racking up their eighth triumph in ten tilts this season.

The Junior Varsity of Wallace West lost to the Wilson Jayvees in an earlier battle, 37 to 30. Lincoln Taylor led the Hanoverians in scoring with 12 points, while Overman was tops for the winners, holding a nice 14 mark total.

### BOX SCORE

Wilmington	G	F	T
Lee, F.	4	1	4
Collie, F.	1	2	4
Smith, C.	0	0	0
Hyatt, C.	3	1	7
Fennell, G.	1	2	5
Brown, G.	2	1	5
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Wilson	G	F	T
Smith, F.	3	1	7
Anthony, F.	6	0	12
Newsome, C.	0	0	0
Clark, C.	0	1	1
Spirots, C.	0	0	0
T. Brooks, G.	1	1	3
Wells, G.	0	0	0
V. Brooks, G.	0	0	0
Long, G.	0	0	0
Zrakas, G.	0	0	0
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### BULLS WIN ROCKY MOUNT, Jan. 4.—(P)—Rocky Mount High school's cagers were defeated here last night by an impressive Durham High squad, 48 to 23.

### COOPER'S SERVICE STATUS HOLDS UP CARD-GIANT DEAL

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—(AP)—The deal through which the New York Giants hope to obtain Walker Cooper, star St. Louis Cardinal catcher, was reported to have hit a snag tonight as the Boston Braves revealed that they still were in the market for the big receiver.

The Giants were reported to have offered the Cardinals between \$150,000 and \$200,000 for Cooper and one of the many Cardinal left handed pitchers. Owner Sam Breadon of the Cardinals was reported insisting that the Giants throw in Catcher Clyde Kluck.

New York was reported balking at that angle in fear that Cooper may not be released from the Navy before the start of the 1946 season and the Giants thus would be left with only slow Ernie Lombardi for their catching staff.

A report from St. Louis said that Cooper may not be released from the Navy until August.

### 106, MAKES COMEBACK

CARIBOU, Me. (AP)—Jeremiah Campbellton, who will be 107 next August, is fit as a fiddle once more after falling down a flight of stairs and suffering painful head injuries at his daughter's home recently.

# Umpire-Baiting Dykes May Retire To Bench

By CHARLES W. DUNKLEY

CHICAGO.—Jimmy Dykes, pilot of the Chicago White Sox, is convinced that a manager, directing his team from the coaching box, is operating under a handicap.

Therefore, Dykes is not planning on ordering himself back to third base coaching next season as a replacement for Herold (Muddy) Ruel, newly appointed special assistant to Albert E. (Happy) Chandler, commissioner of baseball. Leslie O'Connor, new vice president and business manager of the White Sox, had hoped Dykes would forsake the bench to resume coaching.



Bob Paxton, University of North Carolina cager is one of the reasons that White Phantom basketball hopes have risen the past month. In the recent trip which saw the North Staters defeated NYU and St. Joe, it was Paxton's shooting, rebounding and general all-around play that insured the Carolina triumphs.

# YMCA Activities Retailed By Physical Director

Activities for the Y. M. C. A. during the first few months of 1946 were announced last night by Adam Smith, Y physical director, as follows:

All basketball players are urged to be on hand when the new leagues and teams will be chosen. The winners of the various sports and leagues will receive Wilmington Y. M. C. A. quarter sleeve shirts.

The 'Y' club Sunday Basketball League will start their second trip on Saturday night at 7 p. m. Temple Baptist vs. Carolina Beach Methodist at 8 p. m. Tabernacle Baptist vs. Sunset Park Methodist (St. Andrews Covenant Church team are to be here at 8 p. m.), to play in case Sunset Park Methodist decides to drop from the league.) 9 p. m. is First Presbyterian vs. Trinity Methodist.

Saturday, January 5, at 12 o'clock the 'Y' Junior Sunday School Basketball League will start. 12 noon Trinity Methodist-Temple Baptist. 12:45 First Baptist vs. Leland Baptist.

Saturday, January 12, at 9 a. m. 'Y' Cadet Basketball League will choose new teams. Boys from 10 to 15 years of age are to be in the Gym if they want to get into the league.

Saturday, January 12, at 10 a. m., the 'Y' Junior Basketball League will be organized. Boys 12 to 15 years of age are to be in the gymnasium if they want to get into a team and probably be the team that wins the Wilmington 'Y' shirts.

