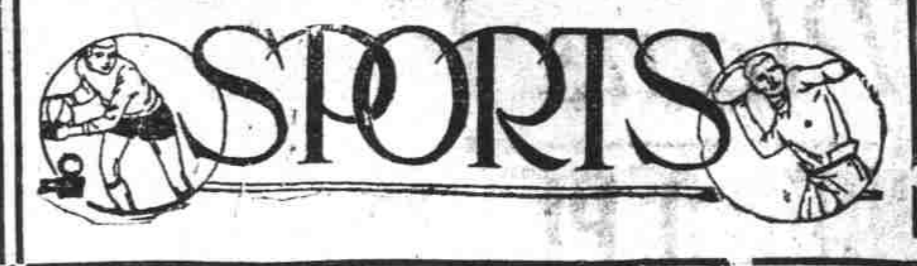




Want Special Train To Goldsboro



Wilmington Seeking Berth In Virginia League

WILMINGTON, Nov. 22.—With talk a lot and gamble a lot more, and then hang onto their franchises when the time for the expected parting of the ways comes. However, Wilmington is prepared to make a strong bid for the franchise of either club, if it is surrendered. Rocky Mount, press reports say, wants to get out of the Virginia League and form an Eastern Carolina circuit, with Kinston, Greenville, Wilson and New Bern.

This may be nothing more than idle chatter, and yet again it may mean that a very desirable franchise will be on the market shortly. And if this latter condition is brought about, Wilmington means to be in position to take advantage of it.

It is extremely doubtful if the city could be interested in the formation of a little circuit. Business men who are backing the venture, and determined to put it across if such is humanly possible, do not think the city would support a team in a small town circuit; but are satisfied that business would be justified if the circuit was composed of real cities.

State Shows Increase In Insurance Companies

RALEIGH, N. C., Nov. 22.—North Carolina's insurance companies have increased from seven concerns with assets of \$746,794 in 1899 to eighty-two such corporations with assets of \$33,264,068.58 this year. As a result of this growth, the annual revenue of the state insurance department from these companies has been advanced from \$90,000 in 1899 to over \$1,000,000 in 1921.

Commissioner of Insurance Stacey W. Wade made this announcement to The Associated Press today in a review of the work of his department and in discussing what he termed the "remarkable progress North Carolina has made in recent years."

As an indication of improvement in financial conditions, he cited figures of the building and loan associations of the state, which in 1904, when they were placed under the supervision of the insurance department had only \$80,000 assets. These associations now have approximately \$7,000,000 distributed among more than two hundred of their organizations and over seventy thousand shareholders, according to the commissioner's records.

"The North Carolina Insurance department," said Commissioner Wade, "is not, as many persons believe, simply a channel for the collection of revenue; nor is its activity limited to the supervision of insurance companies. Successive legislatures have added to its administrative supervision building and loan associations, lighting rod companies, investment companies, Morris plan companies and rate bureaus and associations, as well as the enforcement of the fire marshal law, the building and inspection law, the proper erection and protection of state and institutional property and the supervision of fire departments throughout the state.

"Since the formation of the department in 1899, it has been the duty of the commissioner to investigate the financial responsibility of each insurance company seeking admission to the state, of which there are now more than six hundred; to scrutinize each of the many thousand forms of contracts issued by them to see that the value of protection was not weakened or destroyed by some qualifying clause and to see that the contracts are given a reasonable interpretation in the settlement of claims and not misrepresented to the public.

"The commissioner also has been required to watch the progress of companies and to see that sufficient reserves are carried to guarantee the protection promised, and to protect the public and companies themselves against the impractical and unsafe policies of promoters operating under the guise of insurance who continually seek approval or attempt to operate in open defiance of the law," he continued.

Reverting to the building and loan associations, Commissioner Wade stated the organizations had been a powerful force in the upbuilding of North Carolina cities, both in taxable property and citizenship. The associations are supervised by trained experts although no funds have ever been appropriated for the work, he said. North Carolina is far in advance of other states, he continued, in providing protection to the public and these associations.

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ROCKY MOUNT IS UNDECIDED

Fans of That City Can't Make Up Minds What To Do About Baseball League

ROCKY MOUNT, N. C., Nov. 22.—The regular annual meeting of the directors of the Virginia League will meet at the Cherry hotel in Wilson Saturday night, November 25, at 8:30, according to the call for the meeting which was issued yesterday by President W. S. Mose.

At this meeting President Mose is to submit his annual report and the regular election of officers is to be held. The affairs for last season will be definitely checked up and the outlook for the 1923 playing season discussed. With the stipulation that these matters make up the agenda for the meeting, the session of the league moguls is expected to be of great importance.

