

# PERSON SPORTS SLANTS

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## Roxboro Country Club . . . . .

By the latter part of May the Roxboro Country Club golf course should be in fairly good shape. Right now the course is a little rough, but by the time grass comes up on the fairways and a few more rocks are picked up the course will be in much better condition.

Seven greens are now in nice shape and grass has been sown on the other two. In a short time this grass will be up and there really can be little complaint along this line.

Very few have been playing out there. To be frank you can't blame them, but this summer should find our people using our course and doing all that is possible to make the Country Club a popular place.

The club house looks good and is good. With just a few touches here and there the house will be in the best condition possible and ready for parties, dances, etc. Roxboro has a nice location for its country club and we have an idea that we may be proud of it some day.

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## Looks Like Smart Thing . . . . .

Duke and Carolina did the smart thing when they built the large gymnasiums that they now have. Basketball is a popular sport and people will go to the games if they are sure of getting seats. If there is any doubt in their minds they might stay at home. Now the fans know that they can get seats at Duke and Carolina and they are going to turn out. Basketball is going to pay big dividends at these two institutions.

We only wish that the Southern Conference Tournament could be played at Duke. You never know when you will be able to see a tournament game, but if it could be moved to Duke there would be little difficulty in handling the crowd.

However, that might not be fair to teams other than Duke as it might give her team a distinct advantage. There has been a rumor that the team playing on its own court has an advantage.

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## Out In The Open . . . . .

The following news item comes from Raleigh, N. C.: "Alumni of North Carolina State college announced that athletic scholarships would be openly awarded students who meet qualifications at the institution for at least the next five years.

D. W. (Dutch) Seifert, of Weldon, elected president of the group which organized the Wolfpack club, said the club would provide athletic scholarships for all sports from contributions made by alumni and supporters.

N. C. State is a member of the Southern conference. L. C. Atkinson of Greensboro was elected vice president and Wade Ison of Raleigh secretary treasurer."

We admire the move. If schools are going to award scholarships of this kind it might as well be done "openly."

## Belmont Stakes Close February 15

February 15 is a date few horsemen will overlook this year.

Fourteen richly endowed features at Belmont Park will have their closing on that day, making it the largest and most important stakes closing of the year for any one track.

The events for which the lists will be closed include nine spring meeting fixtures, among them the \$20,000 added Suburban Handicap.

## Bethel Hill To Play Allensville Friday

Bethel Hill high school will play the strong Allensville high school basketball teams at Bethel Hill gymnasium tomorrow night, Jan. 26 at 7:30. Mr. Carey Smith of the Durham Y. M. C. A. is expected to be the referee.

The girl's game is expected to be a close one with Allensville having the edge. The Bethel Hill girl's team is made up of inexperienced players and has lost two games this season, while Allensville has lost only one. The Bethel boys have lost only one game this season and that was to the strong South Boston five recently.

### PROFITABLE

From his one-acre tobacco project, Claude Bass of the Kenly 4-H Club in Johnston County, harvested 1,794 pounds of tobacco, which netted him \$399.81 after expenses of \$51.51 were deducted.

## Packers Announce Installment Plan For Grid Tickets

Green Bay, Wis., Jan. 24 — The Green Bay Packers, Inc., announced recently inauguration of an installment payment for season tickets to 1940 Packer games.

E. A. Spachmann, in charge of ticket distribution for the National pro football league champions, said purchasers could pay a small amount weekly or monthly.

## Rangers May Set New Ice Mark

New York, Jan. 24 — Hockey players don't like too much talk about things that may happen, but the amazing New York Rangers may surpass the 1929-1930 feat of the Boston Bruins, who lost only five times in a 44-game National Hockey League campaign.

The Rangers have played 28 of this season's 48 contests already and lost only four. From the way they played against Boston's world-champion Bruins last Sunday in capturing the league lead, there seems to be no reason to believe they will be beaten often in the next 20. They already have gone through one 19-game stretch without a loss to set a new league record. Last Sunday's 4-2 victory over Boston was their second win since that streak ended.

