

Morrison Resigns as Football Coach

The Morning After

The signing Tuesday by Sugar Ray Robinson to defend his title in September against Carmen Basilio highlighted an 18-month period in which the National Boxing Association has kow-towed to the slightest whim of the middleweight champ.

The Association moved right back into the disgraceful rut it has been in for the past year and a half by virtually assuring Robinson that his title they took away two weeks ago would be returned to him.

By making the decision to strip Robinson of his crown because he had failed to sign for a defense, it looked for a while as if the NBA was finally going to assert some of its rightful power.

Robinson had made no attempt to give anyone a crack at the championship and by all rights should have been vacated from the spot.

While Sugar Ray is without a doubt the most colorful fighter to come on the American boxing scene in many years and perhaps the greatest middleweight ever, there is no reason in the world for qualified contenders having to wait until Robinson feels like fighting before being given a match.

Robinson claims that if he fights more than once a year he doesn't make any money because of the big chunks of his paychecks that go to Uncle Sam.



Larry McComb

In answer to this we can only say that if a champion doesn't want to fight merely to avoid paying income tax he should remove himself from the top spot and let someone have it who doesn't mind the tax load.

What hope is there for young boxers who know that after fighting for several years to reach a contender's position they may have to wait several more before they can fight for the championship?

Present rules of the NBA call for a champion to defend his crown at least once a year but the majority feeling seems to be that this is not enough. Most authorities would call for a title match at least twice a year and possibly three times. Perhaps I'm old-fashioned but to me the word champion implies taking on all challengers.

It's possible that the NBA's headaches with a temperamental champion will soon be over. Carmen Basilio is a hungry fighter and he has the know-how plus the tools of the trade to cut Robinson to pieces. It's my feeling that nothing could be better for boxing.

Of course, if Robinson demands it, he could have a re-match should he lose, but then Basilio would be calling the shots and the shoe would be on the other foot.

Through no apparent effort on the part of the NBA, the days of Robinson calling the tunes and the association dancing to them are drawing to an end.

Boots and Bingles

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Morehead Little League Opens Season Wednesday

By FLOYD CHADWICK JR.

Practice continues for the four squads in the Morehead City Little League in preparation for the opening games set for Wednesday, May 20 and Thursday, May 21.

The "first" official opener set for 4 p.m. Wednesday pits the Small Frys against the Elks entry. Thursday "second" half of the official opener calls for the Idle Hour to play the Moose. Except for the opener Wednesday, which starts at 4:15 p.m., league play will start at 5:15 p.m.

Prior to the start of the game Wednesday, opening day ceremonies will include an invocation and dedication of the program; raising the flag and acknowledgement of the Legion's flag pole gift; recognizing the sponsors, and the mayor throwing the first pitch to get the season officially under way.

Each of the four managers have been putting their charges through their paces, trying to find replacements for those boys graduated from the program last year. Each of the managers, Bernard Leary of the Elks; Ernest Lewis of the

Led Team to 7-3 Record in '58; Undecided About Future

In an exclusive interview Tuesday with THE NEWS-TIMES, Vernon Morrison, football coach at Beaufort high school for the past year, announced his resignation from the post. The resignation will be effective with the end of the present school term.

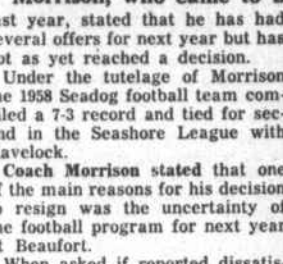
Morrison, who came to Beaufort from Mt. Holly high last year, stated that he has had several offers for next year but has not as yet reached a decision.

Under the tutelage of Morrison the 1958 Seadog football team compiled a 7-3 record and tied for second in the Seashore League with Havelock.

Coach Morrison stated that one of the main reasons for his decision to resign was the uncertainty of the football program for next year at Beaufort.

When asked if reported dissatisfaction among the townspeople of Beaufort had any bearing on his decision, Morrison stated that he understood that there was a meeting recently of four Beaufort men with the school board in which the men testified that the type of football taught by Morrison was brutal and that he took all the glory out of the game for the boys and made it seem more like work.

In answer to this Morrison said, "The thing I can't understand is



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Wildlife Club

Carteret County Wildlife Club will meet tonight at 7:30 at the Sea Level Inn, Sea Level. Those wishing to have supper at the inn beforehand should contact President Walter Teich before noon today by phoning PA 6-5454.

Club to Meet

The Seadog Booster Club will meet at 8 tonight in Beaufort high school. Fred Simpson, president, urges that all Beaufort school district residents, interested in the school as well as athletics, be present at the meeting.

Game at Salter Path Sunday

The East Carteret All-Stars will play a team made up of baseball players from Morehead City, Newport and Salter Path Sunday afternoon at Salter Path. Time of the game will be 2:30.

Touchdowners Meet

Members of the Touchdown Club of Morehead met Monday night at the Busy Bee Restaurant.

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Smyrna Raps Beaufort In Season's Final Game

The Smyrna Blue Devils closed out their baseball season on a winning note Tuesday as they downed their arch rivals, the Beaufort Seadogs, 6-1 in a hard-fought contest on the Smyrna diamond.

