

# RAMBLING WITH THE Rambler

By "LITTLE BUFF"



## Clearing Up This "Big Five" Situation

Although the teams of our "Big Five" have ended their 1935 football season, I have a faint idea that there will be a great amount of discussion as to whether the "Big Five" should break into a "Big Three" and "Little Two." Anthony McKeelin, sports editor of The News & Observer, seems to think that a break in the "Big Five" would not only be a disaster and fearful calamity, but would cause the alumni and loyal backers of the two small institutions, Davidson and Wake Forest, to voice loud opposition at such a move.

Some weeks or months ago, the Rambler expressed his opinion on the possible breaking up of the "Big Five" organization, and he feels now, after the highly successful seasons of Carolina, State and Duke, that a division is the only thing possible and that it will merely be a matter of time until this is accomplished. It is true that Davidson and Wake Forest put out fighting teams and that they are coached by good grid mentors, but in order to keep pace with the three leading teams of the State, they must have more than fight and good coaches. Let us look at the "Big Three" coaches—Carl Snavely, of Carolina, Wallace Wade, of Duke, and Hunk Anderson of State—these men are real coaches, mentors who have built nationally known reputations, men who came to this State with the highest of ratings as coaches of great football teams. Doc Newton of Davidson, and Jim Weaver of Wake Forest, are good and dependable trainers of the game, but who, even the great McKeelin, will compare them with Snavely, Wade and Anderson?

Then, too, let's glance at the material of the five schools. Each of the "Big Three" could run in two teams that could be called first teams, and along with many other performers, who would have been stars for the Deacs and Wildcats, but who were forced to serve only as substitutes on their strong squads, kept the ball game at a fast pace through their injections. Meanwhile, Davidson and Wake Forest had few reserves who could be depended upon, and regardless of what anybody says, no coach or trainer can prepare 11 men physically to go out and play their best and at top speed for the entire four quarters.

Carolina, Duke and State are gaining in the national ranking every year and despite the fierce competition among themselves, one of the three will be journeying out to the West Coast to play in a "Tournament of Roses" before long. But they will have a hard time convincing the football world that they are the tops, as long as they play such opposition as Davidson and Wake Forest. The "Little Two" are keeping the "Big Three" from being up in the tops where they belong, by using two of their Saturdays every season, and should be replaced by inter-sectional foes.

McKeelin pointed out that Davidson and Wake Forest have both made impressive records in their games with the big boys. True, the Wildcats and Deacs have held the "Big Three" teams to low scores, but in my opinion, the coaches figure these two games as breathers, and then too, sentiment may play a small part in the low scores. But, regardless of

the low scores, the two teams have been beaten by the other three for a number of years. Now, I don't know, but I for one, always liked to be on the winning team, and I think the alumni of Davidson and Wake Forest would feel much happier if their teams won. But this is going to become harder and harder as the "Big Three" are becoming stronger and stronger. And as it is, and will be, as long as the Deacons and Wildcats want to play their "Big Five" opponents—they are way out of their class. And should they beat one of the "Big Three," they can mark it up to Luck or a Miracle.

**Here's A Way**  
The Rambler has been thinking about and studying the situation of the Carolina, Duke and State teams and, has arrived to the one plan that would be fair, both to these teams and their opposition.

First, disband the Big Five.  
Second, transfer Carolina, Duke and State to the Southeastern conference. These three teams are much too strong for the Southern conference and would find much closer competition with the Southeastern. They could also arrange inter-sectional contests with the leading teams of the country.

Third, Wake Forest and Davidson join the Southern conference. These two teams would no doubt, rate well with the Southern conference and their win percentage would increase, a good thing for any school.

There you have it! It may not be the best, but it is a more logical plan than the one now in use.

### Here and Yonder

The Southeastern conference has finally decided that a college student with outstanding athletic ability deserves financial assistance as much as an ordinary collegian. . . . Joe Louis still has to prove to the boxing world that he can take it. . . . Maybe a fighter who can dish it out like the Brown Bomber, doesn't have to take it. . . . Carolina, Duke and State will continue their heated athletic rivalry on the basketball court after the Christmas holidays, with reports of more championship trophies going to the winners. . . . Fred Marberry, who tried his hand at umpiring last year, after being released from the pitching staff of the Detroit Tigers, will return to a uniform, this time tossing them across for the N. Y. Giants. . . . Marberry, with Washington in 1925, did not start a single game yet finished 55 and was charged with only six defeats. . . . If the old saying, "Money can buy anything," is true, the Boston Red Sox already have a National League flag in the bag. . . . The Red Sox owner, Tom Yawkey, must be "lousy" with "dough". . . . Anyway, he sure has got an All-Star organization, led by the biggest names in baseball. . . . He still needs the immortal Babe Ruth as manager. . . . Leaving the sporting world for a while this column selects "Broadway Melody of 1936" as the best musical comedy produced in years. . . . Christmas may be like all the other holidays, coming only once a year, but boy, according to the amount of toys and presents being purchased, it looks like dear Ole Saint Nick will have to run a couple special sections on that delivery sled of his. . . . Well, here's to a very merry Christmas and a happier New Year. . . . And if you

don't like it, here's mud in your eye. . . . And so!!!

