

**PERSON SPORTS SLANTS**  
By J. S. MERRITT

**Help Of The City Wanted . . . . .**

This year there are five softball teams playing in the city league here; they are, Western Auto, managed by Clyde Short; East Roxboro, by Don Phillips; Brooksdale, by Charles Green; Somerset Mills, by Gene Oakley, and Rinkadinks, by Dick Puckett. Each of the teams has been playing a fast brand of ball this season, and every game appears to be a little better than the previous one. Local people, many of whom have never seen a softball game, thing its nothing but child's play, but just one time over to High School field or to East Roxboro would prove where they are wrong.

As an excuse for not turning out for the games the public says that the time at which the games are played is right when they like their evening meal and most people rather eat than play, and that puts the game in a spot, so the softball boys have decided to see what they can do about this.

At the beginning of the present season there was some talk about installing lights so the boys can carry on games at night, but the subject died down. All of the nearby cities are equipped with such lights and we can hardly see why the same couldn't happen to Roxboro. If it were so the local teams could carry on games with other cities, but as it is now, what team could be expected to come to Roxboro after five in the afternoon and try to play before darkness overtakes? It is now too late to start on such a project for this summer, but let's talk seriously about the lights and try to have them ready when the '41 season rolls around. Maybe the City of Roxboro would help some, since the game is recreation for some of those without golf clubs and can't afford green and caddie fees.

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**To Help The Doctor . . . . .**



**Bill Bailey—End**

Bill Bailey, football star formerly with the Duke Blue Devils, will try his luck this season with the professional Brooklyn Dodgers, coached by Dr. Jock Sutherland, who for many years previously coached the Pittsburgh Panthers, and expects to do good by air with the "pros". Also from this state expected to play with the Dodgers is Ed "Ty" Coon, former N. C. State mighty lineman.

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**Dobbin, Built for Endurance . . . . .**

In front of the town hall in Summerville, S. C., not long ago, a man and a horse lined up for a 46-mile running race. The man was Dr. Arne Suominen, Finnish-born operator of a health farm in Summerville and formerly the private doctor of Anton Cermak, Chicago's Mayor who fell a victim of a maniac's bullet intended for President-elect Roosevelt in 1933. The horse was owned by Albert H. Peters.

The route laid out for Dr. Suominen and the horse, which was ridden in relays, spanned 27 miles to The Citadel in Charleston, S. C., and there the final 13 miles around a track. John Finucan, trainer of the horse gave instructions to trot the steed for eight minutes and walk him for four alternate.

The horse set the early pace, but the doctor moved out in front by a half mile at the 3-mile mark. They exchanged the lead up to 10 miles, with the doctor, who never smokes and who rises at 4:30 a. m. daily, dashing ahead and then relinquishing his margin as he paused for orange juice and restful walks. Finally the horse hoofed it into Charleston and began circling the track. One-fifth of a mile back, Dr. Suominen complained of blistering feet. Then, falling back 2 miles behind the horse and with 22 laps or 5 1/2 miles to go, he gave up and conceded victory. The horse looked as durable as when he started, they say.

Although no official records are kept of such rivalries, this was probably the longest man vs. horse marathon ever held. Most of the exhibitions have been at sprint distances. P. T. Barnum staged man vs. horse sprints as a regular part of his circuses 50 years ago, and many have been held since at state fairs.

Dr. Suominen recalls that in his boyhood days in Finland many marathoners did their road work alongside horses. That's how his idea for taking on a horse originated: the purpose to stage a novelty which would raise money for charity.

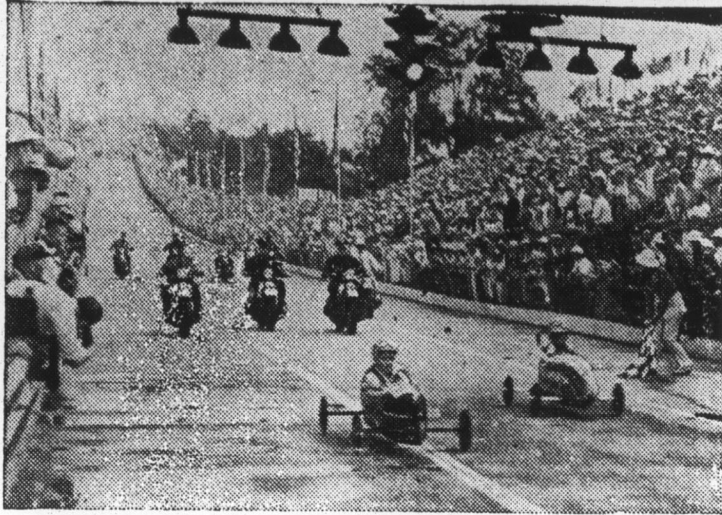
# SPORTS OF THE TIMES

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**Hot Competition in Soap Box Derby**