The game which was a pitcher's duel all the way saw only three balls hit out of the field; one by Beaufort and two by Smyrna.

Lefty Pud Hassell started on the mound for the Seadogs and was opposed by Smyrna ace Braxton Piner.

Piner pitched one of his best games of the year, according to coach Jim Parkin. The crafty left-hander ran his strikeout total to 106 for the year by whiffing 16 Seadogs in the seven-inning contest. In addition to this he held Beaufort to only one hit and capped a first inning rally by hitting a triple with the bases loaded that scored three runs.

Hassell was almost as sharp, as he struck out 12 men but errors on the part of his teammates proved too costly.

Beaufort jumped off to a quick lead in the top of the first inning when Butch Hassell was safe at first on an error on first baseman John Hill.

This was followed by Chuck Lewis lining out to short and Ray Hassell getting a free pass. Butch Hassell then stole third and scored on a passed ball by the Smyrna catcher, Curt Nelson.

Smyrna came back in their half of the first to take the lead on three runs.

Dan Yeomans led off with a single off Pud Hassell's glove and

the next batter, Carroll Hill, was given a walk. Wayne Davis then struck out and Yeomans was thrown out trying to take third on a passed ball.

With two out, Curt Nelson and John Hill both walked to fill the bases and set the stage for Piner's bases-clearing triple. Woody Hancock then went down swinging to end the inning.

In the bottom of the second inning the Blue Devils added two more runs to their total on only one hit.

James Mears led off and grounded out second to first. Pud Hassell then fanned Vaughn Yeomans but gave up a walk to the next batter, Dan Yeomans.

Wayne Davis stepped to the plate and lashed a ball that got through the Beaufort shortstop and allowed Yeomans to score. On the play the catcher overthrew second in an attempt to nail Davis and Hill came in with the second run of the inning. Curt Nelson struck out to end the inning.

A freak play resulted in the final run of the day for Smyrna in the third inning.

John Hill reached first on an error on the Beaufort shortstop and the next batter, Braxton Piner, struck out. After missing the third

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State Considers Boating Law with Many 'Bugs' in It

By BOB SIMPSON

Tuesday morning a hearing was held in Raleigh that will affect nearly all boatmen in the state. It was estimated that at least 75,000 boats in the state would be included. The present thought is to register all boats of over 10 hp with the state, with the exception of documented and government craft, and licensed commercial boats. Registration would be annual; boats would carry numbers, and the fee would be \$3.

The operation and enforcement would fall primarily to the Wildlife Resources Commission, with some responsibility to the Board of Conservation and Development.

Under certain conditions some local governments could apply for financial assistance in enforcement.

At present, few people are satisfied with the bill. The Wildlife Resources Commission feels as if hunting and fishing license fees might be endangered and aren't sure they want it because of enforcement costs. The cost of developing access areas and launching ramps was mentioned; other comments were made on the horsepower and age limits of boat operators.

Without going into long detail

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Parade Will Open Little League Season in Beaufort

League officials and team managers of the Beaufort Little League met Tuesday night in the office of Dr. John E. Way, player agent, and mapped final plans for opening day ceremonies set for tomorrow.

The Little League season will get a rousing sendoff in Beaufort with a parade scheduled to start at 1 p.m. and pre-game ceremonies to follow at the field.

The parade will start from the corner of Orange and Front streets and will proceed east on Front Street to the postoffice.

Leading the parade will be a police car from the Beaufort Police department, followed by the Beaufort high school marching band. Flag bearers will parade behind the band followed by J. P. Harris on his golden palomino. Next will come a fire truck from the Beaufort fire department and the four Little League teams.

The teams will march in order of their finish last year, with the pennant-winning VFW in the front position.

After the parade, the teams and parents will journey to the Little League park on the American Legion grounds.

Leading off ceremonies at the park will be the playing of the national anthem by the band and the raising of the flag.

Claud Wheatly, past president of the Little League, will introduce the Rev. John Cline, who will give the invocation. After the invocation, Wheatly will turn the program over to the new Little League president, Jarvis Herring, who will introduce Mayor Cliff Lewis, and the Little League sponsors. The mayor will throw out the traditional first ball and the double header will get underway.

In the first game the Elks will square off against the Little Frys and the defending champion VFW will play the Moose in the nitecap.

League officials ask that all parents of players park their cars on Pollock Street beside the postoffice Saturday afternoon so transportation can be provided for the boys to the ball park.

Beach Firemen Put Out Two Fires

Atlantic Beach firemen put out two fires this week. At 8:30 p.m. Monday they put out a fire in a pile of trash and lumber by a new house at East Terminal Boulevard and Greenville Avenue.

At 12:45 yesterday morning they put out a blaze in Bill Fox's trailer. The trailer was badly damaged. Fox and his family were asleep in the trailer when the fire broke out. He ran to the fire station for help.

It is not known how the fire started. The trailer was parked on the Salter Path road across from Fleming's Motel. Water from the fire truck's 1,250-gallon tank was used by firemen to put the fire out.

Stockholm, Sweden, is rebuilding its 700-year-old capital. It will include a new business center of five skyscrapers where all motor traffic will be diverted underground.

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