

# The Morning Watch

WITH Edward Sachs

## Babe In The Woods

The last time we saw Beattie Feathers, he was going that-a-way at Wrigley Field in Chicago. It was during Beattie's term as halfback for Halas U.—better known as the Chicago Bears—and the young back from Tennessee was one of the best in the pay circuit.

As we have mentioned before Beattie rang up a record in 1934 that withstood the onslaughts of such smooth runners as Tuffy Leemans, Cliff Battles, George McAfee and Bill Shepherd, to mention just a few, for 12 years. In 1934, he gained 1,004 yards for an average journey of 8.5 yards-per-try. When you figure what it means to a team to have a back who can go for almost a first down everytime, you can get an estimate of his value to the Bears.

True, there were several snide remarks that with Bronk Nagurski running interference, Aunt Martha could have done as well, but we have always chosen to overlook these comments. As most of them have come from Green Bay, Washington and New York, we have always considered them tinged with prejudice.

Since the days of his professional ramblings Beattie has become a full fledged coach. A lot of people have informed us that the Tennessee graduate is in over his head at State trying to compete with such canny gentlemen as Wallace "Rose Bowl or Bust" Wade and Carl "Justice Reigns Supreme" Snavely. But after watching Beattie bounce such gentlemen as Ken Strong, Don Hutson, and Dutch Clark around, we are sure that babe in the woods or not, he can take care of himself in any angle or side-street of football.

Tonight we'll see Beattie in another light, guest speaker. The occasion will be the dinner meeting at the American Legion home of the N. C. State grads of New Hanover county.

We'll be listening but ten-to-one we'll be thinking of the last time we saw Beattie. It was ten above zero, the Packers were playing the Bears at Chicago, there was a stiff wind blowing from Lake Michigan and the Tennessee Rambler was running hard and far.

**SPORTS SHORTS . . .** Durham will again hold its invitational basketball tournament for high school quints after the regular season . . . Wonder if the Cubans, nine in number, who were shifted to Charlotte from Chattanooga last week will jump to that Mexican league? . . . It could be . . . For the "biggest city in the state" Charlotte is certainly having a lot of trouble getting set in baseball . . . To all those fans who called the Star, Saturday evening and were told that the score of the Carolina-Duke game was 22 to 44 instead of 54 to 44, here is how it happened . . . Just as the whistle blew, Dick Whiting of Duke fouled Jim White . . . White sunk both of his free throws but by the time the crowd was cleared from the floor, the incorrect score was filed on the wire. . . Dick Culler, Boston Brave shortstop and High Point sporting goods store owner, was one of the officials and did, from all reports, a very good job . . . If North Carolina can win the conference tournament in Raleigh it is a cinch for an invitation to one of the New York cage tournaments . . . Duke might not be as welcome after the rout at the hands of Temple . . . Harvard has, of all things, a pretty good basketball team . . . The boys from Boston have won 13 and lost one . . . In answer to a phone call, North Carolina and South Carolina do not meet in football next year . . . Another Duke man may join Eric Tipton with the Cincinnati Reds this season . . . He is Eddie Shokes who played first base for the Devils a couple of seasons back . . . You could get together a pretty good backfield from the major leagues with Tipton, Sam Chapman of the Athletics (California All-American), Snuffy Strinweis (North Carolina) and Spud Chandler (Georgia) filling the bill . . .

## Les MacMitchell Aims For AAU Indoor Crown

**BY AUSTIN BEALMEAR**  
NEW YORK, Feb. 19. — (AP) — Leslie MacMitchell, postwar king of the milers, was named the outstanding GI performer in last Saturday night's New York Athletic club games today as he began pointing for the one goal that all ways has escaped him—the National AAU indoor championship. The former New York University star and ex-naval officer isn't making any predictions about his chances in the National AAU meet at Madison Square Garden this weekend but his record of four triumphs in as many starts this season stamps him as the logical choice in the mile.

MacMitchell appeared confident and promised his best possible performance after accepting the handsome three-foot trophy awarded at the weekly meeting of Metropolitan Track Writers today by the NYAC post of the American Legion.

