

Another Comeback

Waban Thomas Fights Again

Heavyweight Waban Thomas of Charlotte scored a seventh round knockout over Joe Lewis White of Jacksonville last week in Charleston to spark the latest comeback attempt for this Brunswick county native.

Thomas, a 195-pounder who is on a comeback trail after a three-year absence from the ring, connected repeatedly with round-house rights, staggering White in almost every round to delight the estimated 700 fans.

White's only impressive rally came in the third round when he opened a cut on Thomas's nose, but the Calabash boy came back into the fourth and dropped White with a lightning right. Thomas kept up the pace throughout the fifth and sixth rounds and White could not answer the bell for the seventh round.

It was the fourth straight victory for the former Brunswick county boy.

He is hoping he has something in common with his namesake, the old tugboat.

The 35-year-old, 195-pound Thomas was named after "The Waban," a boat his father captained.

And Thomas says he is "counting on some of my extra power to come out in my late years like that old Tugboat."

"That old tugboat is still out there on that water somewhere," Thomas said, "and I hope I can operate like it still does."

Thomas, who won the Southern heavyweight crown in 1959, retired from the ring after suffering a broken arm later that year. But last year, he said he had the urge again and decided to try it once more.

In his first fight last year at a Pete Rademacher-promoted show at Canton, Ohio, Thomas knocked out Abe Olds. But in his next fight was beaten on a fourth round TKO by Amos Johnson, the No. 8 contender.

Thomas won three in a row with a fourth round knockout over Bobo Ray of Gastonia, last month. His late bid has pushed his record to 29-8 as a pro. Before turning professional 10 years ago, he had a 149-8 record.

"I feel fine and I have experience that I think makes me a better fighter now than ever before," Thomas said Friday. "I have fought some of the top men in the class and my record against them is good."

Perhaps the greatest recognition Thomas has thus far achieved was that of "Prospect of the Month" in Ring Magazine in 1958.



Heavyweight Waban Thomas

195, is a graduate of Shallotte High School in the class of 1949. He was captain of the first Pirate football team in 1948. His sister, Doll Thomas, still resides at Calabash and owns and operates Thomas Seafood and Restaurant. His mother also assists in this business undertaking.

"I think I have the determination to get back on the road," Thomas said, "and when I get a few fights under my belt, maybe I'll think about defending my Southern title."

Thomas said there is a strong possibility that he'll meet world champion Cassius Clay in an exhibition in Charlotte.

"I talked to (Angelo) Dundee by phone before Clay's fight with Sonny Liston," Thomas said, "and he told me Clay was going on a tour and Charlotte would be one of the stops. Dundee said I could have the exhibition."

"I'll tell you," Thomas said, "if I do get a chance to fight Clay in exhibition, I'm going to put all I have into it. And if I look good, maybe I'll get the break I'm looking for."

Thomas admitted he was getting old.

"But you know," he said, "a lot of fighters have still got it in their old age. Ezzard Charles, Archie Moore and Jersey Joe Walcott stayed in a long time."

"But if I see myself slipping," Thomas said, "then I'll quit. I've got a wife and a seven-month-old daughter at home and it is too risky to fight for nothing."

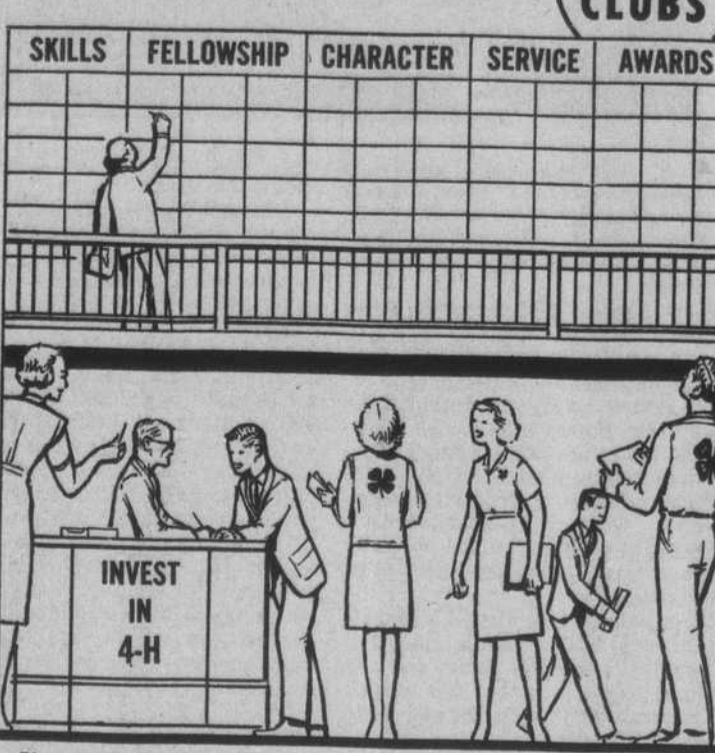
Leaf Barring In Fair Bluff

The first reported barring of tobacco in Columbus County came today (Monday) from Fair Bluff, where some four acres are being cropped on the B. C. Powell farm.

According to Oliver Anderson, the tenant on the Powell farm, the patch of McNair 30 was transplanted on March 23. Now about shoulder high, the patch is "as pretty as can be," says Chief of Police Bobby Holmes. He estimated croppers were getting from 3 to 4 leaves per plant in the logging operation.

