

The Morning Watch

WITH Edward Sachs

Here We Go Again

The Board of Education surprised all corners by acting Friday evening, in favor of a hearing before the NCHSAA executive committee on the Johnnie McKoy case. While reports of unofficial groups taking legal action were a dime a dozen, ever since the decision of the eligibility committee became public, we had assumed that with the announcement by Principal T. T. Hamilton on behalf of New Hanover High school, that educational factions in Wilmington had given up the fight.

While the spirit of the board is to be commended in its resolution to see the thing through, the facts of the case show it will be a very trying battle. As long as the present constitution of the NCHSAA is the yardstick by which the action will be judged, if a hearing is granted, the entire case is a matter of interpretation of the document.

The fact that the constitution is inadequate is admitted by the NCHSAA. On February 15 all member schools were mailed copies of this ill-advised off-spring of the minds of a bunch of school marmes, with this note from C. B. McIntosh:

"There has been some discussion of changing various parts of the constitution and this copy is sent you in order that you may suggest any changes which you deem desirable." Discussion and changes as used by McIntosh are master gems of understatement. There have been protests about the document, not suggestions, and instead of changes they should throw away the entire abortion and let some trained legal minds work on it, not a group of school officials.

Some clause should be inserted that would protect schools like New Hanover, located in sections with only one or two large cities. The present set-up makes the executive committee, for example, look like a reunion of school officials of Durham, Wake and Forsyth counties.

One action of the board yesterday cleared the issue from a local standpoint. In reference to the decision of the New Hanover High school officials to desist from any more action in the case, the board through its chairman, Dr. John T. Hoggard issued the following statement:

"The Board of Education, in view of the reception accorded by the eligibility committee of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association to the representatives of the New Hanover High school in the recent hearing as to the eligibility of Johnnie McKoy, can fully appreciate and wholly sympathize with the reluctance of Mr. Hamilton and Coach Brogden in pursuing further a matter which has proved so unpleasant.

"Nevertheless, the board feels and this is concurred in by Mr. Hamilton and Coach Brogden, that it owes to the high school, the player involved, Coach Brogden, Mr. Hamilton and the public, the duty of exhausting all available means of correcting what it believes to be a grave injustice, not only to the parties involved, but to the school youth of North Carolina.

"The board, therefore has requested the chairman of the NCHSAA to call, as we had agreed to, a meeting of the full executive committee, so that the matter can be presented to it."

SPORTS SHORTS . . . The 26th annual Seniors' Golf championships tournament will start at Pinehurst Monday . . . The tournament is limited to players of 35 years and over . . . Wednesday the women's golf club of Pinehurst, the Silver Foils, (almost as bad as White Phantoms) will stage its annual team match between teams captained by the president, Mrs. Max von Schlegel of Baltimore and the vice-president, Mrs. William C. Mudgett . . . The latter will be remembered by golf fans as the former Louise Fordyce, winner of the North-South title from Glenna Collet several seasons ago . . . On Saturday, March second, the club will be host to the 43rd annual Tin Whistles club championship . . . James T. Hunter is defending champion . . . He recently won the amateur-pro tourney at Pinehurst, learning his lesson from Callaway, home professional to notch the winning score of 65 over a par-72 championship course . . . Howard Turner of Rocky Mount, chalked up 105 points in 12 Southern conference games to clinch scoring honors for N. C. State college basketball players . . . Baseball hopefuls who would like a tryout with the Chicago Cubs or for one of the Bruin farm clubs should contact J. C. Clark at the Clark Sporting Goods store in Fayetteville . . . He is authorized by the Chicago club to sign up players for their farm organization.

SHELBY CLUB SET
SHELBY, Feb. 23.—(P)—The Shelby franchise in the Tri-State baseball league today was in the Chicago Cubs fold and spring training was set to start around March 20, according to an announcement from Tim Murchison, local Cubs scout.

Two Jockies Charged With Bribe Attempts

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. Feb. 23.—(U.P)—A criminal information against jockeys John Sullivan of Philadelphia and Luis Torres, of Miami, was filed here today by State's Attorney Phil O'Connell. The information alleged that Sullivan offered a trainer, Ralph Boon, \$400 to have Greville held back in a race at Gulfstream Park in December, so that Chicor, ridden by Torres, would win the race. Sullivan was also accused of having offered to place bets—on Chicor—for two other jockeys in the race.

