

The Morning Watch

WITH Edward Sachs

From The Mailbag

Nothing like the mailman to help out on a damp, dirty day. First of all we received a communication from Pete Moore, Guilford college publicity director, reminding us that the Guilford cagers had selected Warren Burns of Catawba and Entzi of Lenoir-Rhyne as forwards on the Quakers' All-Opponent team. Harlan Guder of Catawba at the guards... Art Bluettingh of Wilmington and the three Tar Heel grapplers to be sent from Chapel Hill to the National Intercollegiate tournament at Oklahoma A & M March 21 to 23... As you probably know, Art was pilot of a B-17 on 35 missions over Europe before he returned to the university... Also from Chapel Hill is a communication that Ben Carnevale, basketball coach has selected an All-Opponent team...

... named Tannenbaum, NYU, and Carroll, Navy at the forwards, Duke at center, Mangiapane, NYU, and Seward, Duke, guards... Ben limited his picks to collegiate performers but he also obliged with an all-service pick as follows: Mass, Camp Lee and Spencer, Greensboro, forwards; Robeson, Little Creek, center; and Tullien, Camp Pickett, and Poja, Greensboro, guards... A letter from Camp Lejeune reminds us that the "scoringest duo" in modern day service and college basketball in Frank Carswell of Rice and John Kelly of Notre Dame... The twosome has averaged 33 points between them per contest... Kelly claims the lead in the nation's individual scoring race by virtue of having plunked 639 points this season for an average of 19 points per contest.

Carswell, while playing with Rice in the Texas school's 1941 Madison Square Garden appearance was selected on the All-Garden team of that year... Local basketball fans will have a chance to see their favorite sport this weekend as the YMCA tournament gets underway Friday afternoon... Thirty-four teams have entered the various divisions of the tourney... This corner is certainly getting the oyster eating underway in better than half-shell fashion... Last night it was the New Hanover Fishing club's roast at Wrightsville, tonight the Wildlife federation will be serving at the Blue Top Lodge and the next meeting of the Tobacco State league will be a unowhat here in Wilmington...

... That benefit game at New Hanover High school should bring back memories to 1928-29 basketball fans as such cagers as Earl Beal, Harold May and Dan Jones trot out on the floor... We would like to see some of the cagers of 28-29 Friday morning... They should be stiffer than a bunch of burns after a can of Siero... The rifle club exhibit at that USO hobby show was by far the top attraction for local sports fans... From announced programs of both local gun clubs, the coming rifle fans... Plans for a Monday morning quarterback club are being formed... While everything pertaining to the organization is still in the embryo stage, it should be operating by the time football's start rolling at American Legion stadium...

Dr. Willis King, supervising fish biologist of the North Carolina division of Game and Inland Fisheries announced this week that the shad and herring season in inland waters of coastal counties opens tomorrow and runs through May 10... Fishing is restricted to Thursday, Friday and Saturday with a provision that skum or gill nets with bars one and one-half inches or longer may be used... Counties open to shad and herring fishing from March 1 are Brunswick, New Hanover, Onslow and Pender... Chapel Hill will be the scene of the eligibility hearing on Saturday... While the NCHSAA executive committee will probably abide by the eligibility committee's decision to bar New Hanover High school from basketball play... With the season over, it would not make any difference now anyway... We do hope that the meeting will focus the attention of the state group to their constitution and its improvement... Bob Penimore, Oklahoma A & M All-American has been accepted by draft board officials and is now waiting for his greetings... Lumberton's Taft Wright seems sure of one outfield post with the Chicago White Sox this summer... Taft will probably be paired with Thurman Tucker and Wally Moses in the Chicago outer garden...

