

Today's Sports Parade

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NEW YORK (UP)—The old timers lament that there are no Dempseys or Nagurskis in action but we in sports still have a lot for which to be thankful today.

First of course, for the fact that our host in hero's garb, athletes all, aren't being forced to carry freedom's ball through the frozen mud of Korea. Peace even in the guise of an uneasy truce still is wonderful.

And, coming back to sports, there are a number who we can thank for their inspiration.

LIKE BABE

Like the "Babe," as Mrs. Mildred Didriksen Zaharias is known. The Babe showed us what we can do if we keep pitching. They told her, when it became known that she had cancer, that with luck she would live but she'd never play golf again. The Babe showed us how to keep our chin up as she fought her way all the way back to the fairways.

There were, too, the heartwarming comebacks of such as Ted Williams and Jerry Coleman from the skies over Korea, telling all the kids in uniform that they could come home and make the grade. And Wally Burkemo, still carrying fragments of German steel in his body, who forgot a miserable year in an Army hospital as he won the PGA golf championship.

THANKSGIVING THRILL

We can get a Thanksgiving thrill from a lot of others in sports, too. Like Amos Alonzo Stagg, who licked a serious intestinal disorder in time to celebrate his 91st birthday anniversary, or Jim Piersall who conquered a nervous breakdown to battle his way to stardom with the Boston Red Sox.

Or how about Ben Hogan? Four years ago he was fighting painfully to walk again after a near-fatal automobile accident. Everybody was certain that never again would he play competitive golf. Everybody but Hogan. Since then he has won the U. S. Open three times in three times in four tries and this year was his greatest as he took that one, the Masters and captured the British Open on his first attempt.

TAKE A LOOK

Look too at little Tenley Albright, the 17-year-old miss from Boston. Seven years ago she was stricken with polio. This year, after a long, uphill struggle, she became

the first American woman ever to win the world figure skating championship.

Then there was the October day they turned back the pages and little Earl Sande, nearing 55, climbed back into the saddle and stayed there until he rode into the winner's circle once again. Sad, you say, and it is to think that the little man is broke. But it's proof of what a man can do when he has to give it a try.

To people like these who showed such comeback courage, those of us interested in sports can give thanks — for the memories and the inspiration.

Carolina Caravan

BY JAKE WADE

CHAPEL HILL, N. C. — You walk across the campus and little multi-colored handbills come floating down from the skies. They're like the ones that used to be distributed in the old home town, advertising sales at the Raquet Store, but these read: "Take Notice, TAR HEELS, Help BEAT DOOK and WIN BACK 'V' BELL" . . . That's the way it is the week of the Big Game, and the Big Game is between Duke (dignified spelling) and North Carolina. There's a parade and a pep rally, and the students get ready to go home for Thanksgiving, but they'll be back for the Big Game, and Chancellor House, puffing on his pipe, allows that the campus is showing the best and most wholesome spirit he has seen in a number of years.

At the Rotary Club President Hollis Edens of Duke, making up his mind to watch movies of the Notre Dame-Carolina game, and somebody quips that he is scouting for the Blue Devils . . . A student reads the Daily Tar Heel while sitting on South Building steps, feeding a dog ice cream, and is a little puzzled, for the Editor thinks football, as is, is all wrong, and the student thinks it's pretty good fun, and he has right much admiration for his roommate, who is on a football scholarship and is a fine guy who writes his mama every day and averages better than C and plans to marry and raise a family and come back to the Big Game every year.

AROUND TOWN! — Dale Ranson, the track coach, brings in his new preacher, Charlie Hubbard, a one-time track star, who has been packing them in down at his church Sundays, and the preacher says he will offer a little prayer . . . Mr. Jeffries, with an armful of textbooks, pauses before he goes into his home at the Carolina Inn, taps his cane on the concrete, and tells a friend, "I'm afraid of that Red Smith, and I don't wish him any harm, but . . . Y. Z. scilps George Barclay's hair, suggests a play that can't miss . . . A few doors down some folks are quaffing brew in Jeff's, and there's a Duke man in there, but the quaffers are giving him the works . . . Crowell Little and Bob Cox, two fellows who had enough coaching and got out, chat on the corner, concerned with their broadcasting chore at the freshman game. Noel Houston, the writer, ambles out of the post office, and asks the sports publicist how's his golf and if the Tar Heels are ready.

HERE AND THERE! — In Woolen Gymnasium there is much walking up and down the corridors and presently industry is silenced, and there is a coffee break upstairs and a coke break downstairs, and

teachers and graduate students huddle and talk about Lackey and Kelley and Yarborough and poor Pennuts Parker and Thad Eure, who can't play . . . The flickers are going in one room in the building and the solemn men watch and take notes, with one scholar certain

Here's Word View Of Brooklyn Boxx

BROOKLYN (UP) — What kind of a manager is Walter Alston? Here's a dugout size-up of the new Dodger pilot, as he is seen not only by his own players but rivals, as well:

Alston is a stickler on one point—his players must do a lot of running. "Roy Campanella better make up his mind that he is going to lose weight," insist the players. "Alston will see to that."

Like most other managers Alston has his favorites, although he is considered "a square shooter." Third baseman Don Hoak and southpaw pitcher Tom Lasorda were his favorites at Montreal last summer chiefly because "they got the job done."

Although the 42-year-old Alston is quiet, and "not a talker like Casey Stengel or Charlie Dressen," he isn't backward about speaking up when he feels he's right.

The new Brooklyn skipper is noted for pouncing on mistakes by rivals and one of them pointed out that "if the Yankees make a mistake against him next fall, Alston won't let 'em get away with it."

he has spotted a weakness, but does Duke have any weaknesses? . . . Baldy Williams and Hap Perry amble down Franklin, discussing the perils of officiating, and Grady Pritchard joins them and cannot agree on some of their conclusions, for Grady is an ardent and most positive disgracer . . . The bells ring, as inevitably in Chapel Hill, and somewhere in town a football player is dreaming that he is taking a handoff and running a hundred yards against Duke, and in Glen Lennox young mothers are changing the babies, with soup on for lunch, and young lovers stroll across the campus, arm in arm, headed for the beaneries and the taverns, and there is laughter in the sunshine, for this is a college town and the Big Game is only a few days or a few hours away.

them, however, complained about him because he didn't play them more often. Alston doesn't like to overwork a player but he has no qualms about asking a regular starting pitcher to go down to the bullpen. When Montreal lost the regular season pennant to Rochester last season, Alston didn't get panicky. "They have a good club, but we're better," he told his players. "We'll beat 'em in the playoffs" . . . and the Royals did. In short, Walter Alston is the kind of manager who gets his work done with a minimum of fanfare and a maximum of efficiency. It may take Dodger fans a little time to get used to him, but they should like him.

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