

The Morning Watch

WITH Edward Sachs

Here and there in the Carolinas . . . Asheville's Charlie Justice, the High school kid who showed college and pro backs how to play football while he was a sailor at Bainbridge, is still flitting around the country in search for a school . . . Reported at various colleges, the young man is now rumored to be a future Gamecock . . . Two of this section's better-known coaches are also looking for colleges for the 1946 season . . . They are the capable Rex McMillian, the boy who pulled South Carolina out of the grid backwaters into a bowl game last season, and Gene McEver, former Davidson and Carolina coach who helped his brother, MacCauley, at Virginia Tech, last year . . . Peahead Walker of Wake Forest is finding that the success of his Deacs during the past two years has scared away most of the smaller schools which used to play the Baptist schedule . . . He is now looking for three opponents for his 1946 edition at Wake Forest . . . North State gridders are flocking into pro football ranks . . . In addition to Tony Ruffa, former Duke star signing with Norfolk and John Polanski of Wake Forest team of a few years back going to the Los Angeles All-Americans, several other college players of this region will be playing pay next season . . . They include, Jake Poole and Dinky Darnell of Duke and Pride Ratteree of Wake Forest to the Chicago Cards along with Buddy Luper, Ben Cittadino and Bulldog Williams of Duke and Fred Grant of Wake Forest . . . Glen Stough of Duke will play with the Pittsburgh Steelers . . . Skimp Harrison of South Carolina, William Lancelli of Catawba.

Chan Smith of North Carolina with the Boston's Yanks . . . Perry Russ of Wake Forest, and Stan Nowak of South Carolina, are headed for the Los Angeles club of the National League . . . Nick Sacrinity of Wake Forest may play for the Chicago Bears along with Billy Poe of Clemson . . . South Carolina's Dominic Fusci and Frank Irwin of Duke have been approached by Redskins officials . . . John Duda, Virginia's great back, may be headed for the Green Bay Packers.

If Charlie Gabriel goes to West Point he might as well be included in the list . . . Elon would like to get into that new church-affiliated conference of small schools but hasn't a chance until she is re-admitted to the Southern Association of Colleges . . . From early reports it looks as if the new league will be formed with Catawba, Lenoir-Rhyne, Guilford, Roanoke, Randolph-Macon, Hampden-Sydney and Wofford sponsoring teams in the conference the first year it operates . . . Clarence Stasavich is reported in the lead for that head coaching job at Lenoir-Rhyne . . . Catawba's grid powerhouse will be ready to roll again next season, Gabriel or no . . . In addition to Fats Price, 200-pound guard who was All-Southern and All-State last year in high school, five members of that championship 1942 team will be romping at the Salisbury gridiron in 1946 . . . Some of the greatest basketball players in the country are doing courtwork right in our backfield at Camp Lejeune . . . On the varsity five at that base are John Kelly, ex-Notre Dame ace, Michigan's Tommy King and stars of some of the nation's top quints during the past few years . . . By the way Kelly may not return to Notre Dame . . . Like so many Irish stars, he likes Cornell . . .

Rocky Mount surprised this corner in game with the Cats Friday evening . . . The 'Birds' looked a lot better than their season's record of no wins and five defeats in conference play would show . . . In our book they are a better ball club than Raleigh and Goldsboro . . . As usual Joe Caruso, the Blackbird coach, did a lot of singing to the officials . . . Unlike his namesake, it wasn't sweet. But it was just as loud . . . Joe took exception with the officials on several calls against his team . . . Best of the 'Birds' was guard Alton Benson . . . Don Hyatt and Jack Tuttle, reserve players at NHHS, saw a lot of action against the 'Birds' and both came through with fine exhibitions . . . Tuttle sparked the 'Cats during the time he played with some very accurate passing . . . He is a good team player and has remarkable poise for a high school player . . . Hyatt moved into the pivot position and McKoy to forward during the latter part of the game and the switch paid dividends with Hyatt dunking three baskets . . . While the 'Cats were not up to their best form Friday evening they still are the team to beat in the Conference . . .

Gentry Tired Of Farm Will Rejoin Tigers

HOGAN LEADING PHOENIX OPEN

PHOENIX, Ariz., Jan. 26.—(AP)—Little Ben Hogan of Hershey, Pa., the only survivor of the three first round leaders, today belted out a three-under-par 68 to take a one-stroke lead over George Sneyder of Salt Lake City, Utah, as the Phoenix open golf tournament reached the halfway mark.