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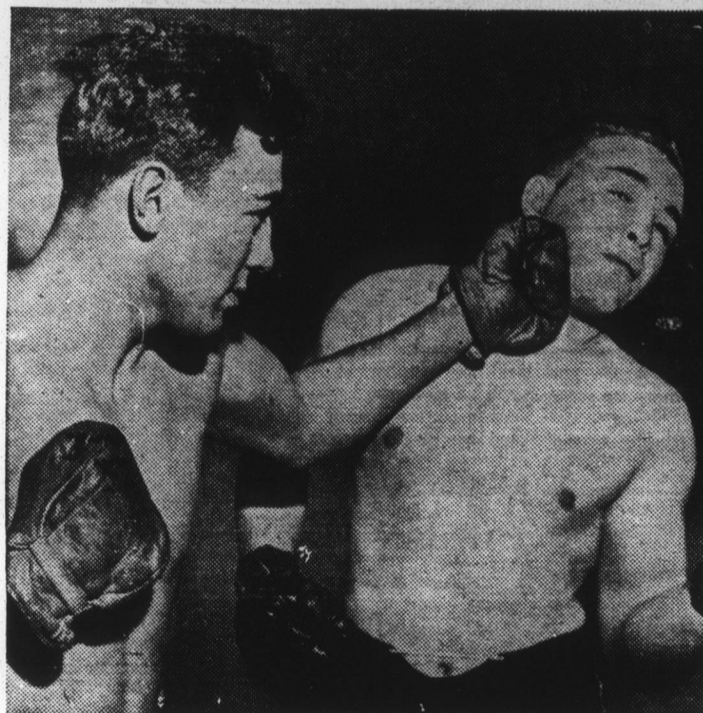
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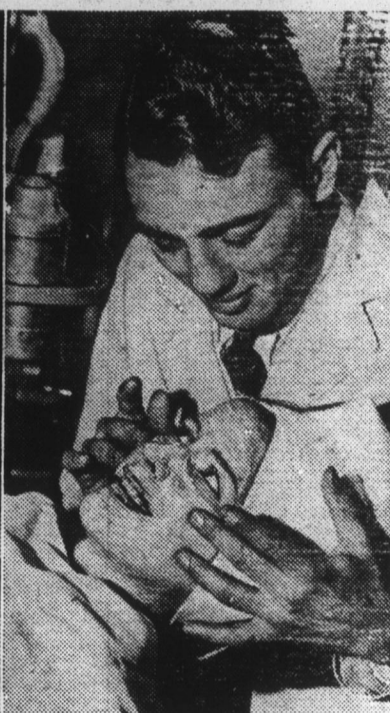
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## Specialist Advocates Two Types of Facial Massage



A specialist in facial massages is Al Nettlow of Detroit, Mich. He combines within himself the two great arts of boxing and beautifying. At the left he is shown giving a quick massage to a sparring partner as he tunes up for a forthcoming bout in Philadelphia against Bob Montgomery. At the right he is pictured at work in his Detroit beauty parlor, which he owns and operates. His ring activities are carried on in any locality where there is a demand for this type of beauty culture.



## Court Games In State Rapidly Turning To Offense

Elon College, N. C. Jan. 25.— If the North Carolina basketball fan is watching his cage sport closely this year, he probably has already observed that there has been some change made in the offensive play of most of the collegiate teams of the state.

If Mr. John Q. Fan looks more closely he already has discovered, or probably will before the season is over, that the change has come to do with a system of ball handling known as the interchange, or wheel type of offense, which is considerably different from the old style of passing and breaking all the time.

Those who saw the original New York Celtics in their heyday will immediately recognize the present interchange as a variation of the play which the great professionals used. Or if they have seen Long Island University, Duquesne, or some of the other top notch eastern teams of the past several years play, it is easy to recognize the form.

Indirectly, Horace Hendrickson, young basketball coach at Elon college, may be responsible for the introduction of this style of play in the state. As far as can be learned, Elon college was the first collegiate team in the state, or perhaps in the south to use an interchange, and the present system which Tar Heel five are using is merely a variation of the play which Elon has been using for the past three years or during the period in which Hendrickson has been coaching here.