Tournament Play Starts At 'Y' Friday Afternoon

Teams entered in the YMCA basketball tournament will start play at the "Y" floor at 4 p. m. Friday, Adam Smith, physical director of the organization announced last night. Smith said that 34 teams have netted the various divisions of play in the tournament. They include in the 90 pound class: Winter Park Flashers, "Y" Pirates, "Y" Bulldogs, Sunset Park Panthers, "Y" Wildcats, "Y" Comets, "Y" Storks; 105 pound class: Chestnut Bears, "Y" Sharks, Catlett Lions, "Y" Crusaders, Beavers, Hi Blackhaws, Lucky Seven; 120 pound class: "Y" Leaders, "Y" Crows, Winter Park Tileston; 135 pound class: "Y" All-Stars, White Sox, Long Creek Grady, White Eagles, "Y" Hawks, First Presbyterian; 150 pound class: Beachcombers, Atkinson, Unknowns, Junior Varsity; Unlimited Class: YMCA Varsity, War Dogs of Camp Lejeune.

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Southern Conference Fives Play Today

WHITE PHANTOMS FAVORED TO WIN RALEIGH TOURNEY

Duke Blue Devils Rate As Only Five Dangerous To Tar Heels

RALEIGH, Feb. 27. — (AP) — The cream of the Southern Conference's basketball crop will open their annual tournament here before a sell-out crowd in Memorial Auditorium tomorrow, with the University of North Carolina well favored to retain the crown.

The opening game, at 2 p. m., will pit V.P.I. against George Washington, followed by N.C. State versus Duke University at 4 p. m. First Seeded University of North Carolina will meet Maryland at 7:30 p. m., and at 9:30 p. m., William and Mary will play Wake Forest.

The winner of the North Carolina-Maryland game will meet the winner of the William and Mary-Wake Forest game at 7:30 p. m. Friday, and the winner of the V.P.I.-George Washington game will meet the N.C. State-Duke winner at 9 p. m.

The championship game will be played at 8 p. m., Saturday. While North Carolina is the heavy favorite, an upset could well be in the cards, for only once in the last six years has the number-one rated outfit been able to stand the pressure. That was Duke in 1942. The other five years an underdog had roared to the championship.

Yet the tar heels will take the floor with a couple of All-Southerners in their lineup. Horace (Bones) McKinney, who made the mythical five while at N.C. State before he entered the service, will be at center; and Jim Jordan, who placed on the 1945 team, will be at a guard post. Bobby Seward, the Duke goal expert, will be trying for a repeat spot after a two-year layoff.

All five choices for the 1945 second team will be on hand. They are John Dillon and Bob Paxton of North Carolina; Ed Koffenberger of Duke; Jack Flynn of Maryland; and Stan Magdziak of William and Mary.

Oddly enough, not a South Carolina team placed in the pairings. The conference basketball committee meeting last Sunday, discounted Furman's bid on the grounds that it played only two games outside of South Carolina and four of its games were with Davidson.

Only two teams were seeded—North Carolina and Duke. No others were seeded because of the comparatively small marginal differences in won and lost records. In fact, the committee said, the standings were as close as any in tournament history.

Memorial auditorium will be jammed for the contests. The 4,000 seats have been sold for weeks and J. L. von Glahn business manager of the tournament, has accepted no orders since February 2. Hundreds of applicants have been turned down. Adding to the problem is the room shortage here. Many fans have reserved accommodations in nearby towns.

The slave trade began in 1503, when Portuguese landed the first shipment of Negroes at Santo Domingo.

Vance Building, Lost Battalion of Camp Lejeune, North Carolina Shipyarders, and Hi Wildcats.

The schedule for the first two days of the tournament which will end Friday, March 1, is as follows: Tomorrow: Winter Park Flashers vs. "Y" Pirates, 4 p. m.; "Y" Comets vs. "Y" Storks, 5 p. m.; Hi Blackhaws vs. Lucky Seven, 7 p. m.; "Y" All-Stars vs. White Sox, 8 p. m.; "Y" Hawks vs. First Presbyterian, Saturday: Tileston vs. Winter Park, 2 p. m.; "Y" Bulldogs vs. Sunset Panthers, 3 p. m.; Catlett Lions vs. "Y" Crusaders, 4 p. m.; Chestnut Bears vs. "Y" Sharks, 5 p. m.; Shipyard vs. Lost Battalion, 7:30 p. m.; "Y" Varsity vs. Camp Lejeune War Dogs, 9 p. m.