Wednesday, January 9 at 8:15 p. m., Y. M. C. A. Senior Basketball League will choose new teams. All senior members 17 years and up are to be present to be picked on the various teams for this league.

Saturday, January 12 at 2:30 all the Gra-Y Clubs of the various Grammar Schools, will meet at the Y. M. C. A., and a basketball league will be organized to play in the 'Y' gym. Approximately six clubs will be in the league.

Those members interested in a body building and weight lifting club, instructor Royce Stevens will start such a club on Sunday, Wednesday and Friday nights at 5:30 p. m. Be in the weight room at that time. All members will be weighed, measured, a record kept and in one month, be measured again, and see their improvement. Course will consist of calisthenics, weight lighting, push up chairs, rope clothing, running, etc.

Wrestling class will be organized and members that are interested in A. A. U. wrestling and Ju Jitsu are to sign up with Athletic Director Smith. Instructions in these classes will be continued for three months.

January 7. Single handball tournament registration or entries are to be made. Tournament to start Jan. 19th and ends Feb. 2.

The noon volley ball teams finished their first half schedule with the Sunshine Cleaners winning three games today. Their opponent the Woolworth team lost 32 to 35. Today scores: Cleaners 15-15-15, and Woolworth, 3-11-13. The losers treated the winners to an oyster roast Tuesday night at 7 o'clock. All members of the two teams are to meet at the "Y" at 6:30 p. m., and go to the beach in a body. The noon Business Men formed a new league to be played three times a week on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 12 noon, with three teams league instead of a two-team league.

# BEST OUTPOINTED BY HAMILTON IN THALIAN FEATURE

### Jimmy Brady Wins Windup By Beating Returned GI Mobley

Early Hamilton, an unorthodox southpaw puncher from Mt. Holly last night defeated Buddy Best of Wilmington in a 160 pound feature of a fight card at Thalian Hall.

Best couldn't fathom the style of the squat slugger from Mt. Holly and was caught time and time again by the "bolo" punch of Hamilton. At that the decision was a close one for on several occasions in the later rounds of the 10-round go, the Wilmington boy caught Hamilton with left hooks.

In the featured semi-windup the ring-wise Jimmy Brady of Boston struck a tartar in Wilmington's Delmar Mobley.

Although Brady took the decision as befitting a Southern middle-weight champ he was never too far out in front of Mobley, until the last two rounds.

In a late round he hurt Delmar with a right cross drawing blood and from then on it was a case of the Boston lad hanging on to his point advantage.

Other fights saw Tony White, 190 pounder of Wilmington, drop a rather slow fight to Spike Costin of Hampstead Johnnie Davis of Lumberton stopped a local boy, Jimmie Benson in a 140 pound go. Pee Wee Nealy 120 pounder of Whiteville was beaten by Kid Eason a 120 pounder and Jessie James edged Buddy Huggins in a 135 pound bout.

However the best action of the evening took place in the featured bout, the Hamilton-West affair. The eighth and ninth rounds saw the two boys keep punching after the bell and both were pushed through the ropes several times.

# TONY CUCCINELLO RELEASED BY SOX

CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—(P)—Third baseman Tony Cuccinello, who was nosed out of the American League batting championship on the closing day of the 1945 season, today was given his unconditional release by the Chicago White Sox.

Cuccinello, 37-year-old veteran of 15 major league seasons, was released apparently in a move by the White Sox to rebuild with younger talent although general manager Les O'Connor said "Cooch" had desired to land a managerial post in the minor leagues.

Previously, the White Sox sent Johnny Dickshot, 34-year-old outfielder to Hollywood of the Pacific Coast league, and released Le Roy Schalk, 35-year-old second sacker, to manage Oklahoma City in the Texas league.

Cuccinello led the batting race most of the season, but finished one percentage point behind second baseman George Stinweis of New York, whose last-day hitting spree gave him a final .309 mark.

Cigar-smoking Tony, troubled by ailing legs during the closing half of last season, played with Cincinnati, Brooklyn, New York and Boston in the National league before coming to the White Sox in 1943 after his release by the Braves.

He started his professional career with Syracuse in the International League in 1926 and crashed the majors with Cincinnati in 1930.

Prior to last season, Cuccinello batted above .300 only four times, his best mark being .315 with Cincinnati in 1931.

In 1941, the Giants named Tony manager of their Jersey City farm club. He was signed by the Braves as a player-coach in 1942. Ten days after he was released by the Braves in midseason, 1943, the White Sox grabbed him.