When Hendrickson first came to Elon in 1939 he had six good men who were experienced basketball players, an ideal situation for the introduction of new plays. He immediately taught his team a three man interchange system which Elon used with good results that year in the North State conference.

The entire method throughout is designed to be used against a man to man defense which is the style of play most colleges in this section use. The three man interchange used two of the five members of the team as pivot men, placing them under the basket just outside the foul circle. The other three men play back almost against the center line, working the ball back and forth between them from one side of the court to the other. The ball is screened on the actual interchange and by use of legal blocking the defensive team is prevented from securing the ball or ty-

## Still Life Study



A familiar figure on the desert near Phoenix, Ariz., is Bob Zuppke, veteran University of Illinois football coach, who spends much of his time reproducing desert scenes on canvas.

ing it up. The constant motion of the three players and the ball tends to confuse the defensive team so that the man with the ball when he sees the opportunity can dribble in to the basket for a crisp shot, stop and take an unhurried pot shot, or pass the ball in to one of the men under the basket who either can make the shot himself, pass to his fellow pivot man or hand the ball to one of the outside man who has cut in for a crisp shot.

In 1937-38 Elon defused the North State conference teams with this style of play consistently and managed to beat Washington and Lee and V. M. I., Southern conference fives, mainly on the strength of the interchange. Last year the Christians continued to use the same style play although there was but one man playing regularly in the lineup who was a member of the team which originally had mastered the system. It still continued to confuse teams using the man to man play despite the efforts of opposing coaches to map out a defense which would keep their players from running into each other in following the men they were supposed to be guarding across the court. It is easy to see the situation which would result since the keynote of the play is for all offensive three men and the ball to keep in motion constantly.

This year a majority of North State conference schools and several of the Big Five teams are using a variation of the three man interchange which Elon in-

augurated. However, some of them place only one man in the hole under the basket, using four players out near the center line to handle the ball.

Elon, not to be outdone, has also installed the four man system and has gone most of the clubs one better by using a five man interchange, the play which Oklahoma A. & M. uses to a large degree. The five man, or full wheel system, will so hopelessly confuse a defending team if worked correctly by an offensive club that in a short time one man of the interchange, which works completely around the foul circle is left wide open under the basket ready to take a short pass from out front for two points. The main difference between the five man and three man interchange is that the two pivot men move out to the edge of the court and then move up to take their turn in carrying the ball across court on the actual interchange.

With the opposing players running into each other and befuddled as to the whereabouts of the ball, it is comparatively easy for a good ball handling team to score two points off of each series of interchanges.

All of this system is patterned around the play of the great Celtics, and it is a known fact that the outstanding college teams of the past several years, including Long Island U. and others, have used variation of plays which the Celtics used to a great extent. Hendrickson admits that he learned a lot of his basketball from an acquaintance with one of the stars of that combination and from watching the top eastern teams play. The fact that he learned the cage sport well is seen in the compliment which was paid the Elon team recently by a professional team which the Christians defeated. The pro rated Elon with Oklahoma A. and M., New Mexico A. and M. and other top flight fives. Elon was given credit for being one of the best outfits they had seen or played against this year. Tidewater Virginia papers called Elon "the best team to appear here in years" on a recent tour.

So, if big time basket ball is moving in on North Carolina, it may be that young Horace Hendrickson and his Elon college teams indirectly have a share in establishing a system of play which will enable Tar Heel fives to perform with the nation's best.

The average minimum requirement of Vitamin A for adults has been found to be from 3,500 to 4,000 international units daily, but more is recommended.

## Three National Loop Pilots Pick Cards To Take Pennant

### BETHEL HILL WINS TWIN CAGE BILL

Bethel Hill basketball team scored a double victory over the Mt. Tirzah school teams Friday night in the Bethel Hill gymnasium. The Bethel Hill girls won by the score of 50 to 13 while the Bethel Boys won by the score of 31 to 13.