Cadet Grid Careers Sliced At West Point

WEST POINT, N. Y., Feb. 27. — (AP) — Felix (Doc) Blanchard and Glenn Davis, All-America backs, and at least nine other members of Army's powerful 1945 football squad will play their last season for the U. S. military academy next fall, although they still have two years of eligibility.

This was disclosed today by Maj. Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, academy superintendent, who announced the division of the present sophomore class into two sections, one of which will be graduated in the spring of 1947.

The division, which becomes effective next June 5, was made in connection with plans to reconvert the academy from a wartime to peacetime basis, General Taylor said.

In addition to Blanchard and Davis, football players now listed as sophomores who will jump into the senior class after June 5 are: Arnold Tucker, first string quarterback; Herschel Fuson and James Enos, centers; Jack Ray and Shelton Biles, guards; Harold Tazvel, tackle; Barney Poole and Tom Hayes, ends, and William West, back.

Immediately after Taylor's announcement, the football squad met and elected Davis and Blanchard as co-captains for 1946. The election had been postponed because of the impending division. Traditionally, the army grid captain comes from the first (senior) class. It will be the first time in the history of the academy for the cadets to be led by co-captains.

Davis, who comes from Claremont, Calif., and was appointed to the academy by Rep. Jerry Voorhis (D-Calif.), is the outstanding all-around athlete at West Point. Blanchard, from Bishopville, S. C., was a private in the army air forces before his appointment by Rep. John L. McMillan (D-S.C.).

Both Davis and Blanchard were All-America selections the past two years, Davis at halfback and Blanchard at fullback.

Athletic ability did not figure in the basis for the division, the academy's announcement said. The four factors in the selection were: 1—Scholarship, leadership and long range potentialities to the service; 2—the individual's choice; 3—that the class be equally divided to place a like number of graduates in the Army in 1947 and 1948; 4—in the event that all other

factors were equal, the more mature cadet was placed in the higher class.

At Annapolis the Naval academy classes returned to a peacetime basis last June, and only one major football player—Fullback Joe Bartos—was affected. The Navy divided classes on an academic basis, and Bartos found himself in an upper group. Big Joe, from Lorain, Ohio, will have one more year of football.

FISHING CLUB OFFICERS MEET AT WRIGHTSVILLE

Plans For Coming Year Discussed At Business Meeting Of Officials

President Truman and Governor Cherry last night joined a local organization—although neither gentleman is as yet aware of the fact. Both were made honorary members of the New Hanover Fishing club, largest organization of its kind in the country, by an action of the group's officers and members of the board of directors at an oyster roast-business meeting at Wrightsville Beach.

After a prolonged discussion it was decided to allow all members participating in the club's membership drive a chance to win the two and a half horsepower motor given to the man selling the most tickets to new members with the exception of the donors of the motor.

The group also voted to have a price list valued at \$1,500 this year.

Bert Blake, chairman of the scales committee was commended by the group for his work in lining up additional weighing stations for the coming season, and George Canady received a vote of thanks from the organization for his work during the war years. "He was instrumental in keeping the club together," President Watkins observed.

Plans for the coming annual were discussed with various members reporting on advertising sales. It was voted to have a first printing of the annual of 1,500 copies.

VAN HORN WINS PRO NET CROWN

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Feb. 27. — (AP) — Welby Van Horn, of Atlanta, Ga., today defeated Frankie Kovacs, of Oakland, Calif., in straight sets to win the \$5,000 Evans cup professional singles tennis meet.

Van Horn employed a deceptive drop shot and displayed a superior net game to turn back the cocky California, 6-4, 6-2, 6-4. Van Horn took top money of \$850, with second money of \$350 going to Kovacs.

Fred Perry defeated Big Bill Tilden, 8-6, 1-6, 6-0, for third money.