Although the meeting is but a few days off the outlook for baseball here next season is still very hazy. At a mass meeting of fans last week a committee was instructed to make a canvass of the city and see if sufficient citizens could not be secured to underwrite the club for next year as the Tar Heels, Inc., present owners of the franchise in the Old Dominion circuit, are unwilling to assume such responsibilities as they assumed last year, when through lack of interest and poor attendance several thousand dollars was lost by the club. They want citizens of the city to take small blocks of the stock so that the proportionate loss next season, if there is any, will be much smaller.

While nothing definite could be learned this morning as to the progress that has been made by the canvassing committee, Tar Heel officials let it be known that they would have a representative at the Wilson meeting. It is now expected that the forfeit money for next season will be called for then as no notice to that effect has been received, and the supposition is that the money will be posted in January. The local moguls hold the belief that the fans of the city will come forward with the desired support and that the franchise will be retained. Several of the moguls are working informally and report that they have already secured a number of citizens who have promised to take blocks of stock and cooperate in keeping the club going, and the general impression in official circles is that Rocky Mount will have professional baseball next year.

does not mean that the Blue has fallen short of expectations for the absence of O'Jearh and Mallory was keenly felt. Haryard has not seemed to improve with age as evinced by the loss to the Brown machine.

The annual meeting of the sailors and soldiers under training of Uncle Sam will be just as interesting to gridiron followers of the country as the Yale-Harvard clash. The game will be staged in Philadelphia. Clash-

ing in annual fray, the Army and Navy furnish more color to their games than any other teams and the affairs are always featured with pomp and ceremony. In forecasting the results of the coming classic, Old Man Dope picks the Navy to repeat last year's victory.

Saturday, just before Thanksgiving day is usually an off day for the football teams which point to the final fracas. In North Carolina, however,

Many Fans Want To See Friday's Game

Rocky Mount and Roanoke Rapids yesterday afternoon settled the question as to who shall be New Bern's next opponent in the race for state championship honors.

Rocky Mount won by the score of 12 to 6.

All of which clears up the football atmosphere to some extent and enables local fans to get a line on the situation as it stands.

The next game will be played on Friday. It will be staged at Goldsboro, beginning at 3 p. m. Rocky Mount and New Bern will be the participants. The winner of the game will get a chance to play in the semifinals for state championship.

Hundreds of local fans intend seeing Friday's game at Goldsboro. There is now an agitation under way in the effort to secure a special train from here to Goldsboro. It is believed that if the train is secured at least five hundred local football enthusiasts will take the trip. While nothing definite has been done as yet toward securing the train, it is believed that an announcement regarding its operation will be made by tomorrow.

The New Bern eleven has been undergoing light practice this week and are eager for Friday to come. They are confident that Rocky Mount will not offer any great obstacle in their way to the coveted goal. They are in good condition and ready to put up the fight of their lives, if necessary.

Durham Is Ready For Game With Sanford

DURHAM, Nov. 22.—The Durham High School's Blue Tornado plunges into the semi-finals for the eastern High School football championship at Emerson Field, Chapel Hill, Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock when the Tornado meets the Sanford High School with a string of victories to its credit, the latest being over the Rockingham High last week.

While Sanford is expected to put up a desperate fight and has a good team it is not believed the sand hill county lads can defeat the Durham squad.

Framing of the schedule to finish the series in the eastern half was accomplished at a meeting of managers last night in Raleigh, at which B. L. Debruyne, Durham high faculty manager represented Durham.

Rocky Mount and Roanoke Rapids played off their tie yesterday and Rocky Mount will meet New Bern in Goldsboro Friday afternoon at three o'clock in the semifinals.

The winner of the Durham-Sanford game will play the winner of the New Bern-Rocky Mount game. If Durham wins the game will be played at Chapel Hill on Nov. 24 and if Sanford wins it will be played in Raleigh on that date.

Winner of the final eastern game is to meet the western winner on Friday, Dec. 1 at Emerson Field, Chapel Hill, for the state championship.

four teams have games scheduled for Saturday but they are regarded as set-ups more or less to the more important contests Thanksgiving Day, N. C. State, Wake Forest, Trinity and Elon are the elevens that will be in action Saturday. Carolina, Davidson and Guilford will rest for more important frays.

N. C. State will tackle Wake Forest. Trinity entertains Randolph. Macon and Elon will play Roanoke College.

The Wolfpack was badly shattered in stacking up against Georgia Tech and V. P. I. on successive Saturdays. Floyd, Holland, Boston and Baker are on the injured list. They may not play against the Baptists, which makes the game all the more uncertain.

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Yale vs. Harvard; Navy vs. Army:

These two gridiron classics will be the outstanding football attractions of the section of America which lies East of the Mississippi during the coming week-end and once more eyes of the fans are turned in the direction of New Haven and Philadelphia.

The Yale-Harvard battle does not have any element of doubt as the Blue should win from the Crimson without much trouble unless eleven regular Yale warriors are incapacitated from playing. Yale's defeat last Sat. at the hands of Princeton

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