He was selected as the former

most athlete among present and former service men—including representatives of the military and naval academies—by a committee of 11 newspapermen, polling seven first-place and three second-place voters for 44 points on a 5-3-1 basis. Fred Sickinger of Manhattan, who won the Halpin 880 for his fourth straight half-mile victory, placed second in the voting with 21 points. Tom Carey of the New York Pioneer club, 60-ard dash winner, was third with 15 points. A similar award for veterans will be made at all future NYAC meets. Both indoor and outdoor, it was announced.

MacMitchell's opponents in the AAU mile Saturday will be Tommy Quinn of the NYAC, who was been his runner-up all season and pushed him to his best postwar time last week; Ed Walsh of Manhattan, Henry Eckert of NYU, Dave Williams of Camp Campbell, Ky., Frank Cassidy of Tufts, Joe McCluskey of the New London (Conn.) sub base and Marcel Hansenne, the Frenchman.

Thirteen of the 16 winners in the 1945 meet will be back to defend their titles. A 30-mile field is entered in the three-mile run, headed by Forest Efw of Tillwater, Okla., the defending champion.

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## Wounded GI Attempting Major League Comeback

**GOTHAM AWAITS PHANTOM CAGERS**  
**BY CHIP ROYAL**  
AP Newsfeatures Sports Editor  
NEW YORK — The best basketball player in the world are coming to town March 14 for the invitation tournament at Madison Square Garden.

Great scorers like Bob Carroll of West Virginia, Bob Kurland of Oklahoma A. & M., George Mikan of DePaul, Harry Boykoff of St. John's University and John Dillon of North Carolina will have plenty of competition. Kurland, Mikan and Boykoff have won wide publicity as centers but there are a couple of fellows named Horace and Don who may outshine the big three in the top court event of the year.

The first giant is better known as Bones McKinney, the pivot man of that surprising North Carolina five, the first team to knock off Navy. The second threat to Kurland, Mikan and Boykoff is Don Otten, the giant who played a big part in upsetting the Aggies. McKinney played at North Carolina State before the war, led in the Southern Conference scorers and making All-Conference as a soph in 1942. After starring for Fort Bragg and Camp Butler, he transferred to Carolina where he is performing better than ever.

Otten, who is captain of Bowling Green, Ohio team, towers six feet 11-1/2 inches and weighs 245 pounds. His agility and perfect shooting make him one of the top pivot men and tough to stop.

## Former Duke Grigger Signs With Cleveland

**CLEVELAND, Feb. 19. — (AP) —** Wilson (Bud) Schwenk, who played for Washington University (St. Louis) and the Chicago Cardinals, and three rookies were signed today by the Cleveland Browns of the All-America football conference.

The rookies, all Cleveland residents, are Chet Mutyrio who attended Xavier university, Bob Koleas of Michigan and Cliff Lewis, who went to Duke.

Schwenk established a new collegiate record for total yardage with a figure of 1,628 at Washington in 1941. His home is St. Louis.

## Phantoms Rate With Nation's Best

**CHAPEL HILL, Feb. 19. — (AP) —** Down Dixie way sports critics rate North Carolina's White Phantoms, paced by skinny, 6-foot-5 Horace (Bones) McKinney, former North Carolina State college All-Southern who starred on the Fort Bragg and Camp Butler teams while in military service.

Previously, they had won nine and lost two. Greensboro's Overseas Replacement depot copped a one-pointer, 64-63, and Duke took an extra period thriller, 51-46. But the McKinney-strengthened club has since won 16 straight, crushing O.R.D. 74-39 and thrashing Duke last Saturday 54-44.

The Phantoms, coached by former N. Y. U. player and now navy lieutenant Ben Carnevale, have four regulars from their last year's conference champions, plus Center McKinney. These include All-

## HANOVER SPREE IN LAST PERIOD NEEDED FOR WIN

**Losers Lead At The End Of First Quarter Before Local Offense Clicks**

**By GENE WARREN**  
Star Sports Writer  
RALEIGH, Feb. 19.—New Hanover High's Wildcats, put on a last period spurt here tonight to defeat the Raleigh Caps, 40 to 25. The game was much closer than the score would indicate. At the end of the first quarter the Caps were trailing the Cats 11 to 9. At halftime the Brodgen-coached Wilmington five had pulled into a 16-16 tie and at the end of the third stanza were leading the Caps, who they defeated in an earlier meeting by the adding machine score of 63-23, 25 to 23. Collie sunk a set shot to start off the last period spurt. After the Caps blew three chances at free throws, Charlie Smith was good on a hook shot followed by a set shot by Toddy Fennell, who had returned to the game after a bad fall in the early part of the second half.

