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PERSON SPORTS SLANTS

By J. S. Merritt or Dick Puckett, one or the other.
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The Rains Helped

Now you can play golf on the Roxboro course and like it. Recent rains have helped the greens and fairways. Everything should be much better on the local course and you putting ought to improve at least one stroke per hole.

Winter grass has already been planted on the greens and this grass should be coming up by the first of next week. Three greens will be improved this winter, made over, and by the time spring roll around the course will be even better than it has ever been.

Although the course attracted many last summer we predict an even greater season during the coming year. A of the old golfers will be back for more and there will be many new ones. Golf is on the up-grade in Roxboro and it is not likely to get into a slump.

We would like to see at least one tennis court made ready at the club. Work was started on two courts a long time ago, but neither was completed. One finished court would probably attract a few more people to the club.

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Basketball Starts

One or two schools in the county that do not go in for football have already started basketball. The basketball season is a long one and will continue through March. This sport probably provides fun and exercise for more students in Person county than any other sport. All students seem to manage to play a little basketball during the winter.

So far this column has received no advance reports on the various teams over the county. We do understand that the annual tournament will be held in Roxboro for the high schools and keen competition for honors is expected.

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Where Goes Big "Hass"

Among the outstanding members of the Ramblers squad who will be concluding their high school gridiron career this season is Hassell Whitfield, 205-pound tackle of the Bushy Fork section. Hass, who has been engaged in varsity play for the past three seasons at the local institution, has made quite a name for himself in the sports world. Several college talent scouts have made comment on his fine form in action and said they would like to have him at their school. We don't know exactly what Hassell is planning on doing, but when he does make up his mind and expresses himself, some college mentor will have a good piece of material that can be easily molded, but hard to bend or break.

OUTSIDER SCORES IN BOWIE LEADER

Baltimore, Nov. 15 — The heavy holding mud of Pimlico's racing strip proved just the dish for Second Helping today.

The three-year-old brown filly—owned by Conn Symthe, owner of the Toronto Maple Leafs hockey team—stepped out to a three-length victory in the \$10,000-added Bowie Handicap, before a closing day crowd of 7,500.

Belair Stud's Dusky Fox was a soundly beaten second, and Mrs. Marie Evans' heavily backed ruter, Shot Put, finished third, another four lengths back, without even having a wholehearted bid for the winners purse of \$10,200.

Shot, winner of the Belmont Handicap here, lagged far back for most of the mile and five furlongs and didn't have enough speed when the final test came.

Second Helping, ridden by Jockey Henry Lindberg and thoroughly at home in the sticky going, kept close to the pace set by Walter M. Jeffords' Rollo and Mrs. Dion K. Kerr's True Call.

The filly was just behind Dusty Fox when he took the lead at the one-mile post, let the Gallant Fox

colt pull away to a five-length lead, then moved up like a whirlwind on the inside in the home stretch and won easily.

Second Helping paid \$40.70 for \$2. Her time of 3:02 for the mile and five furlongs attested to the heavy footing.

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The Second Great McAfee



WES MCAFEE

Wes McAfee, brother to George, who is now with the Chicago Bears, took honors yesterday in the game with the Tar Heels. Wes, a senior at Duke, has won wide acclaim since he has been playing with the Blue Devils, and is one of Coach Wallace Wade's best backs.

Ramblers Go To Sanford Tomorrow

Tomorrow is the big day for Coach George W. Wirtz and his Roxboro Ramblers. They leave in the morning for Sanford to meet the Sanford Yellow Jackets at 3 o'clock to battle it out for semi-final honors in the Class B Conference.

Slated to lead the local's attack is Quarterback Red Day, who during the year has gained considerable honors for his field generalship and superiority in the running and passing departments.

A release from Sanford states the the Yellow Jackets have won five of seven contests and secured 68 points to opponents 16. The Ramblers are yet undefeated and have scored 102 points to their opponents 20.

Games played and won are as follows:

- Oxford 7-0.
- Henderson 19-0.
- Cary 25-14.
- Hillsboro 32-6.
- Schoolfield 19-0.

Four of the locals who are completing their high school careers this season are:

Lawrence (Gus) Holeman, co-captain, weight 135, has made 4 touchdowns and one extra point. Also fine on defense.