Van Horn and Kovacs won the doubles finals from Perry and Tilden, 8-10, 6-3, 6-0. First money for the doubles was \$800. Tilden and Perry divided \$600 for second place.

VPI Football Coach Resigns For Pro Job

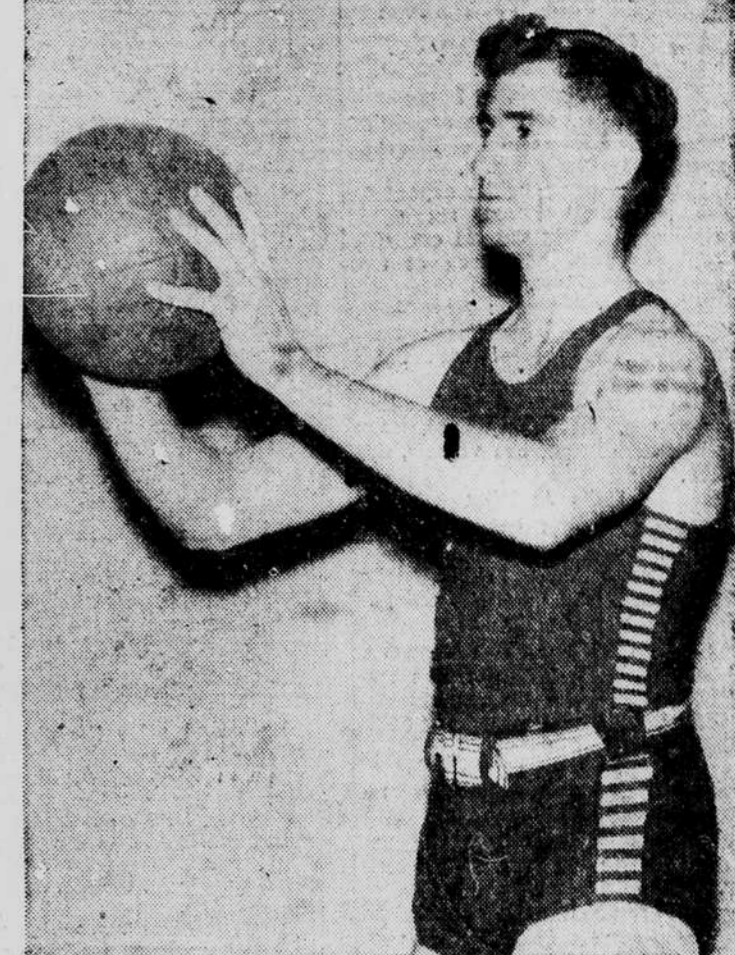
BLAKSBURG, Va., Feb. 27. — (AP) — MacCauley McEver, formerly an assistant coach at the University of North Carolina, today tendered his resignation as backfield coach of the Virginia Polytechnic institute football team. He left to accept the position as president and head coach of the Richmond Arrows, of the Dixie Professional football league.

McEver, a graduate of VPI, served as freshman coach at Tech from 1930 to 1935 in football, baseball and basketball and the following year was promoted to varsity backfield coach. He served in that capacity until 1942 when he was named co-coach with Sumner Tilton when Coach Jimmy Kitts entered the service. In 1944 he moved to North Carolina to assist his brother, Gene, with the Tar Heels.

BASKETBALL TONIGHT

The 1928-29 New Hanover High school state championship basketball team will try to turn back the clock several years tonight when they meet the current edition of the school's basketball teams in a contest at the NCHS floor. The game will be a benefit.

Tops North State



Irie Leonard, Guilford college forward from Greensboro is at present leading the North State conference scoring race as that conference goes into its final week of play.

Optimistic Davidson Eyes Football Season

DAVIDSON, Feb. 27. — (AP) — Rounding out its second week of winter football practice, Davidson College today had a roster of 41 hopefuls and new Head Coach Bill Storey, late of Granby High School of Norfolk, Va., was anything but pessimistic over his material.

