

The Morning Watch WITH Edward Sachs

Tobacco Leafs
Notes on the Tobacco State league from Morris Wade, secretary of the loop... The league barely got under the deadline set by Judge W. G. Bramham as March 1 for minor league entries... Forfeit money for the six clubs was given to Bramham the day before deadline making the circuit the last minor league in the country to register... James E. Overby has been named business manager of the Smithfield club... All Smithfield home games will be played at Legion park, halfway between Dunn and Selma... Clinton has raised \$7,500 towards support for the local club with a goal of \$10,000 being set by Clinton fans... Prexy Jack Jackson and Secretary Treasurer Charles Adams of the Dunn-Erwin entry have announced spring training will start for that club, April 15... Carl Byrd, Erwin athlete who had a tryout with the Philadelphia Athletics before being stymied with a sore arm will try a comeback with the Dunn-Erwin entry... Skeeter Lockamy, Erwin infielder who played with the Sanford Spinners in Bi-State league play in 1941 was recently discharged from service and signed to play with the Raleigh Caps of the Carolina league... Johnnie Wilbourne, another Erwinite, who was Washington Senator property in pre-war days and ended up in Salisbury, Maryland play with a chipped bone in his pitching arm... will hit the comeback trail with Shunmy Brittain's Montgomery team... Johnnie tossed for the Wilmington Shipyard team last year and got noders over Max Lanier's Fort Bragg club and Lefty Cheshire last season... He is a former Duke hurler... Doc Smith, veteran minor league manager who piloted teams in the Coastal Plain loop is being sought by the Angier-Fuquay entry for the manager's post... Zeb Harrington, who managed Sanford's Spinners in Bi-State play in 1941 may have his old job back again but has told friends he would rather be business manager of the club... President Wade of the league hopes to arrange a post season series with the Coastal Plain champs when league play ends...

SPORTS SHORTS... Congratulations to Ray Howe, sports editor of the Daily News in Charlotte on his appointment to the post of state football commissioner... That makes two commissioners we know... Commissioner Howe and, of course, Commissioner Jay Jenkins, the pride of Shelby... Did you see where Stan Kosowski, star half-back of Holy Cross and an ex-great at Pre-Flight has withdrawn from the New England school?... That is quite a hunk of good football player to be on the loose these days and it wouldn't surprise this corner to see him caving over to a Boston pro club come winter... Basketball Tournament... A call from Smith Barrier, sports editor of the Greensboro Daily News... Who wanted information on New Hanover county basketball teams... Smith is sponsoring a tournament in Greensboro and would like to extend an invitation to the leading county school... He promised to send us some entry blanks and when we have more complete information will pass it on to Superintendent Roland for use as he desires... The New Hanover High school Wildcats would not be eligible for play...

Atom Bomb Specialist Joins New York Yanks

(Compiled From the Wires of AP and UP)
Johnny Murphy, former Yank pitcher who spent two years working on the Atom Bomb at Oak Ridge reported to the New York Times today... He is a pitcher... The Giants executed their first triple-play of the year in an intra-squad game... It came on a double steal and went from Catcher Clyde Klutz to second to first... It will be Dutch Leonard against Virgil Trucks when the Tigers and Senators meet today in a Grapefruit circuit contest... Tex Hughson and Dave Ferris kept Red Sox stilled all day yesterday as they took turns pitching to their teammates during batting drills... Mickey Rocco, holdout Cleveland first-sacker continued to stay out of the Tribe wigwag while Vice-President Roger Peckinpaugh said "He'll either sign or pay his own way during drills"... The Reds were trying to get a left-handed power hitter from either the Giants or Phillies... Sig Jakucki of the Browns has been assigned to San Antonio of the Texas League... Al Simmons, coach of the Philadelphia Athletics said that Rookie Walter Buben is "a coming Gehrig"... Buben is a former University of Pennsylvania athlete... Dick Sisler and Ray Saunders, first base rivals at the Card camp continued to show the way in hitting drills... Sisler bashed a triple and Saunders, a home run yesterday... Fred Martin, Howie Pollet and Max Surkont will face the Yanks when the New Yorkers meet the Cards today... Jackie Robinson, Negro shortstop went hitless yesterday in Dodger drills... Pete Fox has made a strong bid for the Red Sox's right field post... If he gets the job that would give the Boston team an outfield of Williams in left, DiMaggio in center and Fox in right... Pitcher Al Treichel will start today for the Braves against the Phils... Luis Olmo the ex-Dodger told sports writers in Mexico that he is very happy to be in Mexico this year and that South American baseball has a great future...