# HOLY CROSS THINKS ORANGE BOWL PLAY STILL A GOOD ONE

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 4.—(P)—The Holy Cross football team was on its way home today, convinced that the play which led to a 13 to 6 defeat in the Orange Bowl was a good play.

"If I had it to do over again I'd do it the same way," said Coach John (Ox) Dagrass.

# Spring Football Drills For NHHS, Brogden Says

### Intermural Basketball For Younger Students Also Announced

"A man's work is from sun to sun while a woman's work is never done," runs an old bit of street verse.

The part about women might well be applied to football coaching for yesterday Leon Brogden, head grid coach at New Hanover High school announced that spring training for his football players will begin January 24 and will last for six weeks.

Following the midterm examinations at the school, the gridders will have at least an hour's practice daily, Brogden said with daily blackboard work scheduled.

Brogden attributed the Cats loss of four games this season to the absence of spring practice last year.

"If for no other than this six-weeks of grid work, I believe the football team this year will be above the 1945 squad," the slight man with the booming voice told reporters.

About 50 boys are expected to answer the call for spring practice, Brogden said. He also added that he hopes to schedule at least three practice games during the extra grid period.

In addition to the spring football drills, and the usual chores of coaching a basketball team, Brogden also announced that a broader inter-mural basketball program will be installed for ninth and tenth grade students within the next few days.

Brogden said he expected each grade to be represented by ten cage squads and that play would be within the respective grades during the season, with a championship series to be played at the end of the season.

Track coach L. M. Harkins has been placed in charge of the intra-

mural program, Brogden said. In disclosing plans for the basketball program, Coach Harkins explained that games would be played five times a week, in the afternoons following school hours, and that once a week games would be played in the mornings during student assembly programs so that the cagers could have the opportunity of playing before large crowds in addition to stimulating more interest among team members.

In arranging the intra-mural program, the coaching-staff has set a long range program in the development of improved basketball squads at New Hanover. "The experience gained through intra-mural play," said Harkins, "will prove invaluable as the team members advance and become players on the varsity."

Complete arrangements for basketball among the ninth and tenth graders have not been fully organized as yet, stated Harkins. Head coach Leon Brogden said final plans would be announced following an organization meeting, which is scheduled to be called sometime within the next few days.

The organizational conference is expected to iron out game dates and playing arrangements in addition to making definite announcements regarding rules under which the intra-mural loop will operate.

Coach Harkins, in discussing preliminary plans for the two month season, said that approximately 400 to 500 boys were in the two grades, but he was anticipating only about fifty or seventy-five applicants from each grade to report for practice and play when the call for boys is issued.

The intra-mural loop is slated to operate through January and February and will close with a two-out-of-three game series for the winning title of the two grades.

# Tul's Harry Frnka New Mentor At Tulane

### TROPHIES ARRIVE FOR CITY CHAMPS

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 4.—(P)—Henry Frnka of Tulane university today was named head football coach at Tulane university, succeeding Claude "Little Monk" Simons.

At long last, title winners in Wilmington's annual amateur golf tournament and city tennis championships will get something for their troubles besides newspaper clippings, Jessie Reynolds, city recreation director announced yesterday afternoon.

The tournaments were held last fall yet it was only yesterday that the trophy awards arrived. Nine medals will be presented to three tennis and six golf winners.

Gold medals await the following winners:

- Glenn Herring, championship flight.
- Larry Haar, second flight.
- J. O. Herring, third flight.
- D. N. Nece, fourth flight.
- T. W. Griffin, fifth flight.
- Bob Davis, medalist.

Club pro Bill Crichton of the city municipal course is holding the medals and asks that winner contact him.

Rev. Walter Freed, senior men's net champ; Winifred I. Morgan, men's singles division winner; and Mrs. W. S. Funderburg who took women's honors are the net medal-receivers.

# National Leaguers Beat GI Philippine Champs

MANILA, Jan. 4.—(AP)—Scoring four runs in the 10th inning off former Washington pitcher Early Wynne, the touring National League All-Stars tonight won a 7 to 3 victory over Kirby Higbe's Manila Dodgers, Army champions of the Philippines.

The National Leaguers scored once in the ninth to tie the score in an arclight game before 30,000 servicemen and then rapped Wynne for four more in the 10th to make Tom Seitz of the Brooklyn Dodgers the winner.