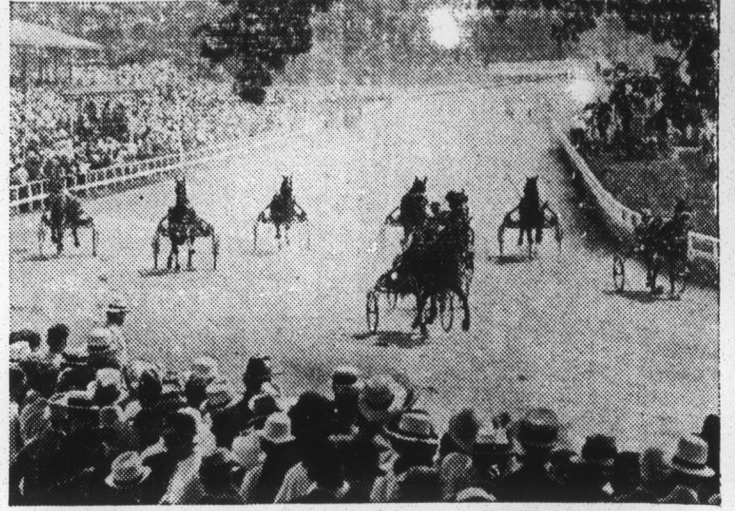
Piloting homemade cars costing not more than \$10, hundreds of boys from the ages of 11 to 15 will compete for prizes at the All American and International Soap Box Derby at Akron, Ohio, August 11. The grand prize is a four-year college scholarship to one of America's leading universities for the lad who comes in first at the finals.

honors of that game went to Bob Whitten.

Thursday, Ball's last hurling duties of the week, saw the Rinks at East Roxboro where they engaged the East Roxboro ten in a hard-fought contest, the final score being 7 to 6 in favor of the Rinkadinks. The Rev. Womble again took high honors at bat, knocking out two home runs and a single for three times up. Also obtaining homers were H. K. Sanders, Jr., of the Rinks, and Phillips, for East Roxboro.

Members of the Rinkadink club are: Charles Ball, Louis (Red) Day, Bob Whitten, Logan Jackson, Rev. Rufus Womble, Rev. J. M. Walker, Jr., Buddy Clayton, H. K. Sanders, Jr., Guy Gardner, Lawrence (Gus) Holeman, Jack Fowler, Woodrow Jones, Bob Stephens, A. P. James and Dick Puckett.

**Trotters Get Ready for Race Classic**



Outstanding harness horses of America will run in the historic Hambletonian Stake at Goshen, N. Y., on August 14. Biggest race of its kind in the United States, the event annually attracts thousands of lovers of trotting races. Above is pictured a typical scene at the famous track. Scores of champions have been crowned here.

**Henry Has Slight Hopes For A Bimelech Victory**

By HENRY McLEMORE

New York, Aug. 8 — The greatest horse this country ever produced—with the possible exceptions of Man O'War, Exterminator, Seabiscuit, Gallant Fox, Sysonby, Twenty Grand, Discovery, Sun Beau, Cavalcade, Reigh Count, Hindoo, Omaha, War Admiral, and some 5,000 others—will take another shot at the 1940 three-year-old championship on Saturday.

I speak of course of that biblically named bran-burner, Bimelech, which started playing hell with us experts at Louisville in early May, and hasn't stopped yet. By blowing the Derby, then the Withers, and then the Arlington Classic, he made our faces so red that Boy Scouts mistook us for Indians and stopped us to ask us how to trap muskrats, the best way to cure scalps, and if it were true that you could trail a bear by watching the way moss grew on trees.

Bimelech, being a well-bred horse, will try to apologize for his earlier mistakes by winning the American Derby at Chicago's Washington Park this weekend. He will carry 126 pounds over the mile and a quarter and most of them will be strange pounds to him. Because 105 or so of the poundage will belong to Basil James, the jockey chosen by Col. E. R. Bradley to replace Freddie Smith on Bimelech's back.

Now I wonder how he is going to react to this change in jockeys? When Washington Park's paddock judge "Riders up!" on Saturday, and James climbs aboard, it will be the first time since Bimelech felt a saddle on his back that any boy but Smith has taken charge of him.

Will he rebel against a strange voice talking to him, strange hands handling his proud head and tender mouth? Will he, somewhere down in his thoroughbred heart, feel that he and Freddie came up together, and that he and Freddie should go down together, if that be the decision of the racing fates?