Hogan, fashioned his second-round score on three birdies and an eagle, the latter coming on the seventh where he sank a 35-foot putt for a 3 on the par 5 hole, went out in 34 and came back in the same number. He had a 66 yesterday for a two-round total of 134.

Sneyder, who held the Utah open title in 1936, 1941 and 1943, had a 67 today to go with yesterday's 68 for a two-round 135.

HONEYMOON WINNER
ARCADIA, Cal., Jan. 26.—(AP)—Movie magnate Louis B. Mayer's honeymoon came home three lengths in front in the \$25,000 Santa Maria stakes today to establish herself as the filly to beat in the \$100,000 Santa Anita derby next month. Fifty-three thousand fans saw the race.

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TUESDAY EVENING MEETING OF FANS CALLED BY WADE

Will Discuss Latest Development In Community's Diamond Plans

By EDWARD SACHS
Star Sports Editor

Wilmington was offered a franchise in the Tobacco State League last night by the league's promoter, Sam Allen, of Raleigh.

In a telephone conversation with the Star-News, the Raleigh man said "We definitely want Wilmington in our league during the 1946 season. I didn't have much of a chance to speak to Mr. Wade (J. E. L. Wade) at the meeting last night in Erwin but I want to again offer your city this organization's bid for a Wilmington team."

The Raleigh man said that some doubt may be expressed on the advisability of a city the size of Wilmington entering a league of smaller cities but he pointed out, "The people in the towns want baseball and have the money to support it. Sanford for example has been in baseball for three years and has made a success of the venture."

Meantime, a second meeting of the Wilmington citizen's committee to bring organized baseball to this city has been called for Tuesday night in the New Hanover county courthouse, by the committee chairman, J. E. L. Wade, who will report on the Erwin meeting.

Yesterday, Wade said that he was "waiting for the meetings of the Piedmont and Tri-State leagues in late January and early February before making any decision."

However, since publication of the Wade statements last week following the meeting local favor has swung over to the Tobacco league for two reasons:

First, the Piedmont league has turned down every application of Wilmington and Charlotte to join that circuit despite pressure by such baseball executives as Clark and Cal Griffith.

Second, the Tri-State league may be "too rich for our blood," as one baseball follower said, after he had learned that in the first week of sale, baseball stock in the proposed team had sold only 10 shares at \$100 a share.

The two leagues are also in a Class B bracket while the Tobacco State League is a Class D operation. This fact has local fans who realize that the costs of operating in the lower class league will be much lower in comparison with Piedmont or Tri-State operations.

Lack of definitely concrete plans has handicapped the sale of stock in the baseball team, Wade said yesterday.

To correct this lack of plans several avenues are open to Wade and his committee:

First, through direct application to a major league club to install a farm club in Wilmington for the 1946 season. If accepted the major league club's backing may be the wedge with which the city could force itself along with Charlotte into one of the faster leagues. The financial aid of a major league team would be a great asset in meeting the cost of baseball operations.

Second, the city could make direct application to the Tobacco State League as a temporary member for the 1946 season. If accepted on a temporary basis, the city could have organized baseball during the coming season and still leave itself in a position to join a higher-ranked league in 1947. This plan would give baseball leaders in Wilmington a chance to see what type of support baseball can expect here.

Third, the city, through Wade, could join the Tobacco State League what no mention of time, and hope that the venture would prove successful, both here and in other league cities.

Fourth, the city could wait until after the Tri-State meeting and hope that by that time enough stock would have been sold to warrant this city's entering a Class B league like the Tri-State.

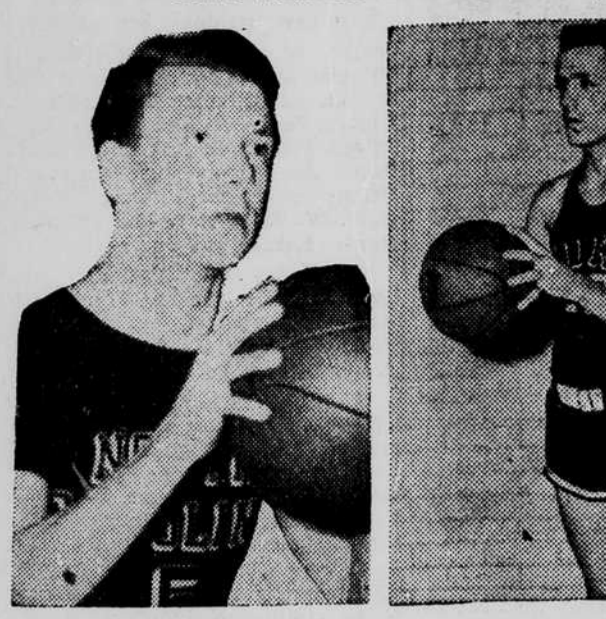
These, and probably other suggestions will be discussed by Wade and the committee at the Tuesday meeting.