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New Grid Regime For Middie Elevens

COACH HAMILTON AIMS FOR CADETS

Challenge To West Pointers By Annapolis Mentor As He Starts Job

By BUS HAM
ANNAPOLIS, Md., March 6.—(AP)—Capt. Tom Hamilton formally took command of Navy's football forces today and hurled a challenge to Army's great team for next fall.
As Navy's new head coach, the Middie backfield star of 20 years ago met the press and during a three-hour chit-chat said:
"Football games are decided on heart and hunger (to win) and we'll have plenty of that next season."
"I haven't met the Navy players yet so I don't know what we'll have or how we'll come out in other games, but we're thinking only in terms of victory over Army—that's our objective."
To the outsider, the most significant feature of this get-together in honor of Hamilton was the feeling of new-born confidence in the Navy team's future.
Rear Admiral S. H. Ingersoll, commandant of midshipmen, put it this way:
"Captain Hamilton is the best man for this job in the entire Navy and we all have renewed assurance on what will be accomplished in the future."
Hamilton, who beat Army two games out of three in his previous coaching duty here, has no delusions about the physical advantages the Cadets will hold over the Middies next season.
"Of the first 33 men on Navy's 1945 squad, 15 have been lost in cluding eight out of 14 linemen and two-thirds of the backs, while Army will have most of its regulars back," he said.
But Hamilton saw the Army-Navy game in Philadelphia last December, and the Middies showed him enough in that game to convince him that the cadets are not supermen.
"From what I saw of the Middies against the Army, the material is well adaptable to the T-formation so we'll continue it," he said. "The boys have had it for three years and have it pretty well in hand."

NHHS Girl's Varsity Subdued By Teachers
New Hanover county teachers last night turned back the New Hanover Girl's varsity, 27 to 16, in a game at the NHHS floor last night.
Beddingfield, Teachers forward put down her books long enough to pace the winners with 14 points while Gann, NHHS forward led her team with 10 points.
The Box Score:

Teachers	FG	FT	TP
Beddingfield, f	6	2	14
Stout, f	2	3	7
G Kersch, f	1	4	6
Shearing, g	0	0	0
Forman, g	0	0	0
Tillitt, g	0	0	0
	9	16	27

NHHS Gals	FG	FT	TP
Gann, f	4	2	10
Helen, f	1	0	2
Harrison, f	1	0	2
Henderson, f	0	2	2
Maulsby, f	0	0	0
McAdams, g	0	0	0
Blackham, g	0	0	0
Brown, g	0	0	0
McAulay, g	0	0	0
Mann, g	0	0	0
Strong, g	0	0	0
	6	2	16

Laborator is the most easterly part of North America.

FIRST DRUM CAUGHT
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Rhodes 33 Class yachts enjoy balmy breezes in National Midwinter Regatta in Los Angeles Harbor. Left to right, Awegofu, Alcar and Conquistador. Who Won? Who cares? Look at the fun they have.

By, Jug, Favored In Miami Event

HAPPY CHANDLER LANDS IN CUBA

'Ah Loves Baseball' Kid Arrives In Havana For Griffith Day

HAVANA, March 6.—(AP)—A. B. commissioner, arrived today, first (Happy) Chandler, U. S. baseball of a host of major league officials and players promising to turn Havana into a weekend baseball capital.
Chandler said he planned conferences later in the week with Owner Clark Griffith of the Washington Senators and other high-ranking baseball figures on the status of former big leaguers who have signed to play in Mexico.
Griffith and 40 members of his squad are scheduled to arrive tomorrow night by plane from the Senators' training camp at Orlando, Fla., and will remain until March 18.
Members of the Boston Red Sox, accompanied by American League President Will Harridge, are due by plane Friday night from Sarasota, Fla., returning March 11 to their spring training camp.
Other baseball notables expected here over the weekend include Red Sox owner Tom Yawkey; Eddie Collins, general manager of the Red Sox; American League Umpire Cal Hubbard, and Wayne Allen, president of the new Florida International league.
The Senators and Red Sox meet Saturday afternoon in the first of two exhibition games at Tropical Stadium.
Sunday is "Clark Griffith" day during which the veteran Washington owner will receive a gold medal from the Cuban National sports commission "in recognition of his work on behalf of Cuban athletes." Following the ceremonies, the Senators and Red Sox will wind up the brief series.

Muni Course Scene Of Four-Ball Golf Tournament

By WILBUR JENNINGS

MIAMI, Fla., March 6.—(AP)—The \$7,500 International Four-Ball Golf tournament gets underway here tomorrow for four days with the teams of Byron Nelson-Harold (Jug) McSpaden and Ben Hogan-Jimmy Demaret figured to meet in the finals, but after touring the Miami Springs course any of the 32 top flight participants were ready to wager the upsets would be numerous.
The 6,310-yard Municipal layout has been used more than ever before this winter and its far from being in top condition.
"It's murder," said one pro after touring the pattern which is featured by pint-sized greens. "Anyone can win." He explained that the greens were rough and lacked grass in some spots. He predicted the scores would not be as low as in other years.
Toughest hole on the comparatively easy course is the 17th, a 440-yard par four with bunkers in front of the green and a stream some 200 yards out from the tee which invites any drive the slightest off-line.
Nelson and McSpaden with Sam Snead-Sam Byrd have been seeded in the top bracket, while Hogan and Demaret are seeded in the bottom lineup with Henry Picard-Ky Laffoon.
The "gold dust twins"—Nelson and McSpaden—have top billing to repeat their 1945 performance when they defeated Byrd and Denny Shute, 8 and 6.
Nelson, while not on his game, may take the tournament to stage a return to form, says Freddie Corcoran, PGA circuit manager.
This, along with the facts that Nelson is still considered the country's outstanding golfer and that partner McSpaden rates Miami Springs his favorite golf course, helps to establish them the favorites.
Robert E. Foerderer of Philadelphia made possible the tanning of leather by a mineral process utilizing chrome agent.