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New Hanover Hearing Set For This Week

BASKETBALL CASE TO BE PRESENTED AT CHAPEL HILL

Saturday Will Probably Be Named As Date For Meeting

C. R. Joyner, chairman of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association's executive committee informed the Star-News last night that he was granting the local Board of Education's request for a hearing on the Johnnie McKoy eligibility case.

Joyner, in a telephone conversation from his Winston-Salem home, said that the hearing would probably be held Saturday afternoon in the office of the NCHSAA executive secretary, C. E. McIntosh, in Chapel Hill.

"I received Dr. Hoggard's (Board Chairman) telegram this morning," he said. "In which he requested the hearing. I will inform him by wire that the meeting will be held sometime next week because it is impossible to set a date this early."

However, he continued, because most of the committee members have classes during the week, Saturday was the most logical day to hold the hearing.

The request for a hearing on the case was made by the City-Country Board of Education Friday evening following a special meeting of the group.

At that time, Dr. Hoggard informed the press, that the board was making its request as a "matter of clearing local honor." The New Hanover High school was barred from further participation in Eastern conference play by the NCHSAA's eligibility committee following a protest from Durham High school that Johnnie McKoy, elongated center of the Wildcats, was not eligible at the time he participated in the Jan. 18 rout of the Raleigh Caps, 63 to 23 by the New Hanover basketball team.

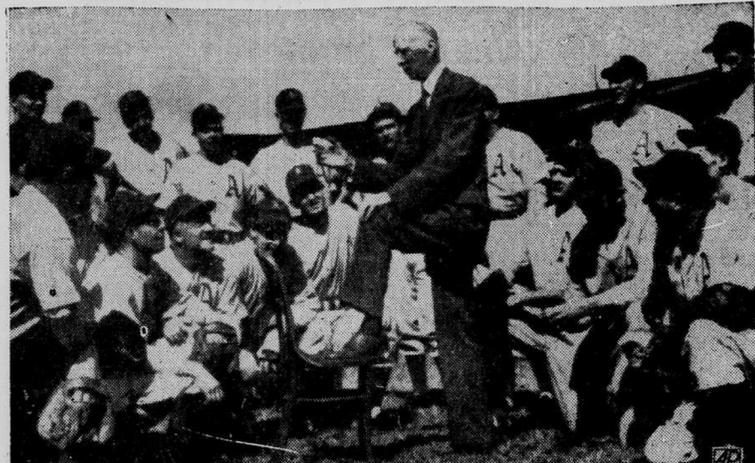
Basketball Scores

- William and Mary 60, VMI 32.
- Little Creek Amphibious Base 60, North Carolina 46.
- Clemson 76, Citadel 24.
- Army 84, Fordham 39.
- Navy Plebes 40, Staunton Military academy 35.
- Furman 50, Presbyterian 33.
- Smoky Hill Air Base (Kas) 61, Wichita Beechcraft 35.
- Anthony Kas Boosters 32, Carrier Okla Independents 24.
- Arkansas City Kanotex 2, Maud Okla VFW 0 (forfeit).
- University of Vermont 55, St. Michaels college 37.
- Eastern Kentucky Tchrs. 45, Morehead Tchrs. 43.
- University of Louisville 60, Murray Tchrs. 56.
- Davidson 51, Washington and Lee 49.
- Duke 49, Marine Institute 43.
- Wofford 43, College of Charleston 42.
- Slippery Rock 86, California (Pa.) Teachers 40.
- Ft. Riley Kas Ramblers 67, Enid Air Base 31.
- Arkansas City Kanotex 28, Ponca City Jaycees 30.
- Missouri Valley 51, Druey 36.
- Dickinson 56, Moravian 45.
- Marshall 63, Morris Harvey 41.
- Wagner 70, New Britain Teachers (Conn.) 51.
- Columbia 57, Rutgers 49.
- Mulenberg 56, Gettysburg 34.
- Illinois S. Iowa 51.
- West Virginia 35, University of Maryland 33.
- Niagara 67, Toronto 58.
- Syracuse University 70, Colgate University 60.
- Louisiana State 52, Tulane 3.
- Tennessee, Vanderbilt 32.
- Trinity 33, Amherst 31.
- University of Connecticut 78, Northeastern 22.
- Harvard 55, Boston university 29.
- University of Connecticut Jayvees 63, Northeastern Jayvees 15.
- High Point 47, Guilford 45.