RUSSO DISCHARGED
BALTIMORE, Jan. 26.—(AP)—Marius Russo, New York Yankee hurler, left today for his home in New York City after being discharged from John Hopkins hospital where he recently underwent an operation for a chipped left elbow.

where he would replace Rudy York who was traded to the Boston Red Sox.

Charley Gehringer, who batted .321 during his career at second base for the Tigers, has applied for voluntary retirement to enter the military service, Gehringer, now 32 years old, was a Tiger coach before entering service in 1942.

Two Minds With A . . .



Single thought, and that is to continue sparking the White Phantom and Blue Devils cage teams in Southern conference play. The Tar Heel is Don Anderson, starting guard who has been handicapped by illness this season. The Devil needs no introduction to NHHS cage fans. He is Buck Cheek, star forward on last year's Durham High five. The two will meet, Feb. 16, at Durham in what should be the North State's cage feature of the year.

Wildlife, Fishing Clubs Plan Monday Meetings

WILDCATS, DURHAM HOLD FIRST PLACE

Conference Standings

Team	W	L	Pct.
Wilmington	4	0	1.000
Durham	4	0	1.000
Fayetteville	3	2	.666
Raleigh	2	2	.500
Wilson	2	2	.500
Goldsboro	0	3	.000
Rocky Mount	0	6	.000

It looks like a Cat and Dog fight for the Eastern Conference championship this basketball season.

Wilmington's New Hanover High Wildcats and Durham High's Bulldogs continued to sweep their way through the conference race Friday evening, the Cats beating Rocky Mount and the Bulldogs having no trouble with an outclassed Raleigh quint.

In the only other action Friday night, Wilson toppled Fayetteville in an overtime game at Wilson, 34 to 33.

The Wildcats will continue their quest for league laurels by traveling to Rocky Mount Friday night for a return game with the Blackbirds. The remaining conference schedule for the Cats is: Feb. 5, at Durham; Feb. 8, Durham; Feb. 12, at Goldsboro; Feb. 15, Wilson here; Feb. 19 at Raleigh; Feb. 22, Fayetteville; Feb. 26, at Fayetteville.

In addition, school officials said yesterday, Coach Leon Brogden may add some non-conference games to keep the Cats in trim.

MIDDLE MATMEN MAUL

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Jan. 26.—(AP)—The Navy wrestling team overwhelmed the Merchant Marine academy of Kings Point, N. Y., 26-6.

The match saw no lopsided decisions and of the four bouts that ended in falls, only the heavy division fray between Navy's Eric Jones was cut short in the first period.

In the 145 pound class, John Fletcher, Navy, decisively Jim Gardner 11-8. Gardner previously had not been defeated in two years of wrestling for the academy.

NAMED ASSISTANT

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 26.—(AP)—J. T. King, head coach at Enid, Okla., High school, has been appointed an assistant to Henry Frnk at Tulane, it was announced here tonight.

Welterweight Title Bout

Cochrane Versus Servo Friday

By SID FEDER
NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—(AP)—The first of boxing's war-frozen championships—the long-cited welterweight crown—comes out of the box next Friday night.

For the first time since he won the bauble from frivolous Fritzie Zivic nearly five years ago Freddie (The Red) Cochrane dusts it off and puts it on the line against the challenge of baby-faced Marty Servo, fresh out of the Coast Guard.

Marty comes from a family of some standing in the better beak-busting circles, being a cousin of Lew Ambers, the lightweight boss of a few years ago. They are over the New Jersey redhead for Friday's 15-round title fuss.

Marty, himself, is no novice. In 48 fights from the time he started out in his Schenectady, N. Y., home business, Trautman said, Gehringer, now 24 years old, was a Tiger coach before entering service in 1942.

Why "Stringbean Ray," who long

DURHAM QUINT PRESSES NAVY THROUGH GAME

Annapolis Cagers Held To One-Point Lead Until Last Four Minutes

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Jan. 26.—(AP)—Navy's basketball team made it six straight today by wresting a 51-40 victory from Duke's dangerous Blue Devils, pulling away from a one point lead in the final four minutes of a see-saw contest.

Rapid fire baskets by Forward Kenny Shugart and Guard Don Dick clinched the Tar victory. The diminutive Shugart scored 11 points in the second half when they counted most.