Leading the winners' 17-hit attack as they took a two to one edge in the five game series were Red Barrett, Cardinal pitcher playing left field, and Frank McCormick of the Phils. Each connected for two doubles and a pair of singles. Ralph Branca and Clyde King, both of the Dodgers, shared National League hurling honors with Seitz.

# Sammy Sneed Ahead In Coast Open Play

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 4.—(P)—Slammin' Sam Sneed, defending champion, put together a sizzling three under par 68 today to take at least a temporary lead in the 20th annual Los Angeles open golf tournament.

The Hot Springs, Va., ball belter coupled 34-34 on the par 35-36-71 Riviera course, a 7,000-yard test of shooting accuracy. He won here a year ago with a birdie 3 on the final hole for a 72-hole total of 283.

Sneed bagged five birdies on the round, missed a four-foot putt on the 13th for what would have been another sub-par hole, and faltered on the 7th and 15th when he missed the green in each instance.

# DUKE GROUP NAMES MISS FORBES HEAD

Miss Dorothy Forbes was elected president of the Wilmington chapter of the Duke Alumni association at the annual banquet of the group in Fifth Avenue Methodist church last night.

Other officers elected were: the Rev. Edgar Fisher, vice-president; Dr. S. E. Koonce, vice-president; Miss Elizabeth Clark, secretary; Tom Davis, treasurer; Mrs. Arch Carr, historian; Mrs. Louis Fonville, alumnae representative; and Mrs. Doris Hancock, chairman of the nominating committee.

C. A. Dukas, Duke University public relations director, was the principle speaker at the meeting. Dukas, who has been with the University for a number of years, recounted anecdotes of the campus bringing back memories to the 125 members and guests who were present.

The visitor from Duke was accompanied to Wilmington by A. W. Dunn, assistant in the public relations office. Dunn showed pictures of the Duke-Army football game held in New York city during the past season.

Dunn said he had shown the pictures numerous times but had been unable to get "Duke to win."

The pictures depicted why Army had remained undefeated as the screen showed Davis and Blanchard, Army backs, running at will. Group singing was led by Louis Keith, accompanied by Mrs. Keith. Invocation was given by the Rev. J. R. Edwards.

Serving on the nominating committee for the election of officers were Elizabeth Montgomery, chairman; William Hewlett and Miss Fannie O'Keef.

Outgoing officers were Hyatt, president; Dr. S. E. Koonce and A. Hewlett, Jr., vice-presidents; George Beverly, secretary; the Rev. O. K. Ingram, treasurer; Mrs. Carr, historian; Mrs. Fonville, alumnae representative; Miss Montgomery, nominating chairman and Miss Sutherland, program chairman.

A generation ago painters bought colors, lead and zinc in dry powder form and ground them in oil through hand mills as needed. Today an orderly ground pigment are secured from manufacturers.

# WE'RE OFF AGAIN; CITY PROPOSED IN NEW PRO LEAGUE

RALEIGH, Jan. 4.—(P)—Sam Allen, business manager of the Raleigh entry in the semi-pro tobacco State league in 1941, disclosed plans today for organizing a class D professional league using the same title.

He said interests in Sanford, Erwin, Smithfield and Wilmington had indicated a definite desire to be in the proposed loop. Other towns in the eastern section of the state were invited to enter bids for berths.

The Tobacco State league operated as a semi-pro circuit each year from 1936 through 1941.

# CONN IN TRAINING FOR LOUIS FIGHT

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Jan. 4.—(P)—Billy Conn will go into training here today for his heavyweight championship fight next June with Joe Louis, a battle the Pittsburgh challenger is confident he will win.

Accompanied by his trainer, Fred Fierro, and his manager, Milton Jaffe, Conn arrived here this afternoon for a five-week training grind.

"I fully expect to win this fight with Louis," declared the Irish-burgh kid, who almost did the trick in 1941 before he and the Brown Bomber entered the service.

Conn lost that one on a knock-out in the 13th round when he became over-anxious. Until that heat the Pittsburgh brawler appeared to be on the long end of the point count.

The 23-year-old title challenger, who spent three years in the army, thinks he's too heavy at 193 pounds and hopes to scale down to 180.

The handsome Conn said he believed the June fight, for which neither a definite date nor site has been selected, would be staged at New York's Yankee stadium.

STREET LIGHT VANDALS  
BOSTON, (AP)—During 1945, vandals ruined electric and gas street lamp bulbs and globes valued at more than \$64,000 in Boston.

Destroyed were 16,838 globes, 5,200 oval domes and 32,000 man-



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