HANDBALL CHAMP

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—(P)—Cat-like Constantine Lewis, Buffalo, N. Y., today became the national YMCA handball champion by defeating Stanley Hitz, Harrisburg, Pa., 21-16, 16-21, 21-10.

Connie Mack Starts Another Season With Athletics



Connie Mack, the grand old man of baseball, addresses early arrivals at the spring training camp of his Philadelphia Athletics in West Palm Beach, Fla. Players are grouped around their venerable boss just before starting practice. (AP Wirephoto).

Tobacco State Loop Meets Monday Night

SAL BARTOLO DUCKS NEW YORK MEETING WITH CHAMPION PEP

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—(U.P)—A claim of illness by Sal Bartolo caused cancellation today of next Friday night's featherweight "title-clearing" bout with Willie Pep, despite the statement of a New York Boxing commission physician that he could find nothing wrong with Bartolo.

Bartolo, Boston boxer, who is recognized by the National Boxing Association as champion, will be asked to appear before New York Commissioner Eddie Egan for questioning some time next week.

A substitute bout of 10 rounds was arranged in place of the 15-round title bout. Little known Jimmy McAllister, a Baltimore Negro, will meet Pep, Hartford fighter who holds the New York and affiliated states version of the crown.

WILDCAT GRIDDERS IN SCORELESS TIE

In the second of the series of football scrimmages yesterday morning at 13th and Ann fields, the two squads of the New Hanover High school varsity played a scoreless tie.

Both teams came within a few yards of the goals, but neither could muster enough strength to push across a touchdown.

Jim Gibson, Neal Partrick, and Linwood Grissom were outstanding for Buddy Bridges' team, which had big 'Doc' Venters, injured back, running from the fullback spot. Even though Venters suffered a chest injury two weeks ago, the husky boy insisted in getting back into the spring workouts.

Louis 'Bubba' Sykes, who hurt his ankle during the inter-squad contest, showed that he could still dash around the ends before his mishap. J. C. Price made the long, fast run of the day through tackle, while Jimmy Piner kept up his splendid defensive work at quarterback.

The line, which will be the 'Cats' biggest problem, next season, looked impressive with "Butch" Swart, Lloyds Honeycutt, Bobby Stuart, Irvin Gore, Bill Cohn, and "Tink" Rogers standing out.

Present plans of the coaches call for the spring drills to end March 1.

FINAL PLANS FOR CIRCUIT SEASON WILL BE SETTLED

League, Club Officials Will Hold Election Of Officers In Dunn

Dunn will be the scene Monday night of the final pre-season meeting of the Tobacco State league, circuit officials announced yesterday.

Election of league officers, posting of bonds by league-members, who have not already done so, and drawing of a 120-game schedule will be the principle business to be conducted by club representatives.

From Kinston, came word that the Kinston team is attempting to schedule two exhibition games with the Wilmington entry to be played on a home-and-basis April 27-28.

CLINTON, FEB. 23.—With the organization here this week of the Sampson County Baseball Association, Clinton is assured of a berth in the six-town Tobacco Baseball League when the season opens its schedule in May.

The League will play class "D" baseball and Clinton will get four games one week and three the next during the season ending around Labor Day. All games will be played under the lights except on Sundays and holidays.

The team will be known as the "Sampson Blues," a name selected as representative because of the county's nationally known reputation for its blue huckleberries. The emblem will depict a cluster of huckleberry leaves.

Residents of Clinton and others in Sampson county have purchased stock in the team amounting to approximately \$7,500 with the ultimate pledges expected to reach the \$10,000 mark. The organization will be incorporated under the name of Sampson Baseball Association.