The chances are that he won't. Thoroughbred horses aren't exactly Phi Beta Kappas, and, besides, jockeys look so much alike, what with their walnut-cameo faces, that even their parents must have trouble picking them out by means other than their different silks. The truth of the matter is that Bimelech probably will enjoy the ride by Basil James.

According to men who profess to know about such things James is one of the cutest things on horseback since Paul Revere, and that Freddie Smith cuts one of the sorriest figures since the now Duke of Windsor spent Saturday afternoons falling off. There are some critics of horse-flesh who blame Smith, not Bimelech, for who say that, with a star rider

the Bradley colt's defeats, and from the first, Bimelech would have lived up to all of the rave notices he got prior to post time at the Derby in dear old Kentucky.

Well, we'll know better around gloaming time on Saturday. If Bimelech can head the big parade at Washington Park, he will come mighty close to diverting a claim to the three-year-old championship. All his rivals will be in there with him—Gallahadion, Sirocco, and Mioland. Gallahadion nipped the Bradley baby at Louisville, and Sirocco whipped him in the Classic. But if Bimelech can take this one, the victory, coupled with his wins in the Peakness and Belmont Stakes, will make him the top three-year-old of the year.

If he doesn't—well, he and Freddie Smith can take a quiet canter into the country and talk things over.

**RINKADINKS WIN FOUR STRAIGHT THIS PAST WEEK**

During the past week Charles "Junie" Ball hurled the Rinkadinks to four straight wins. On Monday afternoon, the Rinks, in a practice game with East Roxboro, came through with a 7 to 5 victory. Then on Tuesday they downed the mighty Western Auto aggregation, 10 to 4. During this encounter Red Day and Rev. Rufus Womble took hitting honors, each getting three safe blows for four trips to the plate. One of Womble's was a long homer to centerfield.

On Wednesday afternoon the Rinkadinks entertained the boys from Brooksdale on the East Roxboro diamond. The final score of this game was 12 to 4. Hitting

**Carolina - Duke**

Durham — Carolina officials hope to have accommodation for at least 38,000 fans when the Tar Heels meet Duke at Chapel Hill on November 16.

The concrete stands of Kenan Stadium have a capacity of slightly more than 24,000. All tickets for seats in these and have been disposed of.

Wooden bleachers to be erected on the sidelines, back of the end-zones, and on the walkway at the top of the stadium — will accommodate 14,000. Orders already have been received for several thousand of these seats.

A plan now hanging fire is for Carolina and Duke to join in purchasing steel bleachers to be used for their annual game and other big games at the two schools. Such bleachers can be safely made higher than the wooden type, and would increase the extra capacity of Kenan Stadium from 14,000 to around 16,000, thus providing a total capacity of 40,000.

**Maurice J. Smith Favors Waiving One-Year Rule**

Villanova, Pa. — Maurice J. (Clipper) Smith, former Notre Dame star whose Villanova College football teams have lost only four games in his four years, here, proposed recently that freshmen eligibility rules be waived this year, if the military conscription bill becomes law.

"Some of the leading coaches," he said, "already are discussing how to offset losses in manpower which enactment of the Burke-Wadsworth bill might bring."

"Clipper", author of numerous novel coaching stunts, offered as a solution lifting the ban on freshmen in varsity football, "until this emergency has passed."

"It is fairly certain that young men between the ages of 21 and

21 will be subject to call," the Villanova mentor said after a study of pending draft legislation. "In our own case, this means that 27 men of our squad of 44 will be eligible for military training."

Smith expressed belief all football coaches would willingly "sacrifice" upper classmen to national service "even though it means rebuilding of our entire teams."

Suspension of the freshman eligibility rule "will have the dual effect of giving the first year men experience right away and will put experienced teams on the field year," he said.

"Clipper" declared waiving of the freshman rule should not "create a precedent for the general letdown of other rules."

**APPLES**

Control of the cull apple market will enable American apple producers to make money without exporting any of their crop, believe outstanding apple growers of the country.

**Ca-Vel Baseball Club Winners Of Championship**

Because of difficulties some of the teams have had in holding on to their players, members of teams composing the Virginia-Carolina baseball league have voted to disband, according to announcement received from Clarksville, Va. Heavy hitting team of Ca-Vel was in the lead during the season and has been declared winner of the championship.

**CATS AND DOGS ON RATIONS**

Amsterdam, (Via Berlin) — Dutch cats and dogs have to get in line with Nazi orders for eating.

A rationing order recently said cats must have no more than a kilogram and a half (3 1-3 pounds of food) in August. Dogs are allowed from three to 12 kilograms, depending on size.

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