

# The Morning Watch

WITH Edward Sachs

## Piscatorially Yours

George E. Ruppert, the man from Little River Station in Miami, is in again, this time with the winners of his 1945 fishing contest—and as usual there is a good story behind each prize winner.

For instance, George writes: "Frederick Gregory of Miami, landed a tarpon weighing 158 pounds and 78 1/2 inches in length with a girth of 43 1/2 inches. At the point where Gregory hooked his fish, the tide runs like a mill race four and one-half miles per hour. He was using a one-pound bonita as a lure and his reel held 600 yards of shoemaker thread. The fish was hooked at 9:00 p.m. and landed two hours later. There was no Miami moon to help Gregory on this particular night. The first run of the big silver king ripped off almost all the line from his reel. There were only a few yards left when Gregory turned the big fellow. His rod was a one-piece Calcutta cane. No one assisted Gregory from the time he hooked the fish until it was safely landed on the beach, but it took six men to help him carry the fish to a nearby weighing station. For this great angling feat, Gregory receives \$250."

George continues, "Peter Stachwin of Brooklyn was ordered by his doctor to take up fishing to regain his health. He went to Steepchase Pier, Coney Island and while fishing around mid-night, using a light rod and fresh water reel, hooked and landed a cod weighing 30 pounds. The battle lasted an hour and he had to bring his fish in from the end of the pier to the beach as no gaff was handy. This is believed to be the largest fish caught from any structure around New York in many decades."

The female touch was added to the contest when George cited Mrs. N. L. Carpenter of Miami Beach and Natchez, Miss. "She weighs about 100 pounds, but she fought a tarpon weighing 120 pounds for an hour and a quarter and finally landed it. This fair angler (George's description, not ours) was using a three-thread line."

From the younger element, George picked the following "Master Fred Nest, Jr., age 13 of Toms River, N. J. was fishing from a small boat in Barnegat Inlet, in late October. He hooked and landed a bluefish weighing 15 pounds, nine ounces. This is the largest bluefish caught via angling since 1912. The young man was using a six ounce and six thread line."

A repeater was Dr. Leon A. Storz, of Worcester, Mass. In 1944 he won first prize in the Tuna classification with a catch weighing 713 pounds. Last year he won first with a prize of 623 pounds.

Other prize winners cited by George: Blackfish, 12 lbs. eight ounces, Frank B. Warren of Cranston, R. I.; channel bass, 58 pounds, S. A. Neese of Hatteras caught in Hatteras Inlet from charter boat; fluke, 17 pounds, 14 ounces, Knut Thompson, New York; sailfish, 85 pounds, caught from a charter boat off Palm Beach by L. S. Faville of West Palm Beach; sea bass, seven pounds, eight ounces, caught off Montauk by Brooklynite Al Green; heaviest shark, 285 pounds, caught in the Gulf Stream off Miami from charter boat, Lt. B. W. Knuss, USN; shoo, 38 pounds, three ounces, caught from bridge at West Palm Beach by George C. DeBay, Jr.; striped bass, 61 pounds, Bernard Calitri of Wakefield, R. I.; weak fish, 13 pounds, 14 ounces, James Vescovi, Queens L. I.

**SPORT SHORTS:** Uncle Souse wants to know if you call all those washed up players who are jumping to the Mexican league, "has-beans?" . . . Guess not . . . Shop talk was flowing around the speakers table at the N. C. State alumni meeting the other night . . . Bob Suffridge was diagramming plays for Leon Brogden . . . But not on the tablecloth . . . Beattie Feathers is not as big a man as you would expect an ex-professional star to be . . . Howard Turner, the Rocky Mount flash, turned out to be a clean-cut youngster who stayed in the background all evening . . . After the past few weeks it was nice to meet a modest person again . . . The waitress corps was kept busy keeping the left side of the speakers' table supplied . . . But when you put three boys like Tom and Jap Davis and Ruppert Bryan close together, what more can you expect? . . . Tom was cited by Beattie Feathers as one of the hardest running backs he had ever seen . . . Suffridge sported a long cigar . . . And those American Legion ladies know how to serve a good dinner . . . For a State meeting, the speakers' table was filled with grads of other schools . . . In addition to the two Duke boys, Tom and Jap, Tennessee was represented by Feathers and Suffridge while Brogden is an old Wake Forest man . . . The following story was told on Feathers. When he was playing with the Bears, he was stopped just as he entered the park at Pittsburgh by a ragged urchin who wanted to get in . . . Beattie marshalled him through the gate and in return he was presented with an apple . . . Beattie had a very bad day, fumbled, was thrown for a loss on about every play, and had a few kicks blocked . . . As he left the dressing room, he bit into the apple and found it was spoiled . . . Just then he saw the youngster and complained that the apple was rotten . . . "That makes us even," answered the kid . . . Understand the Charlotte Hornets may not play baseball in any league if Shelby plans fall through . . . At present the Chicago Cubs are investigating the Cleveland county set-up and may plunk a club down there . . . And then again they might not . . . In answer to a question, Rudy York batted .179 in the 1945 world series . . . When they get around to naming the All-Southern cage team chances are that John Dillon, "Bones" McKinney and Jim Jordan of UNC, Ed Koffenberger of Duke will be the four biggest vote-getters with either Bubber Seward of Duke or Abner Dean of Wake Forest getting that fifth spot . . .

