

RAMBLING WITH THE Rambler



By "LITTLE BUFF"

Post Wide Open
Jim Morgan, ex Davidson star athlete, who was supposed to have been the athlete director here, seems to have caused trouble elsewhere.

One week ago Morgan was to coach athletes at Edenton, Gastonia, and Kings Mountain, according to different sports writers of the state. It seems that our "dependable" Mr. Morgan who signed to coach here, put the column "on the spot" when he changed his mind. Of course you can't blame the guy for taking a better position but he should have thought about that before he told Mr. Holmes he would coach at Edenton.

Some of our football fans think he would have made a good coach, but as I said before I don't think we ought to take chances with our state champions.

So, with Morgan out of the picture we are back where we started—coachless—bad if the fans don't want to "ante up" an added supplement, it looks like the team will have to get along the best they can.

Sales or Luxury Tax

After an Arizona justice of the peace married a strapping Negro and his mate the big huskie placed a silver dollar and two pennies in the justice's hand.

His fee was a dollar, so he asked the Negro why he gave the two pennies.

"Why Boss," replied the black, "they's the governor's luxury tax!"

A luxury? I wonder! ! ! !

You're Out!

The umpire yells as he twists his wrist in the "out" fashion. Then the crowd in the stands start hollering—some for and some against the ump. And there goes another man—to the hospital or insane asylum.

For the life of me, I can't figure a more miserably vocation than that of an umpire. If he calls the runner out, his team comes a running. If he calls him safe the team in the field thinks differently and they make their opinion known to the poor ump. If the umpire calls the pitch a strike the batter squawks. If it is called a ball the pitcher and catcher both are against him. So there you are—where?

I never will forget the time I was umpiring an Albemarle league game a couple years ago. I didn't call the play to suit everybody so there they went after me.

"I called it like I saw it," I said, when one of the fans asked me if I was blind.

"You're not supposed to call 'em like you see 'em, you're supposed to call 'em as they are."

So right off the diamond I went and my umpire career was nipped in the bud.

Umpire Reardon and Sears had some difficult trouble in Cincinnati about a month ago. The fans started a "pop bottle throwing" and these two umpires went over to the stands "to quiet things down."

Besides getting on the bad side of the fans, the umps were warned by President Frick that the home club should look after the "policing" of the fans and that the umpires had better not be caught practicing such methods again.

About three years ago I witnessed what I would call a riot with all the trimmings. It happened in the NYP league where they take baseball serious, too. Well, these two umpires had been calling a lot of "close" ones against the home team all during the game and at the end of the contest the fans were in a nasty frame of mind. The umpires were met at the gate and, as there were only two, were getting a bad beating. The riot squad was called and tear gas had to be used to disperse the mob. After things began to quiet somewhat the police escorted the umps to their hotel and advised them to "stay in

for awhile."

Albert "Dolly" Stark was given an automobile from his admirers recently, after being chosen the most popular umpire of the National League. That happened last week. Next week Umpire Stark might need that same automobile to get out of town—if he miscues. One minute an umpire is a hero, the next minute he is a dumb, blind sap.

Pitcher Marberry has turned umpire. Marberry used to pitch for Detroit and Washington, but he figured he could do better calling them than he could throwing them. So far the players have been sympathizing and going easy on their ideas of how Marberry has been calling them. But that friendship will soon wear off and then the ex-Detroit pitcher will be just an ordinary umpire. And then—look out! ! ! !

Those umps can all have their money. When their day's work is over they have earned their salaries. I would much rather be in Africa fighting tigers than be backed up in front of mobs.

Here and There or This and That

The Giants, Cards, and Cubs are making the National league race a fast number. . . Softball is gaining popularity in a big way in cities. Some teams, I know, hires its players just as in the regular baseball. . . Reports say to watch Duke this coming season, but I'll watch Carolina, if you don't mind. . . Joe Louis, the Negro sensation, may be good, but Max Baer will show him a thing or two about the art of boxing in September. . . Bud Shaney's return to Portsmouth has not helped the Truckers out of third place. . . Duke has one man to watch this year, Ace Parker. . . The All Stars clash tonight with the Chicago Bears, professional gridmen. Probably will be a good show, but football will be lacking. The Bears can't afford to be injured. . . Eddie Berluiski, star freshman of last year's State team, used his athletic abilities this summer keeping the boys up at N. C. State prison in good physical condition. . .