Billy Lee was good on a rebound and Collie sunk a push shot while the Caps fell farther behind, 37 to 23. W. A. Brown kept the streak going when he made a long and Collie a free throw.

The Caps dropped their only field goal of the last period just before the final whistle when reserve Bowles made a long one-hander.

In other action on the high school front last night, Durham High turned back Fayetteville 46 to 40. The Cats will be host to Fayetteville Friday night at the NHHS floor.

Billy Lee edged Louis Collie for scoring honors sinking 11 points to Collie's 10. Pacemaker for the Caps was Sam Cocharn who made four baskets and a free throw for nine points.

**Box score:**

New Hanover	FG	FT	TP
Lee, f	5	1	11
Smith, f	1	0	2
Collie, f	3	4	10
Tuttle, f	0	0	0
McKoy, c	1	0	2
Hyatt, c	0	1	1
Fennell, g	3	1	7
Crowley, g	1	0	2
Brown, g	2	0	4
Rogers, g	0	1	1
TOTAL	16	8	40

**Raleigh**

Cochran, f	FG	FT	TP
Burgess, f	0	0	0
Ferrill, f	0	0	0
Lesane, c	0	0	0
Person, c	2	2	6
Baise, g	1	2	4
James, g	0	0	0
Crowley, g	1	2	4
Bowles, g	1	0	2
TOTAL	9	7	25

## Beattie Feathers Speaks Here Tonight At Dinner

New Hanover county alumni of North Carolina State college will hear head football coach Beattie Feathers tonight at their meeting at the American Legion Home. The group has invited leading athletes and coaches of this vicinity to attend the meeting.

## LIONS GET TWO

**DETROIT, Feb. 19. — (AP) —** George Smith, former Murray State Teachers college tackle, and Joe Stringfellow, and end from Mississippi Southern college, were signed to 1946 contracts today by the Detroit Lions. Both men still are in service but expect to be discharged soon.

## Britain More Favorable To Giving Ruhr To France

**LONDON, Feb. 19. — (AP) —** Informal diplomatic quarters said Tuesday that Great Britain, veering to the French point of view, regarded separation of the Ruhr from Germany with growing favor and that French circles in London were increasingly optimistic.

## Vardaman Confirmation Hits Snag In Committee

**WASHINGTON, Feb. 19. — (AP) —** President Truman's nomination of his Naval aide, Commodore James K. Vardaman, Jr., of St. Louis, to a 14-year term on the Federal Reserve Board, ran afoul of new obstacles Tuesday when a Senate subcommittee decided to inquire more deeply into his qualifications. Chairman George L. Radcliffe, (O-Md.) of the Senate Banking subcommittee, said after a closed session that 26 persons, suggested by Sen. Forrest C. Donnell, (R-Mo.) are being queried by telegram whether they have information bearing on Vardaman's business background.

## Coroner Reports Finding Of Degnan Child's Arms

**CHICAGO, Feb. 19. — (AP) —** Coroner A. L. Brodie reported the arms of a child found Tuesday in a north side alley sewer "positively" were those of the kidnaped, slain and dismembered Suzanne Degnan, 6.

Coroner Brodie said identification was made by comparing the arms with impressions taken from the shoulder sockets, which he added, "fitted perfectly." He said the dismemberment was done by someone "with much experience in either butchery or surgery."

## Wanna Make Sumpin' of It?



Hobbyhorse Cintorson, 11-months-old American-bred bulldog, looks part winning first prize at Westminster Kennel Club show at Madison Square Garden. He is property of Mrs. Robert S. Horne of New Brunswick, N.J.