L. C. Kerr was elected president of the Association at the first meeting of the stock holders here this week-end. Others elected include Jack Proff, vice-president; Jeff D. Johnson, George E. Ruckley, N. B. Hill, Roy C. Carter, Gordon Love, Sheriff C. C. Tart and H. B. Barwick, directors. Other officers will be elected at the next meeting.

Applications are now being received for the job of club manager and for player positions on the roster.

All games will be played at the high school athletic field. A number of improvements have been planned including the erection of new bleachers, grading of the diamond, and other work that will improve the park.

CYCLONE, BULLDOG PLAYERS DOMINATE LEAGUE ALL-STARS

RALEIGH, Feb. 23.—Durham and Wilson each placed two players on the All-Eastern conference team selected by sports writers and coaches, the Raleigh News and Observer, conductor of the poll, disclosed tonight.

The first team had Clark of Wilson and McDonald at the forwards, Johnson of Fayetteville at center, Brooks of Wilson and Cobb of Durham at the guards.

Johnson and Clark led the poll, each getting 23 votes. Second team honors went to Cothran of Raleigh and Kelly of Fayetteville, at forwards; Wilson's Smith at center and Penny of Durham and Crosby of Raleigh at guards.

Honorable mention was won by Etchison and Denson of Rocky Mount, Shumate and Rose of Goldsboro, Pearson and Baise of Raleigh, Stokes of Durham, Anthony of Wilson, and Harris of Fayetteville.

TOURNEY SPOT FOR UNC, DUKE CERTAIN

RALEIGH, Feb. 23.—(P)—Eight teams to participate in the Southern Conference's annual basketball tournament beginning next Thursday will be selected here tomorrow by a five-man committee of the conference.

The committee following usual custom will meet for final selection of teams, seedings and pairings after a noon luncheon at the Carolina hotel.

Headed by Eddie Cameron, Duke's athletic director, the committee is composed of Burton Shipley, of Maryland; J. L. Von Glohn of N. C. State college; Monk Younger, of Virginia Tech, and Norman Shephard, of Davidson.

The University of North Carolina's Tar Heels, who ended conference play with 13 wins against one loss, undoubtedly will be the first team chosen for the tourney and will be seeded first.

Duke, with 11 wins and two losses, will get second seeding. The Tar Heels lost only to Duke, while the Blue Devils lost a return game to Carolina and were beaten by Maryland.

Teams almost certain to get bids include Wake Forest, Maryland, and Virginia Tech.

The annual tourney classic, held here for more than a decade, will be staged in Memorial auditorium beginning Thursday. If custom is followed, four first round games will be played Thursday night, two semifinals on Friday night, and the championship game Saturday night.

All tickets to the classic have been sold for weeks, and crowds of 3,500 (capacity) are expected for each round.

1929 New Hanover Cagers Challenge 1946 Wildcats

Former State Champions Will Meet Present Team Thursday

Several creaking gentlemen last night extended a challenge to the New Hanover High school basketball team for a game, and the Wildcats quickly took them up on the affair.

However, the creaking gentlemen know something about basketball for all were members of the state championship NCHS basketball squad of 1929.

The 1929 team was the last cage squad fielded by the local high school that did anything in state play up to the time of the present squad and while the veterans of the pre-Roosevelt basketball team will be making their first appearance on a hardwood floor in several years they won't be pushovers if they can display a small percentage of their former skill.

The '29 Wildcats started drills as soon as the challenge was accepted.

Coaching the boys from the past will be their old coach, Bob Black, the man who led the locals to a pair of state championships. The roster will include Earle Beal, who was captain of the '29 squad and will take over the leadership at the meeting next week, Harold May, player-manager, Dan Jones, Buddy Davis, Jimmy Moore, Tom Grainger, Tom Lawther, Leroy Tienken and Hayward Moore will be other '29 stars to play.

The only member of the squad from 1929 who will not be available for the game is Bill Rankin who has left Wilmington.

Off-Shore Fishing Fleet Forecast For Southport

Southport's deep-sea fishing possibilities are discussed in the current issue of Field and Stream magazine.

On page 99, in the column, "Salt Water Questions and Answers," conducted by Kip Farrington, the following exchange was printed.