## OAK GROVE

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Nixon spent Wednesday with his father, Mr. T. L. Nixon.

Miss Evelyn Parrish visited Mrs. Anthony Gosser Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Nixon and children spent Thursday in Suffolk, Va., shopping.

Mrs. John Parrish and children spent Thursday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Nixon.

Miss Jessie Nixon has returned home after spending some time with relatives in Newport News, Va.

Mrs. Anthony Gosser will join her husband in Norfolk, Va., Saturday.

G. L. Parrish and son, John, made a business trip to Suffolk, Va., Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Bunch and Mrs. Jesse Nixon were in Edenton Friday shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. White and son, E. L., Jr., of Edenton; Mr. and Mrs. John Parrish and son were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Parrish Sunday evening.

## RYLAND

Mrs. H. N. Ward returned Friday from a two weeks' stay in Edenton.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Davis and their daughter, Lois, from near Sign Pine, spent Sunday with Mrs. Davis' mother, Mrs. Harriett Parks. Guests of Mrs. Parks in the afternoon included Mrs. Joe Byrum, Miss Montez Byrum and Forest Byrum, from near Cannon's Ferry; Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Ward and children, from near Sign Pine; and Mrs. R. S. Ward.

D. T. Ward, Jr., a student at Wake Forest College, and Miss Daphne Ward, who is attending business college in Norfolk, Va., will spend the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Ward.

Ralph Ward was painfully injured Saturday night when the car which he was driving, turned over twice near Old Chapel. The car was badly damaged.

Mrs. N. E. Jordan visited Mrs. Louisa Ward Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Mack Crump and friends from Chuckatuck, Va., were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Parks Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Byrum and son, Colbert, were in Edenton Wednesday morning on business.

Tom Davis and Carson Davis visited at Belvidere Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Tom Davis, Miss Mary Lee Davis and Carson spent Friday morning in Suffolk, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Copeland and sons were in Elizabeth City Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Julian E. Ward, of Edenton, and Mrs. E. W. Shipp of Norfolk, were in the village Thursday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Copeland and sons, and Mrs. Ella Mae Ward visited Mr. and Mrs. Sam Nixon at Gum Pond Sunday afternoon.

Why isn't Ryland Sunday School planning a Christmas entertainment?

Garland Byrum, a student at Wake Forest College, and Miss Pauline Byrum, who is attending Chowan College, Murfreesboro, will spend the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Byrum.

William Ward spent the week-end in Edenton with George Ward.

### Too Good For Job

It is far better to give work which is above the men than to educate the men to be above their work.—Ruskin.

## Taylor Theatre Offers Outstanding Pictures For Holiday Season

The management of the Taylor Theatre has secured many outstanding pictures of the year's current releases for the entertainment of its patrons, during the holidays. Starting today is Greta Garbo and Fredric March in "Anna Karenina." Little Freddie Bartholomew of David Copperfield fame takes a leading part also.

Monday and Tuesday, Christmas eve, Fox's "Way Down East" will be presented. This lovely old story brought to the screen is expected to get out many an old-timer who probably remembers paying high admission prices when they saw it as a stage play.

For Christmas day and night the picture is so new probably many have not heard about its release. From the pen of Eugene O'Neill it boasts a wonderful cast, Lionel Barrymore, Wallace Beery, Aline MacMahon, Cecilia Parker and Eric Linden. It is a story of youth and their first love. The title is "Ah Wilderness." A queer title, but look in "Heard and Seen" for its explanation.

After Christmas, the 26th and 27th, "China Seas" will be presented with Clark Gable in the leading role. will consist of various poems, recitations and Christmas carols.

## TWO FIFTH GRADERS MAKE PERFECT SCORE IN SPELLING

The following children in the fifth grade, taught by Mrs. W. S. Summerell, made a perfect score in spelling for the third month:  
Iva Jean Baker  
Josh Davenport

## BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT ON DEC. 27

The Christmas entertainment of the Edenton Baptist Sunday School will be held Friday night, December 27th, at 7:30 o'clock. The program

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