MACEDONIA

Mrs. W. M. Hardison, of Harrellsville, was the recent guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Hassell.

Misses Merle Emminger and Sadie White spent the week-end in Bertie County visiting friends.

Mrs. A. G. Crawford and family have returned home after spending a while with her sister, Mrs. G. E. Hassell.

Mrs. J. H. Smith is spending a few days in Portsmouth, Va., visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wilder spent Sunday near Winfall with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Goodwin and Mrs. G. E. Hassell visited Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Hughes Sunday afternoon.

Miss Elsie Hassell visited Miss Dixie Harrell Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Claude Watson visited Mrs. Levi Radford Sunday afternoon.

Miss Eva Nixon and Mr. Elton Jordan were guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Hassell Sunday evening.

Mrs. George Goodwin visited Mrs. C. P. Hughes Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. W. H. Jordan and Miss Christine Hassell are visiting friends in Grimesland.

MISSIONARY MEETING AT THE CHURCH MONDAY AFTERNOON

The regular business session of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Edenton Baptist Church will be held Monday afternoon in the church. All members are urged to attend.

let him listen to the birdies sing for a change.

This fight tonight will put a singing Baer and an Irish tenor, and the fans will perhaps get tired of their doings before the six rounds end.

Hard Luck

When a person comes within four miles of her goal, as Miss Eva Morrison, Boston hospital librarian, in her attempt to swim the English channel, and then has to give up—that is my opinion of the toughest of tough luck. Wind, rain and rough sea made Miss Morrison give in after battling the channel for over 12 hours.

I never will forget the time we pulled in Melvin Owens after he swam the bay from Mackeys to Edenton. He had a tough time with wind and current in that eight mile trip, while Paul Spencer had no easy time keeping the canoe he followed Owens with under control.

Not only an outstanding swimmer, Owens pitched ball for Hertford when they had a team in the Albemarle league.

Now "Foot's" is night policeman in Hertford and will participate in the national rifle and pistol match at Camp Perry, Ohio, which will be held September 1 to 19.

Smell of the Farmer's Living

All of the tobacco towns of the central and eastern part of the state are teeming with interest as tobacco season began this week. The tobacco sections are full of farmers and their weed, and according to reports of the tobaccoists the crooks and gamblers and what nots are going to have a fat season off the "poor" farmers.

MRS. C. T. DOUGHTIE HOSTESS TO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The Young Woman's Bible Class of

the Edenton Baptist Sunday School will meet Tuesday evening, September 3rd, with Mrs. C. T. Doughtie, at her home on East Queen Street. The

president, Mrs. Shelton Moore, is desirous that a full membership attend so that plans for the fall work may be started.



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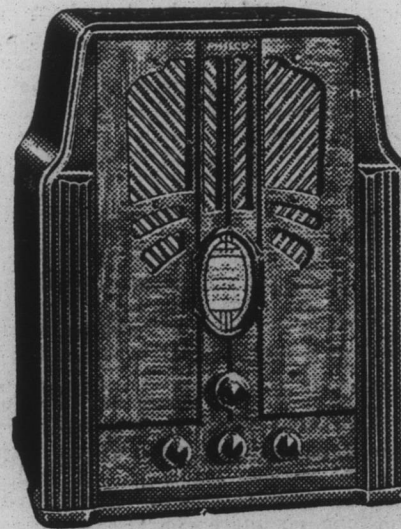
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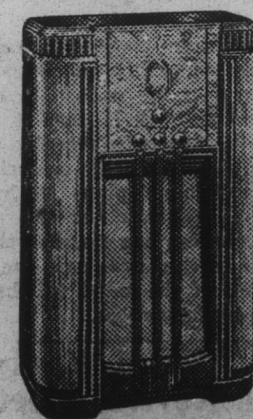
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