Davidson's 1946 gridiron edition, which will be the first Wildcat entry into the varsity field in two years, is still an unknown quantity comprising returned war veterans, former Davidson football stars and a number of collegiate beginners.

Starting virtually from scratch with a new coach, Storey, and new assistant, Charley Jamerson, formerly coach of Memphis State Teachers college and later an assistant to North Carolina's Carl Snavely, Davidson today had these 1946 prospects: Six of Storey's former Granby High stars who helped run up his string of 21 straight victories there, three standouts from the 1946 freshman squad, 10 former Wildcat members lately returned from the service.

Chief of the returned war veterans is George Peters, twin brother of Tommy Peters, who was killed last April on the European front. As a passing duo, Peters-to-Peters made local gridiron history back in 1942 and 1943. Others who have doffed military uniforms for football boots include: Earl "Red" Bethea, blocking back of 1941-42; Art Roach, tailback who was one of Davidson's leading ground-gainers in 1942; and Ed White, scrappy 155-pound back.

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Writer Remembers Days Of Jeffries' Glory

By WHITNEY MARTIN
NEW YORK, Feb. 27. — (AP) — Jim Jeffries is in the news again. Sadly this time, for the 70-year-old ex-champion, one of the last survivors of the fabulous era of prize fighting around the turn of the century, is seriously ill.

Jeffries' name always brings that "Ah, there was a man!" gleam to the eyes of oldtime fans. Along with lengthy discourse on the glorious days of Bob Fitzsimmons, Jim Corbett, Joe Choynski, Tom Sharkey and John L. Sullivan. The link to the bare-knuckle era, was a little before Jeffries' time but he is associated with the era through the medium of common opponents.

We only saw Jeffries once. That was about a dozen years ago in Omaha. We found a huge bear of a man, soft spoken and kindly and showing no visible effects of his ring career. It was easy to see he did not think much of the crop of heavyweights current at the time, and he blamed this deterioration to a disinclination to train properly, particularly in respect to road work. The boy just weren't in conition, in other words. Many an old timer still rates big Jim as the class of all heavy-

weights. A man of tremendous strength, standing 6 feet 1-2 inches and weighing 225 pounds. He had a tremendous punch, stone-wall stamina and a skill which often was overlooked in a summation of his talents.

Oddly enough, he had only 21 bouts in his entire fighting career, whereas a fighter nowadays still is considered a comparative novice with only that much experience. Joe Louis has defended his title just that number of times.

He won the heavyweight championship in his 11th fight, when he was 24, knocking out Bob Fitzsimmons in the 11th round of their bout at Coney Island. Later he knocked out Ruby Rob again, and also Corbett, whom Fitzsimmons had defeated for the title. Gentleman Jim, the master boxer, went 23 rounds, before bowing to the sheer power and stamina of Jeffries, who really took a boxing lesson that day.

When the big guy had disposed of all the opposition in sight he decided to retire, naming Marvin Hart and Jack Root as the leading contenders. Hart knocked out Root, and Jeffries acknowledged him as

most a legendary figure with so few fights on his record.

Champion Tommy Burns then defeated Hart, and Burns retained the title until stopped by Jack Johnson in 1908.

Johnson seemed invincible, and Jeffries was lured from retirement to try to regain his relinquished crown. We have a hazy recollection of events with that bout. We recall seeing pictures of big Jeff in training, roughing it, chopping wood and otherwise working to melt away the suet brought by five years of ease and idleness. We recall one picture bearing the caption, "Jeffries splits first bottle of beer since starting training." It showed a fatish, baldish man, a far cry from anything resembling a well-trained athlete.

We also recall pictures of that fight, with a grinning Johnson, one of the rig's master defensive boxers, toying with a tired old man and finally winning as Big Jeff went down from sheer exhaustion as much as from the cruel punishment he had been taking.

But he apparently was a great man when he had it, a rock-ribbed, iron-jawed, dynamite-fisted warrior. Never did a man earn such a lasting reputation and become al-

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