The Powell farm is located on the Gapway Road within the Fair Bluff town limits.

Invest TIME in... 4-H CLUBS



It pays to stay in 4-H. In fact, membership of 4 to 10 years has paid off handsomely for thousands of Head, Heart, Hands and Health youth throughout the 50 states, reports the National 4-H Service Committee.

The tangible benefits are four-fold, a Committee spokesman said. Continuous membership affords (1) learning new skills and methods (2) opportunities for fellowship and community service (3) good chance for self-improvement (4) recognition.

Through project work, boys and girls between 9 and 19 years of age learn how to grow things, make things, show, teach and sometimes even consume the results of their labors. They also gain experience in buying, selling and saving.

All of this did not just happen. The nationwide 4-H Club movement is the result of more than a half-century of planning, expanding, changing and evaluating the program to meet the needs of youth. The Extension Service, part of every land-grant university, cooperates with the U.S. Department of Agriculture in structuring 4-H activities.

Since 1921, the National 4-H Service Committee has taken leadership in securing funds from private business sources for awards, educational literature and technical aid.

Fifty-seven businesses and foundations are currently providing such funds, said Norman C. Mindrum, director of the Committee.

A budget of \$1.8 million will be used by the Committee this year, he added. Included are funds for 265 scholarships and fellowships; 1,300 educational trips; 195,250 honor medals; 14,300 miscellaneous rewards, and many supplementary services to 4-H.

Among the donors are: Allied Chemical Corporation-Arcadian Products Dept., American Forest Products Industries, Inc., Armour and Company, California Chemical Company, Ortho Division, Chicago Board of Trade, Coats & Clark Inc., John Deere, Eastman Kodak Company, Eli Lilly and Company, Ford Motor Company Fund, General Foods Corporation, Heidsdorf & Nelson Farms, Inc.

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Five railroads have supported 4-H almost from its inception. They are: Santa Fe Railway, Burlington Railroad, Milwaukee Road, Chicago and North Western Railway and Illinois Central Railroad.

Besides those listed above, 30 additional corporations annually contribute funds to the Committee to aid 4-H members and volunteer leaders.



If anybody doubts that Battery Island is a favorite haunt for flounder fishermen he should have been on the waterfront Monday night. There were a half-dozen "striking" lights shining across the river. We haven't heard of any unusual catches thus far, but as a rule you can catch more fish in a given length of time "flounder striking" than you can any other way.

We suppose the term "striking" is literal since that is surely the motion that is made at the moment the prey is sighted. A commercial gig has replaced to a large extent the more primitive weapon, the pitchfork. A flounder gig is a shaft with barbed prongs, and when a bedded flounder is sighted with the shining light, the fisherman strikes with a swift, sure aim to impale the fish before he can make his escape.

We really didn't intend to get tied up in directions for a floundering expedition (mostly because we don't know enough about it to do a good job) but we do know that

the time to go is during the early stages of a rising tide when the water is not muddy and on a night when there is very little breeze blowing. Ripples on the water can mess you up when it comes to spotting a flounder bedded up in the sand.

As a matter of fact, a sharp eye is even more important than a sharp gig, because like they say in baseball, "you can't hit 'em if you can't see 'em." And added to their natural aversion to being disturbed is the fact that a flat flounder is a hard thing to see under water that many times is not too clear.

There are folks who have a nack for spotting these big, flat fish. Some depend upon spotting unusual curves on the bottom of the area being explored--this being the outline of the fish. Others claim that the eyes are the only things you can be sure to see.

Whatever the system and whatever the luck, everybody ought to go floundering at least once. It's an experience you are not likely to forget.



By ED HARPER

An outstanding performance by young Timmy Smith highlighted Oak Island's participation in the fourth annual Sears Junior Golf Tournament Tuesday. Playing in the intermediate division (ages 11-14) Timmy won gross honors with a 41-41-82. Jimmy Manis finished four strokes of the pace in the 15-18 year old group with an eight over par 79. He shot nine hole rounds of 38-41. Davey Herring, competing in the same division, had a 42-40-82 round despite putting troubles. Four three put greens and one four putt green in the first nine holes kept him from being a leading contender.

Sonny Floyd of Wilmington won a three-way playoff with Mike Allen of Wilmington and Vaughn Moise of Cherry Point after the three had tied with four over par 75's. Floyd parred the first hole of a sudden death playoff as the other two bogied. Allen later edged Moise for second

place. Barely missing the playoff was Frankie Bevins of Wilmington with a 76.

A foursome from Oak Island visited Wilmington's Municipal golf course last Thursday for practice and had the privilege of playing with three of the top four finishers in the Sears Tournament. During that round Frankie Bevins shot a 75 and Mike Allen and Jimmy Manis tied with 78's. Sonny Floyd was the third member of the Wilmington trio.

Tuesday we enjoyed playing immediately in front of Vaughn Moise as he shot a brilliant 33 on the first nine holes at Muni. We were very surprised when he was defeated.

James T. Barnes and Dr. Fred Burdette met Sunday in the quarterfinals of the Men's Spring Tournament at Oak Island. Burdette emerged victorious from the hard-fought match. Mr. Barnes led two-up after nine holes but lost four in a row to Burdette, finally bowing 2 and 1. Barnes was runner-up in last fall's club championship.

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