Bethel Hill got off to an early lead and at the score of 18 to 0, the half ended. C. Humphries was the outstanding forward on the Hilltoppers team, while Dunn and Z. Woody were outstanding on the defense. Garrett and Clayton were outstanding on the Mt. Tirzah team. S. Shotwell with thirteen points led the scoring for the Bethel boys while Buchanan also starred. Whitfield and Aikens played best for Mt. Tirzah.

**Bethel Hill Girls (50)**  
H. Woody, F .....  
Humphries, F .....  
D. Hall, CF .....  
Evans, CG .....  
Z. Woody, G .....  
Dunn, G .....

**Mt. Tirzah Girls (13)**  
Jones, F ..... 1  
Cash, F ..... 5  
Garrett, CF ..... 7  
C. Clayton, CG .....  
V. Clayton, G .....  
Gay, G .....

Bethel Hill Substitutes: F. Davis (2), Dixon (1), Dickerson, Ramsey, M. Hall.  
Mt. Tirzah Substitutes: Duke, Wilson.

**Bethel Hill Boys (31)**  
S. Shotwell, F ..... 13  
Powell, F ..... 4  
Hall, C ..... 3  
Buchanan, G ..... 6  
Tingen, G ..... 4

**Mt. Tirzah Boys (13)**  
Blalock, F ..... 2  
Whitfield, F ..... 6  
Jones, C ..... 2  
Aiken, G ..... 2  
Satterfield, G ..... 1

Bethel Hill Substitutes: Montague, T. Hall, Boswell, Gravely, Rogers (1), Pentecost, E. Shotwell.  
Mt. Tirzah Substitutes: Pulliam, Blalock.

Referees: Knight (Furman), Humphries.

New York — Three National league managers have picked the St. Louis Cardinals to win the pennant this year. While this may be considered a form of strategy, it also is, in plain back-fence words, a dirty trick to play on Sophomore Ray Blades.

Gabby Hartnett of the Cubs, Bill Terry of the Giants and Doc Prothro of the Phils perhaps made their statements without tongues in checks, but it is more than slightly possible that they realized that by shifting the fire to Blade's chair they would take a little heat off themselves.

In other words they might fill their pockets with pennants while pointing to the boy running down the street, and even if they couldn't get away with it, nobody would be the wiser.

### Logic Behind Choice

They can back their choice with logic, pointing out that in this first year Blades had a team which came close, and he'll have the same team back, fate and Judge Landis being willing. It also might be mentioned, however, that a frog's first hop may be its longest.

Anyway, it's a tough spot for any manager to be on, particularly a fellow who a year ago wasn't sure whether he had a ball team or nine men in a raft. We still have a vivid picture of him down south, rubbing his baldish pate thoroughly and venturing: "They tell me I'm weak around second. I don't know—"

Naturally Joe McCarthy and his Yankees are on a spot every year, but its practically home to them, and anyway, the Yankees are a team apart. What applies to them doesn't necessarily apply to 15 other major league clubs.

### Reds On Spot In '39

The Cincinnati Reds were on the spot last year, but they weren't generally picked until just before the season started. At that they had a tough time making good, what with Johnny Vander Meer's bad arm, Lee Grissom's failure to do as well as expected, and an emergency ward assortment of injuries and ailments.

Other clubs last year were in the might-have-been class. Pittsburgh had to get along without a couple of pitchers who had been counted on, Cleveland felt the loss of Johnny Allen, the Giants came loose at the seams after a winter of operations.

The first thing that comes to mind in mentioning the Cardinals is the power of Johnny Mize and Ducky Medwick, but there always is the chance that one, or both, may be incapacitated, and taking Mize and Medwick from the Cardinals would be like taking the apples out of applesauce.

### Chance To Juggle

The pitching staff, with Davis, McGee, Bowman, Weiland, Shoun, Warneke and Cooper working units, gives Blades plenty of chance to juggle, and he does love to juggle.

Brown, Stu Martin and Slaughter should be at least as good as they were last year, and Owen would seem due for a good season.

### RECORDS

Henderson county growers are showing a steadily increasing interest in farm records, with the total keeping account books mounting each year since 1936.

### RESULTS

J. C. Little of Clifton, Ashe county, has reported unusually successful results in the use of sericea lespedeza to build up badly eroded places in his pasture.

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