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# Fayetteville Ducks Meeting With Cats

## BASEBALL DRILLS BEGIN TODAY FOR HIGH SCHOOL NINE

### Eleven Lettermen From 1945 Squad Returning For 1946 Team

New Hanover baseball candidates will report today for the first diamond drills of the season, New Hanover officials announced last night. The teams will start drills at five this afternoon at the 13th and Ann practice field. The field has been worked on all week and should be in passable shape for the first workouts.

Head Coach Brogden, who coached Wilson to one of the best seasons in the school's history last year, believes he has plenty of material on hand to make a winning ball club.

Returning from last season's nine are Harry Smith, 'Tinkey' Rogers, J. C. Price, 'Hacksaw' Tuttle, Louis Collier, Toddy Fennell, Hal Sharpe, 'Dunk' Futrell, Donald Edwards, Levy Heath, and Jim Gibson.

Expected to turn out for the pitching staff are Kenneth Rogers, Herman Vick, 'Football' Smith, W. A. Brown, and Billy Hardison.

At present the coaches have no definite idea of who will fill the various spots on the team, but believes the lineup will shape up well with the talent on hand.

The club has plans of using the American Legion Stadium for their games, since the 13th and Ann field, which was used all last season, has limited seating.

New uniforms have also been ordered for the nine, so when the Cat sluggers trot out onto the sod in March, they will be a big improvement over the sad '45 group.

## BY NELSON TRAILS PENSACOLA LEADER

PENSACOLA, Fla., Feb. 21—(AP)—Willie Goggin, 40-year-old pro from White Plains, N. Y., fired a six-under-par 65 today to take a two-stroke lead in the initial round of the \$7,500 Pensacola open golf tournament.

The surprise of the opening round was not the play of the venerable Goggin but the collapse of the redoubtable Byron Nelson, the shot master from Toledo, Ohio. Nelson went out in 38, two over, and came back in 37 for a 75 and a 52nd place tie with ten others.

## CAPE FEAR HOLDS TOURNEY TODAY

The annual George Washington Birthday mixed foursome golf tournament will be held today, club officials announced yesterday afternoon.

A field of 12 foursomes have already entered, the tournament committee said. They include: Jimmie Herring and Mrs. George Stearnes vs. Jimmie Metts and Helen Rountree; Jim Hughes, Jr., and Mrs. David Harris vs. Robert Beattie and Mrs. Beattie; Ed Metts and Mrs. Mike Bryant vs. L. B. Orrell and Mary V. Wallbach; Bill Howie and Katherine Corbett vs. Dr. James Smith and Mrs. Smith; Lem Doss, Jr., and Katherine Becker vs. L. L. Doss, Sr., and Mrs. Doss; Earl Boushee and Mrs. Boushee vs. Charles J. Blake and Mrs. Ash Godley.

A silver bowl and pitcher goes to the winner of the event for a year after the tournament at which time the trophies are again placed in play with the previous year's winners receiving souvenirs.

## Basketball Benefit Tonight For School

A benefit basketball double-header for the Taylor Homes nursery school will be held tonight at the Taylor Homes gymnasium. The first game starting at 7:30 o'clock will pit the Thunderbolts against the Southport Veterans while the windup will see Southport High school meeting Boy's club's Green Hornets.

# Lumberton Boxers Win Golden Gloves

CHARLOTTE, Feb. 21—(AP)—Twenty-eight matches, most of them in the novice class, were rattled off here this afternoon as the annual Carolinas Golden Glove boxing tournament opened. Bouts were continuing tonight, and the tourney will continue through Saturday night. Results of the afternoon matches: Everett Eldridge, 118, Belmont Y.A.C., d. decision Richard Goss, 117, Charlotte, (novice); Jerry Brown, 119, Berryhill Blues knocked out Bill Wright, 116, Lumberton Trojans in third round (novice); Roy Cuthbertson, 128, Marion, d. decision Alford Herman, 120, Kannapolis (novice); Jimmy Torrence, 128, Kannapolis Y, won by TKO in third round from William Yates, 127, Harrisburg (novice); Frank Owens, 128, Myrtle Beach, S. C., Boys club, d. decision TKO

"There Are Smiles That . . ."