ATLANTA TOURNAMENT BLASTED BY AAU

Greensboro Ord Withdraws From Event As Ferris Issues Statement

GREENSBORO, March 6.—(AP)—Greensboro Ord Hawks will not participate in the American Basketball Congress national tournament in Atlanta March 9-16 and the recent third annual North Carolina Servicemen's championship tournament here has declared itself without the jurisdiction of the Atlanta organization.
Cause of the action was the revelation of Carolinas A. A. U. President L. J. Fisher that participants in the Atlanta tournament would be ineligible in the future.
He quoted a letter from Dan Ferris, National secretary, as follows: "The father of the idea (J. B. Moon of Atlanta and the American Basketball Congress) is the coach of one of the Georgia basketball teams which was barred from the Southeastern A. A. U. tournament last season because some professionals were included as members of the team. He is the American Basketball congress."
"This letter to district presidents of the A. A. U. is to inform those interested that the tournament in Georgia and any state tournaments as preliminaries thereto are without A. A. U. approval and that any A. A. U. team participating renders its players ineligible to engage in games or championships under A. A. U. sanction."

BASKETBALL SCORES
Columbus County Tournament
Fairbluff 29, Chadbourne 16.
Chadbourne 33, Taber City 32.
Taber City 38, Whiteville 23. (girl's)

In 1792 shoemakers of Philadelphia organized the first Labor Local Craft Union, but it existed for only a short time. They again formed in 1794 as the Federal Society of Journeymen Cordwainers.

Weak Pitching Staff Yanks' Biggest Worry

New Yorkers Strong In All Position Except On Mound

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 6.—(AP)—The old fence-busting New York Yankees are back together again, ready to pick up where they left off in 1943, if some of the younger talent can fill the gaping holes in the pitching staff.
Joe DiMaggio, Charley Keller, and Tommy Henrich still can take care of the outfielding. Joe Gordon and Phil Rizzuto form the key-stone combination to a brilliant infield. Bill Dickey once again is behind the plate. But who is going to pitch?
Behing Spud Chandler, the "bell cow" of the staff, come 24 or 25 tossers, some of whom may be able to do the job. Nobody knows for sure because their records either are unconvincing or undependable.
Last season Floyd Bevens, a young strong-armed fellow from Salem, Ore., found himself as a big leaguer with a 13-9 win record for a sagging club. Bevens still has to prove his ability in a post-war setting against hitters like Ted Williams, Dick Wakefield and other returning stars.
Ernie Bonham, a disappointment for the last two seasons although he came back strong in the final months of 1945, is unsigned and missing valuable training time when, at 32, he should be one of the better hurlers in the league. There have been reports that President Larry MacPhail was going to see him but nothing definite has been done.
There are seven lefthanders in the crop, including Marius Russo who is still a question mark because of a winter arm operation. If Russo can chuck like he could in 1945 he can be the No. 2 man on the staff. Joe Page, an unpredictable southpaw, pitched one good game in Panama and Rookie Bill Wright, who still belongs to the New York farm club, was the brightest-looking prospect uncovered in the Canal Zone excursion. None of the others, except the Veteran Jake Wade, has proved himself in fast company.
Red Ruffing hasn't reported de-

spite threats of fines from MacPhail. The redhead won seven and lost three for the club after getting out of the army last summer. Although he is 41, he still has enough left in his right arm to come in very handy to Manager Joe McCarthy. Artley Donald comes in the same category, but his is a very doubtful case because of a shoulder operation.
Clarence Marshall, a youngster who won 12 at Kansas City, seems to have attracted McCarthy's attention and Karl Drews, Frank Hiller and John Moore are back again for new trials after successful seasons in Newark.

Among the returning war vets are Steve Peek, who has a 4-2 record with the Yanks in 1941; Charley Stanceau, who won three and lost three in 1941; and Lefty Tom Byrne who copped two games in 1943. Righthander Rugger Ardizoa and Lefty Herb Karpel are ex-servicemen who graduated from the farm chain. Al Lyons, a relief hurler in 1944, also has rejoined the club.
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Carswell, Kelly Lead Lejeune Cagers In Win

CAMP LEJEUNE, March 6.—For the second time this season, Memphis' highly-touted NATTC Hellcats fell victim to the offensive power of Frank Carswell and John Kelly as Camp Lejeune's "scoring duo" combined efforts to hit the hoop for 51 points and lead the leathernecks to a rousing 79-59 rout of the much-heralded Fred Schaus, Inc.

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