The game was tied six times, the last occasion four and a half minutes before the final whistle when the score stood 40-40.

Navy's Perry Nelson and Duke's Bubber Seward went out on five personal fouls in the second half.

The Blue Devils maintained a superiority in getting offensive rebounds until late in the second half, when Shugart and Dick turned on the heat. The visitors lost the ball four times on intercepted passes in the critical last minute.

Team	FG	FT	TP
Duke	2	1	5
Seward, f	2	2	6
Ausbon, f	0	1	1
Roellek, f	0	0	0
Gray, f	0	0	0
Koffenberger, c	6	4	16
Brunner, c	0	0	0
Gordon, c	0	0	0
Whiting, g	6	0	12
Robinson, g	0	0	0
Totals	16	8	40

Team	FG	FT	TP
Navy	3	6	12
Carroll, f	3	6	12
Nelson, f	3	0	6
Shugart, f	5	2	12
Waldrop, c	3	0	6
Barrow, c	1	0	2
Dick, g	3	5	11
Duden, g	1	0	2
Totals	19	13	51

Club officials said yesterday that club officers will report on the past year's activities of the club in addition to discussing plans for the 1946 season.

Election of officers will also be held at the meeting, they said.

"The fishing club will do everything possible to increase interest in the monthly and annual prizes by offering a large and varied prize list," they announced in a release yesterday.

The club has requested several "well known state and local sports men to attend," and they will be called upon for discussion of 1946 prospects.

Present officers of the club are E. A. Jones, president; K. E. Johnson, vice president, and George E. Canady, secretary and treasurer.

Also slated for Monday evening at the courthouse, beginning at 8, is the meeting of the New Hanover branch of the North Carolina Wildlife federation.

SIX GAMES PLAYED IN YMCA LEAGUES

YMCA cage teams had a busy afternoon yesterday playing six games at the 'Y' in various leagues.

In Junior Sunday School action, the Trinity Methodists edged the Temple Baptists, 31 to 29, as Niven, Trinity forward, sank 13 points. Low was high for the Temple quint, making nine points.

Also in the Junior Sunday School league, the First Baptists, paced by Penton and Keith defeated the Tabernacle Baptists, 45 to 26. Keith and Penton each made ten points. Kennell sparked the losers with nine markers.

Adam Smith, physical director of the 'Y,' said yesterday that the Temple Baptists and the First Baptists would meet Friday evening at 7:30 for a play-off for first third league laurels.

In other circuits the Merit Shoe store stopped the Davis Wholesale company 6 to 4 in a Cadet league game while the Peoples Bank overcame Causey's Service station, 6 to 2, in Cadet play.

Junior league action saw Sears Roebuck defeated Tom's Drugs, 27 to 18, as Nevins made 10 points for the victors; Dixie Candy stopped City Optical, 17 to 15 and the Sports Center licked the Goodrich store, 30 to 25. Watkins and Hinson each made 10 points for the Sports Center.

'BAMA SIGNS 'DIXIE'
ALBANY, Jan. 26.—(AP)—Coach Frank Thomas of the University of Alabama, announced today the signing of Millard F. "Dixie" Howell, former Crimson Tide star back, as backfield coach and head basketball coach.

BOXING RETURNS

Promoters Skeet James and Harry Fales announced last night that they will present a boxing card at Thalian Hall, Friday evening. Featured will be two 10-round bouts with Buddy Best fighting in one and Delmar Mobely will show in the other. Both won their bouts on the last James-Fales card.

BASKETBALL SCORES

North Carolina 50, Camp Lee 49
Navy 51, Duke 40
Little Creek 45, N. C. State 34
Bainbridge 57, Norfolk Sailors 46
Clemson 47, South Carolina 42
University of Virginia 51, Virginia Military Inst. 20
Army 78, Rensselaer Poly, Inst. 39
St. Thomas 61, Augsburg 45
Dartmouth 48, Cornell 44
Citadel 57, Erskine 17
Georgia 51, Vanderbilt 39
Milligan 51, Carson-Newman 38
Tennessee 49, Georgia Tech 27
Appalachian 51, Catawba 43
Notre Dame 56, Kentucky 47
Michigan 62, Ohio State 46
Elon 44, Atlantic Christian 41
Hanes Hosery 59, High Point college 32
Morris Harvey 61, West Va. Tech 60
West Va. Univ. 67, Alderson-Broadus 43
Davis and Elkins 75, West Va. Wesleyan 52
Loyola (Baltimore) 52, Washington college 39
Wooster 69, Kenyon 28
Ohio Wesleyan 56, Case 45
University of Maryland 35
Hampden-Sydney 32
Western Maryland 50, Mount St. Mary's 22
Syracuse 44, Villanova 33
Manhattan 43, Gannon 32
St. John's 57, Temple 54
Hillsdale 35, Michigan Normal 34
Western Michigan 51, Central Michigan 41
Bowling Green 58, Xavier 43
Ohio University 46, Cincinnati 43
Kent State 64, Heidelberg 41
Indiana 61, Chicago 32
Great Lakes 67, Illinois 42
Yale 50, Princeton 30
Coast Guard Academy 51, Brown 41
Northeastern 60, Bates 52
Sevens Tec. 45, Union 32
New York Aggies 58, Union Junior college 41
Colgate 59, Sampson 52.