And there are not smiles as the above picture proves. The five gentlemen waiting for dinner at the American Legion home before the N. C. State alumni banquet represent some of the best football talent produced in the south in several seasons. In the usual order are Coach Leon Brogden of New Hanover High school, Bob Suffridge, All-American guard at Tennessee a few years back, Coach Beattie Feathers of N. C. State, and the Davis boys from Duke and Wilson, Tom and Jap, both coaches at New Hanover High school. P. S. After dinner they all smiled.

# Bucky Walters, Marty Marion Top Baseball Holdouts As Lanier Signs Card's Contract

## TIGERS SEND HANK BACK TO INFIELD

(Compiled From The Wires Of AP and UP)

Marty Marion, the North Carolina boy who has been acclaimed as one of the greatest shortstops of major league history is still a holdout, the Cards reported last night. . . . In his place at training drills is Red Schoendienst. . . . In place of the still unsigned Whitey Kurowski, third baseman, the Cards used Ervin Dusak and Joffre Cross yesterday. . . . Bucky Walters, long the kingpin of the Cincinnati Red staff is the only Ohioan unsigned, the club reported last night. . . . Rufus Gentry, Daisy Corner, N. C., pitcher is ill at his home but told the Tigers he will report as soon as he has recovered. . . . In drills yesterday Hank Greenberg took over his old first base spot as Barney McCoskey and Pat Mullin, pre-war outfielders and Pitcher Dizzy Trout stood out in hitting drills. . . . Bob Feller, Frank Hayes, and Les Fleming were the only regulars missing from Indian batting practice yesterday in which Rookies Gene Woodling and Ted Seepkowski impressed. . . . Manager Lou Boudreau was taking it very easy as he favored his ankle, the one he injured last season. . . . Max Lanier signed a St. Louis Card contract. . . . All the Denton, N. C., boy would say about the pact was that it was "satisfactory". . . . Rookie Bob Dillinger joined the St. Louis Browns and Star Shortstop Vern Stephens continued to holdout. . . . The Red Sox left Boston for their site at Sarasota, Fla. . . . Dave Kelso turned in some impressive pitching in Giants' drills as Ray Berres and Salvatore Maglie reported from Cuba. . . . Bill Klem, umpire-in-chief of the National league will celebrate his 72nd birthday today. . . . Sports Editor Lee Petersen of the United Press in a dispatch from New York last night said that advance ticket sales indicate that major league baseball is in for its best season in 1946. . . . Most of the 16 clubs report unprecedented demand for admission despite the fact that many had boosted prices. . . .

## Home Is The Sailor



Charlie Justice, the Asheville boy, catches up on a little study under the venerable Davie Popular, landmark on the University of North Carolina campus. Charlie made All-Service first team while stationed at Bainbridge Naval Training station.

# Lesnevich Faces Oma Tonight In New York

NEW YORK, Feb. 21—(AP)—They're unveiling the postwar Gus Lesnevich for the local fight students in Madison Square Garden Friday night in a ten-rounder with heavyweight Lee Oma, and along cauliflower concourses they tell you it's the tip off that the light-heavyweight boss is about ready to move in among the big boys for keeps. This is not to say that the blonde Russian from New Jersey is about to toss his crown out among the 175-pounders because Gus figures on at least one title defense, probably outdoors this summer. Gus figures that up among the heavyweights they pay higher by the pound so, at 30, and with four years in the Coast Guard behind him, he's looking ahead to some heavyweight-sized paydays. He's already had one outing since coming out of his sailor suit. That was in Portland, Ore., last month and he flattened Joe Kahut in the first round. This time he takes on an ear-scrambler who figures to be tougher. The Detroitier brings a six-fight winning streak into the garden with him. He's ranked up among the top five war time heavies, and he'll be packing 188 pounds, or about eight more to 6 favorite. This corner, however, likes Lesnevich to finish in front. Promoter Mike Jacobs expects 15,000 fans to drop in for the 10 p. m. (EST) unveiling and he wouldn't be a bit disappointed if he finds \$70,000 in the till when he adds up.

## Tar Heel Rookie Coan Reports To Washington

ORLANDO, Fla., Feb. 21—(AP)—Gil Coan, sensational rookie who has been publicized as "a second Ty Cobb," joined the Washington Senators today, his first time with a big league club. This Irish-German lad who led the Southern Association in seven departments of play at Chattanooga last season is 22 years old, stands about 6 feet tall and is solidly built. He was first in home runs, triples, doubles and stolen bases among other things in the Southern circuit's 1945 race.

# Y VARSITY PLAYS HANOVER CAGERS IN SEASON FINAL

## Brogden Team Concludes Cage Wars For 1946 With Outstanding Record

By GENE WARREN  
Star Sports Writer  
The Wilmington Wildcat basketball team will close its 1946 cage season tonight at 8:00 in the NHHS gymnasium, meeting the strong Y.M.C.A. Varsity.