Fred (Dink) Woods, co-captain, weight 180, plays guard, powerful and fast, stays in enemy backfield good portion of time. Made three successive tackles for five-yard losses against Henderson, also blocked three punts in same game.

Lewis (Red) Day, quarterback, weight 165, passes, runs and kicks. Noted for smart generalship and accurate passing. Has passed for six touchdowns and run over eight.

Hassell Whitfield, tackle, weight 205, fast and powerful. Against Hillsboro he got seven straight tackles which is worth recording.

AAU Championship



Dan Jash, national A. A. U. senior cross-country champ, who will again compete at the A. A. U. national senior cross-country championship to be held in Detroit November 28.

RUSSIAN BELIEVED NEARER AXIS FOLLOWING TALKS

Berlin — Vyacheslav Molotov and Adolf Hitler have fixed Soviet Russia's sphere of interest in the authoritarian now order for Europe, Africa and Asia, sources usually in the know asserted this week after the Russian's departure for home.

Officially, the Hitler-Molotov talks led to "mutual accord on all important questions of interest to Germany and the U. S. S. R." But neither the question nor the decisions were listed.

Unofficial but reliable sources left no doubt they were firmly convinced Russia is ranging herself on the side of the Rome-Berlin-Tokyo axis.

ABUNDANT

American farmers are bringing to a close another year of abundant production, with cash income estimated to be the second largest since 1929, reports the U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

Merle Hapes Has Evidence Of Ability As Star Of Grid

Fallback Of University Of Mississippi Praised By Rivals For Fine Work

Oxford, Miss., Nov. 14.—Should election of an All-America team be decided in court, on the strength of documentary evidence and testimony of expert witnesses, Merle Hapes would be willing to submit his petition before the toughest jury in the land.

Superlatives have fallen like confetti about the 190-pound Californian playing fallback for the University of Mississippi.

In eight games he has carried he mail 83 times for a net 553 yards, an average of six and two thirds yards per try—and he's a fallback! He has passed 15 times for seven completions and three touchdowns, and his punting average is 45.8. He is leading the Southeastern Conference in scoring.

Long Jaunts

Merle obviously isn't the kind of a fallback that nudges a yard here and there as needed, although he does that too. His scoring runs have included jaunts of 75, 70 and 56 yards, and several times he's picked up 30 to 35 at a gallop to aid a touchdown drive.

As Coach Wally Butts of Georgia described him and his manner of play: "Finest tailback in the South. . . Only he's playing fallback."

"The best back I've seen in many a year," was the comment of Louisiana State's Bernie Moore. "He's the gentleman who sank us."

"The best back I have ever seen," improved Joe Sheeketski of Holy Cross, who played with Notre Dame in the days of Schwartz and Savoldi.

Pass Helps Club

Buff Donnell of Duquesne credited a pass by Hapes with turning the tide against his club and bringing its first defeat in two seasons.

"That seemed to be the lift Mississippi needed," he said. "For Hapes began running through us as though we weren't there."

Frank Thomas, whose Alabama team doesn't play Ole Miss but who saw Hapes perform, asserted, "He's truly a great back. Get everything."

Merle's own coaches won't publicly go out on the limb for him, but their sentiments are known to be heartily in accord.

And Hapes, with another triple-threat, little Junior Hovious, who is second in conference scoring, will be back next year.