CAT NINE OPENS SEASON APRIL 2, PLAYING WILSON

Wilson will open Eastern conference play for the New H. over High school, baseball team and the Rocky Mount football team. 1946 conference football league gridiron wars, it was announced yesterday by Head Coach Leon Brogden.

Thirteen conference baseball games were set on the slate released by Brogden yesterday, of which eight will be played in Wilmington.

Raleigh's Caps will be met three times while other conference schools, Rocky Mount, Wilson, Fayetteville, and Durham will be played on a home-and-home basis.

Wilson opens the baseball season appearing here on April 24. April 4 and 5 will see Raleigh's Caps in action on the local diamond. On April 9, the Cats meet the Goldsboro Quakers at Goldsboro and on April 12 the Durham Bulldogs at Durham.

Fayetteville will play the Hanes nine here on April 17 followed by a road trip to Rocky Mount on April 19. Goldsboro will be a next opponent for Brogden's team, playing here, April 23. On the 26th of April Wilson will be met in Wilson. Three home games for the Cats follow with Rocky Mount, Fayetteville and Durham playing in Wilmington on May 3, 7 and 10. The Cats close the baseball season at Raleigh on May 14.

While the conference games were issued by Coach Brogden yesterday, several more games will be added to the schedule if possible, he said.

The Cats open the conference season Oct. 4 at Rocky Mount. Raleigh, defending champions of the Eastern conference will open the home season at American Legion stadium on Oct. 11. Goldsboro eleven will be here on Oct. 25 and the following week the Cats meet Wilson here.

The last two conference games will be played away from home. Durham's always-tough Bulldogs will be met at Durham on Nov. 8 and the Cats will close the conference football season at Fayetteville on Nov. 15.

SPORTS BULLETINS

Harry Gilmer, All-American back at Alabama, yesterday received the Atlanta Touchdown club's award as the Southeastern conference's most valuable player. . . The outstanding basketball players of the country will meet in an All-Star game in New York, March 30 for the benefit of a New York newspaper's "fresh air fund" . . . President Billy Evans of the Southern association is looking forward to that league's greatest season, he said yesterday . . . Navy's fencing team stopped the Philadelphia Fencing club 14-13 yesterday in Annapolis. . . The Cincinnati Reds yesterday signed two southpaw pitchers, George Burpo and Leonard Bobeck. . . Raymond "Bear" Wolf, newly-named head football coach at the University of Florida told newsman yesterday that he would appoint Johnny Vaughn, his former line coach at North Carolina, his first assistant. . . Curt McDonald of 1945. . . Walter (Dub) Lamb Rock Hill, S. C., are winners of the Charlotte Quarterback club awards to the outstanding Carolina High School football stars of the University of Oklahoma, signed a contract with the Chicago Bears yesterday as did Al Hurst, ex-Tennessee star with the Chicago Cards. . . Both are ends. . .

CHARLOTTE PLANS OPEN

CHARLOTTE, Jan. 26.—(AP)—Preliminary plans for Charlotte's third annual open golf tournament, featuring the nation's leading shot-makers here March 28-31, were completed today. Previous known as the Charlotte Open, this year will be named Myers Park club open as the club is sponsoring the 1946 meet. The Junior Chamber of Commerce planned tournaments of the last two seasons.

ROBINSON SIGNS

MONTREAL, Jan. 26.—(AP)—Jackie Robinson, former UCLA Negro football and baseball star, has signed his contract to play for Montreal Royals of the international baseball league next season, manager Mel Jones disclosed today. Terms of the contract were not announced. Robinson originally signed an agreement to play within the Brooklyn Dodgers organization, of which Montreal is a farm team, several months ago.

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