The scheduled game with Fayetteville High was called off by the Bulldogs, who were the only remaining opponents for the charges of Coach Leon Brogden. Therefore the local quint, probably the best in the state, lose their chance to prove to the Eastern Conference members that they are the 'real' champions of Eastern North Carolina.

Having a splendid record in the loop of nine wins against only one defeat, the Wildcats hang up their basketball equipment tonight.

Wilson, which is tied with Durham for the league crown at present, fell before the Cats twice, 27 to 23 and 35 to 33. No other team has beaten the Cyclones two times. Also on the list of Wilmington achievements is the Durham victory, which saw the Collier, Fennell, McKoy, Brown, and Lee combination topple one of the state's best five, 27 to 14.

It has been a great year for Wilmington basketball even though the Hanover squad was thrown out of the conference on a "technicality". The team was supported exceptionally well by local fans as the NHHS gym was packed to the brim at all the conference fracas.

Coach Leon Brogden, along with his assistant, Tom Davis, have done a good job in turning out this season's fine basketball team, and with only two boys on the squad, Billy Lee and 'Hacksaw' Tuttle graduating this semester should have the nucleus for another fine club next year.

Back for varsity berths next season will be regulars Luke Collier, Toddy Fennell, W. A. Brown, Johnny McKoy, Don Hyatt, Charlie Smith, 'Tinkey' Rogers, Johnny Crowley, LeRoy Towles, and E. A. Thomas plus a galaxy of Junior Varsity stars.

As for tonight's curtain closer, the team will meet a Y.M.C.A. five composed of such cagers as Leonard 'Legs' McKoy, Walter Deal, R. L. Church, Carl Mason, and Billy Pieper. All of these basketeers saw action at NHHS during their high school days, and are expected to make the Cats' closing contest a thriller.

Brogden's usual starting quint will probably take the floor at starting time, but Smith, the No. 1 reserve, may take over McKoy's center post from where he played a big part in the locals' narrow win over Raleigh High in the final quarter.

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## Lake Forest Cagers Beat Winter Park

Lake Forest Boys' and Girls' teams won a double header yesterday from Winter Park teams. The Boys' won 16 to 4 while the Girls' triumphed, 10 to 3.

The Box Scores:

Boys	
Murphy, g	4
Simmons, g	4
Garner, c	4
Gilson, f	4
Kerr, f	4
Eaton, f	4
Total	16

Winter Park	
Worrell, g	0
Sneed, g	0
Pepper, c	0
Sandlin, f	0
Warrill, f	0
Total	4

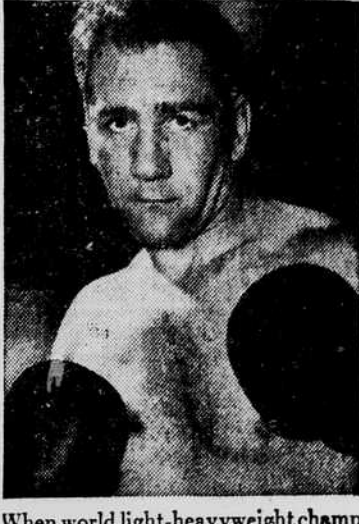
Girls	
Piner, f	3
Fisher, f	3
Simmons, f	3
Morris, g	3
Kerr, g	3
Herman, g	3
Total	19

Winter Park	
Bonham, f	2
McConnell, f	1
McGowan, f	0
Wheaton, g	0
Vaught, g	0
Smith, g	0
Total	3

## LAPCHICK SELECTED

NEW YORK, Feb. 21—(AP)—Joe Lapchick, of St. John's, Brooklyn, has been named coach of the eastern All-Star basketball team which will meet a picked western quintet in a charity game at Madison Square Garden, March 30. Work of assembling the 10 players, for the eastern squad will begin at once.

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When world light-heavyweight champ Gus Lesnevich (above) came out of the service recently, he flattened Oregon's highly-touted Joe Kahut with a right to the jaw in the first round. Tonight at Madison Square Garden he makes his second start, opposing lusty Lee Oma of Detroit.

Plus a noble right cross, rugged, oak-legged Lesnevich packs a chunking left that has authority. In facing Lesnevich, "Loose-leaf" Lee Oma seeks his seventh straight win. Few heavy fights as Oma does. Carrying his hands at his sides, he lashes out with sizzling left jabs and hooks, follows through with solid rights. On defense he is hard to nail. Enjoy this 10-round heavyweight bout on Gillette's Cavalcade of Sports over American Broadcasting Co. and WMFD 1400 on your dial at 10 PM Men . . . LOOK sharp! FEEL sharp! BE sharp! Use Gillette Blue Blades with the sharpest edges ever honed!