"Do you feel there is much chance that Southport will ever have a large fleet of offshore fishing boats and become a real deep-sea fishing port?" L. H. (North Carolina.)

"I feel there is ever chance that Southport will have a large fleet of fishing boats for offshore trolling in the near future, and that some splendid catches will be brought into that port from June to November.

Tabernacle Baptists Continue Win Streak

The Tabernacle Baptist basketball club continued its winning ways Friday night, trouncing a hapless Atkins quint, 40 to 16.

Irvin "Piggy" Gore topped the winners in the scoring department with 12 points, followed by Levy Heath and Robert Miller with eight apiece.

Ahead at the halftime, 32 to 16, the smooth playing Tabernacle quint, coached by Robert Shipp, maintained its leadership in the city league, which has a pennant, banquet, and large trophy in store for the champions. The team has only one more contest on with the Boys' Brigade schedule to clinch the crown.

PHANTOMS BEATEN BY LITTLE CREEK

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 23.—(P)—A flashy Little Creek Amphibious base cagers tonight stopped North Carolina's 16-game winning streak before more than 4,000 fans. The score was 60 to 46.

The Sailors captured the lead near the close of the first half and were never headed. The score was tied six times in the first half.

Lou Watson, former Jefferson-Chuck Robeson, late of the University, Ind., High school star, and city of Valparaiso, paced the Amphibious to victory.

The Tar Heels played minus the services of two of their stars, Horace (Bones) McKinney, and John (Hook) Dillon, leading Southern Conference scorers. Both remained in Chapel Hill, on the hospital list.

The game was played for the benefit of Norfolk's living memorial fund. The officials, Paul Roy and Jimmy Christo called 38 fouls, 20 against the White Phantoms.

Redskins Sign Four Returnees For 1946

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—(U.P)—added to their 1946 roster four recently discharged servicemen, among them a backfield veteran of the 1924 professional champion Redskins squad.

The veteran is Dick Poillon, recently discharged from the Army, who was a triple-threat back and place-kick specialist in the 1942 campaign. He is a graduate of Canisius college.

Others who signed Redskins contracts were: Bill McLaughlin, 196-pound Georgetown University back recently discharged from the Navy Air Corps. Clyde Ehrhardt, 230-pound University of Georgia center, who was drafted in 1944 after receiving several All-America nominations. Oscar Britt, University of Mississippi guard and one of the outstanding Southeastern conference linemen of recent years.

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Wildlife Group Appoints Wendt To Its Legislative Committee

Bill Wendt, a member of the board of directors of the New Hanover county chapter North Carolina Wildlife Federation was named to the legislative committee of the state-wide organization yesterday, President Roger Hewlett of the local chapter announced last night.

Tom White, Kinston attorney, was named chairman of the committee. Other committee members as announced from Raleigh by President P. K. Gravely of Rocky Mount included Superior Court Judge Clawson L. Williams, Sanford; M. P. Dawson, of Rocky Mount; Superior Court Judge Don Phillips of Rockingham; John Manning, Chapel Hill; E. L. Hardin, Salisbury; H. L. Lorraine, Winston-Salem; Clarence Ridings, Forest City; Dr. Kelly Bennett, Bryson City; and William A. Pearce, Jr., of Weldon.

The local group will attend an oyster roast and showing of motion pictures of hunting topics at Blue Top Lodge, Thursday evening, at seven, local club officials announced last night.

In discussing the appointments to the legislative committee, President Gravely said, "The importance of the legislative committee stems out of probability that the federation's proposal for a separation of the division of game and inland fisheries from the state department of conservation and development will be one of the major issues before the 1947 session of the general assembly."

"The federation's determination to fight for its separation proposal was reaffirmed at the organization's annual meeting in January, and last week the organization issued the separation proposal as the number one objective for the coming year."

"Another objective of the federation is an educational campaign to acquaint the people of North Carolina with its program for the protection and conservation of the state's wildlife resources. Officials of the federation realize the importance of putting their case squarely before the people in order that they may have a clear picture of the issues at stake. They propose to show that the federation's program will benefit the state as a whole and is not designed merely to provide better hunting and fishing for sportsmen."

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