IT'S ABOUT TIME THEY CHANGED IT

Southern Conference to Get Proposal to Remove a Breeder of Hypocrisy

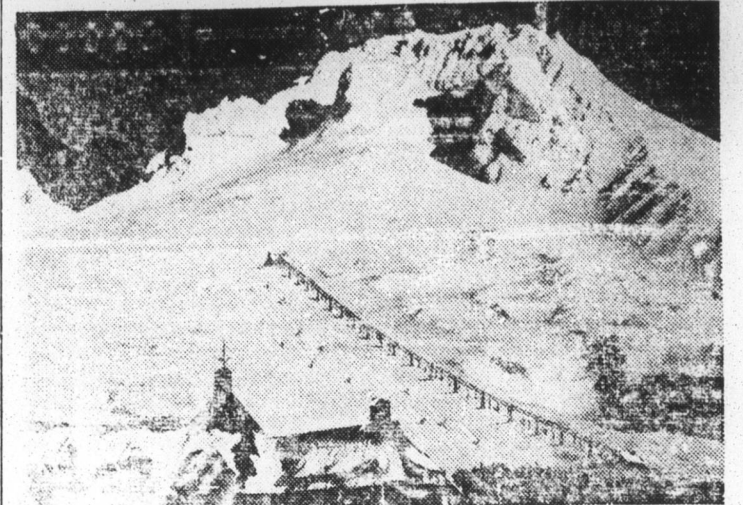
The Richmond News-Leader reports the Southern Conference's annual meeting will receive a proposal to "lighten" this item in the conference's code:

"Rule 10. Any college athlete who signs a contract or enters into any agreement, explicit or implicit, with a professional team shall not be eligible for intercollegiate athletics."

The Richmond paper says the move is "to keep eligible athletes who signed pro contracts but neither played any pro ball nor accepted any money."

The proposal probably will be a little different from that. It is taken for granted that college boys are too smart to sign contracts unless there's some re-

First Ski Tournament of Season



Timberline Lodge will have the first ski tournament of the winter in the world—the Arnold Lunn downhill race, on November 24. Pictured here is the world's longest single unit chair-type ski lift, costing \$80,000. It was built this year at Timberline Lodge, Ore., by the WPA and U. S. forest service. Mt. Hood's peak appears in background.

Soccer Team Has Splendid Record

High Point, Nov. 14.—The High Point College soccer outfit, perennially ranking among the top teams in the south, has just completed another successful season by capturing the state championship. It was the third state title in a row.

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Jim Gallagher Boss of Cubs

Must Acquire New Manager of Team.

Chicago, Nov. 15.—Jimmy Gallagher, a hustling young Irishman with a mania for details and statistics, today replaced the Wrigley - Weber - Rowland - Drake "brain trust" as boss of the Chicago Cubs.

His appointment yesterday by Owner Phil K. Wrigley was designed to eliminate front office confusion resulting chiefly from lack of centralized authority.

Wrigley, personally engaged in the chewing gum business, often was unavailable for immediate information. Clarence Rowland, chief scout and trademaker, Publisher Charles Drake, and Vice-President Charles A. (Boots) Weber, seldom were in a position to speak directly for Wrigley and their often evasive answers caused baseball writers over the nation to label them "the confused Cubs."

Gallagher now is in position to speak for the club.

"You can call me for information or blast me for whatever is wrong with the Cubs," said the 36-year-old former baseball writer. Gallagher is winding up 13 years with the Chicago Herald-American. Since 1933 he travelled on baseball assignments either with the Cubs or White Sox.

Wrigley, never much of a baseball fan, decided early this week to reorganize his club from top to bottom. He started by releasing Manager Gabby Hartnett, who took over the club in 1936 and finished his 19th year as star catcher for the Cubs last Fall.

The Cub owner was visibly relieved to have someone else in command.

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James Wong Howe Is Camera Genius

James Wong Howe can photograph a plain white wall and get a picture that will have any dramatic, tragic or other emotional quality you may name.

He has just finished photographing Edward G. Robinson's new starring picture for Warner Bros., "A Dispatch From Reuters" showing Wednesday at the Palace theatre. Julius Reuter founded the great British news gathering service that still bears his name; the first such service to operate. It requires somewhat different handling from his last previous picture, which was "Torrid Zone."

"In that I went after effects of brilliant tropical sunlight and the deep, cool blackness of jungle nights," Howe explains. "For 'A Dispatch From Reuters,' much of which takes place in London, Paris and New York, I maintain the key of the temperate zone but handle each setting a bit differently. Paris, at least as I remember it and I guess the weather has not changed, requires the feeling and appearance of plenty of light and air. London is a grey city, even when the sun shines.

"A job like this is new to me," Gallagher said. "I've worked on newspapers all my life. I don't know exactly what I'll do but I'll start in easy."

"We have to get a manager. That's first. We expect to make that announcement some time before the major league meetings in December. The next step is to get that manager what he wants if we can."

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