## DIMAGGIO HITS LONG HOME RUN

(Compiled From The Wires of AP and UP)

Joe DiMaggio, Yank slugger, showed that he can still hit a long one yesterday when he connected for a 410-foot homerun in Yankee spring practice . . . Also standing out in the New Yorkers' drills in Panama was young Bill Majaski, rookie third sacker who slugged two homers, a single and knocked in four runs . . . Luis Olmo, Brooklyn outfielder announced from his home in San Juan, Puerto Rico that he was leaving for Mexico, March 4 and will play with the Vera Cruz club . . . A returned veteran from Holland, Michigan, last night was signed by the St. Louis . . . He is George Zuerker . . . He will report to Houston of the Cards' chain after a series of former Piedmont league player and scout to Card owner Sam Breadon about the 1 a d's effectiveness against army teams in the Philippines had paved the way . . . Ed Wright, young right handed pitcher who won eight and lost three for the Boston Braves last year became the first spring training casualty of the season when he sprained his left foot after stepping on a baseball . . . He was taken to a hospital for X-rays . . . Utility man Ervin Dusak reported to the Cards yesterday in time to hear Manager Eddie Dyer claim that Brooklyn was the team to beat in the National league race . . . "They will be tough and so will the giants," said the Cards' new boss, who isn't fooling anyone with his predictions . . . The Cards have been named the best team in the National League by the other seven managers . . . Tommy Bridgers of the club but will join the club as a member of the pitching staff. It was announced yesterday . . . He needs eight more wins to become a member of the 200 club . . . Pitchers who have won 200 games in major league competition . . . Bobo Newsome is only 20 games away and may do the trick this summer . . . Catcher Ernie Lombardi is on his way to the Giant's training camp at Miami his wife informed Manager Mel Ott yesterday . . . The Giants signed a brother of Lee Grissom of the Phils yesterday on the recommendations of Slugger Johnnie Mize who saw the kid pitch while both were in service . . . Catcher Ray Berres who played winter ball in Cuba phoned Ott that he would join the club as soon as he could get an airplane reservation as would Pitcher Sal Maglie . . .

## BOB FELLER PLANS OPERATING LEAGUE IN WESTERN TOWNS

**CHICAGO, Feb. 19. — (AP) —** Bob Feller, Cleveland fireball pitcher who jumped from an Iowa farm into the American league at the age of 17 back in 1936, tonight announced he is backing organization of a Class A team in Denver, Colo., for 1947.

Feller, just returned from Clearwater, Fla., where he conducted a baseball school, said he hopes the old Western league, that once included Denver and Pueblo, Colo., could be reorganized and added:

"It would be impossible to go ahead with the new league this year, but we are hopeful to get it going next year."

"I'm not planning to quit pitching for Cleveland," he said in a telephone interview from his home at Waukegan, Ill. "I am just backing the organization of a club. There are other men with me in the organization, and we have a setup complete except for a suitable ball park."

"That may be built this year, either by the city or other interested persons, so that Denver can have a good ball team in 1947."

**DENVER, Feb. 19. — (AP) —** Bob Feller, Cleveland Indian pitcher, told the Denver Post today that he planned to operate a Denver baseball club in a proposed Class A league including five other western cities but that "I have no place to play."

In a phone conversation from his Clearwater, Fla., training camp, Feller said he had been informed by one of two owners of Merchants' Park, old Western league home, that the site had been sold for industrial purposes.

In Denver, Fred Anfanger, one owner, said several offers had been received but the park had not been sold. He added Feller inquired about using the park in 1947.

The Post quoted Feller as saying, "I am all lined up with Omaha, Lincoln, Wichita, Pueblo and Sioux City to play Class A baseball this summer."

## New Hanover Cagers Play Clarkton Here

Clarkton High school basketball teams will invade the New Hanover gymnasium tonight for a double-header with the NHHS Girls and the Junior Varsity five of Coach Wallace West. First game starts at 7:30 p. m.

## BUFFALO SIGNS TWO

**BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 19. — (AP) —** End Bill Daddio and Halfback Bill Dutton two former University of Pittsburgh stars, were signed today by the Buffalo entry in the All-America football conference.

## JENKINS ENLISTS

**BALTIMORE, Feb. 19. — (AP) —** Lew Jenkins, former world lightweight champion from Brownwood, Tex., went back into the Army today for his second peacetime hitch.

## NEW LIFE FOR QUEEN

**JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Feb. 19. — (AP) —** The "Carib Queen" will be ready in four months to begin an invasion far different from that for which she was originally designed—landing tourists in Havana instead of supporting the storming of enemy shores.

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