

SPORTS CIRCUIT

By LOUIS O. HUDSON

Lexington, Ky.

Zeke, the immaculate valet for Col. E. R. Bradley was in charge of the arrangements for the Col's 80th birthday celebration held at the Idle Hour farm. Bradley owns some of the worlds greatest race horses, having won 5 Kentucky Derbies. He has contributed liberally to several Negro charities. The Col works scores of colored help at his large racing farm said to be the most modern in the United States.

New York City, N. Y.

Henry Armstrong was voted the honor of being the greatest athlete of 1938 by the United Press poll of sports writers. This poll was the consensus of writers the country over. The holding of a triple championship ship in the past year was a feat no other athlete has accomplished.

Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mike Jacobs, N. Y. boxing mogul was at the camp of Tommy Farr to day. While there two more interested spectators crowded Mike challenging the winner of the Farr Nova fight Friday nite, Dec. 23rd at the Garden. These gents happened to be Roscoe Toles and his manager Everett Watson. After the bout in which he (Toles) beat Gunner Barlund. Roscoe says he will beat any fighter except the Co. of Louis and Lewis. Joe and John Henry, folks, and friends.

Hot Springs, Ark.

Julian Black, co-manager of Joe Louis says Joe will fight Max Baer after the John Henry Lewis bout.

The low down on this happens to be that the pact is a signed one and the tussle will take place out in California. Too much ballyhoo at this time will do the bout no good. Miami, Fla.

Duke Slater the major domino of boxing claiming Florida will have a busy and colorful boxing session this winter. When I was there in 1933 the law prohibited white from attending Negro boxing contests. I hope this does not happen this time. Bill Rives is busy as the old bird dog getting his place in readiness. Doc Sawyer of Mary Elizabeth Hotel fame says he has reservations from all over and he will play to a packed house for the season.

Harold Burr, ace sports writer, New York City, N. Y.

where articles appear in the N. Y. Post claims Jack Johnson could whip all the white hopes in one night with one arm strapped behind him. Jack still remains with us doing strong man acts in a Broadway joint near 42nd street. He looks good despite his years.

Los Angeles, Cal.

The dinner tossed in honor of Kenny Washington, the great pigskin artist of the USCLA college was a pip. Local sportsmen and lovers of the game together with Alumni boys attended in great numbers. Kenny was very modest in accepting the high acclaim awarded him by the gathering. Corks popped but glasses were held under the table.

Tampa, Florida

Old timers say Central avenue has a different attitude since the days of Pig Bear who used to run the big drugstore. Those were happy days when he and Willie Bush, the F fighting Scorpion of West Palm Beach, Fla., used to take those flying trips together. How the good fellows miss the undertaker and friend, to all classes and masses, the late Dr. Stone.

SPORT NEWS

New York City, N. Y.

Scanning the college records with accuracy I find the record made by the Florida Gators football team coached by the efficient Bill Bell can safely boast of a record that will probably go unequalled for many a year to come. Knute Rockne with the great Notre Dame team in 1931 held its opposition to two touchdowns for the season and a safety. Still the efforts of the mighty Bill overshadows him like the steeple on a Catholic church. Pres. Lee and Bill Bell this column salutes you as you have a team that can hold its own in any part of the land. It was at Durkee Field in Jacksonville 3 years ago when Ky. State put the skids on the boys but the game you beat them in Gainesville last month was full of revenge powder they tell me. I hope Sport Washington of Jacksonville did not lose his speech over the victory as he did over the defeat.

Atlanta, Georgia.

Word reaches the desk that Morris Brown will have a strong cage team this coming winter. I hope they develop another center like "Toss 'em in Adams". This boy was a sensation.

LOUIS OPENS CAMP FOR LEWIS FIGHT

Pompton Lakes, N. J. Jan. 5.—(ANP)—Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis began training here New Year's day for his 15 round bout with John Henry Lewis, light heavyweight king, at Madison Square Garden Jan. 25.

Louis came East to Newark from Chicago Wednesday morning accompanied by Trainer Jack Blackburn and several others of his immediate staff and was joined Friday by Managers Julian Black and John Roxborough. He weighed 210 and seemed in excellent condition despite his long lay-off since blasting out Max Schmeling in one round last June.

The Brown Bomber revealed he hadn't had a glove on since that fight but had kept in good condition by roughing it and exercising regularly. He said he needed boxing more than anything else since a "lot of sparring sharpens the eye," but he would overlook no de-

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Louis Rated All Alone

tail in preparing for John Henry because "you can't take anything for granted in this game."

Louis will use four sparring partners. Two of them, Bascher Dean and Mickey Dugan, have already been selected.

The light heavyweight champion has already started training at Summit where he is spending a few days roughing it before starting sparring. He intends to work with heavy sparmates to accustom himself to weight conditions similar to those he will face in Joe.

KEN MAGAZINE PRINTS 'EXPLANATION' OF WHY NEGROES QUIT PROTESTING PAN ON NEGROES PLAYING FOOTBALL AGAINST DIXIE SCHOOLS

Chicago, Jan. 5 (ANP)—Negroes have "quit protesting" against the refusal of Northern coaches to insist on playing their colored stars against Southern teams because coaches let it be known that they might keep Negro players off their teams altogether rather than submit to such "pressure," says an article in the Dec. 29 edition of Ken, the magazine published by Esquire.

Says the article: "Football contracts for games involving Dixieland universities against northern or western schools that may have Negro players, usually restrict eligibility to 'members of the Caucasian race.' This clause is generally waived when the southern teams play in other territories."

"Formerly, protest of Negro organizations against the restriction handicapped colored kids who were trying to win places on northern teams that had southern games in prospect."

"A Big Ten coach whose team had scheduled a game in the South and a colored kid who starred in the coach's line, were responsible for the discontinuance of the organized Negro complaints against the restriction. The coach, assailed in letters, telegrams and telephone messages from Negroes, called in this colored player."

"Have I done everything I can to help you get through school and to make you a great football player?" the coach asked. The kid acknowledged the coach's help.

"Have the other kids on the team treated you right?"

"Every one of them does fine by me," the boy testified.

"And here's what we get for it." The coach displayed a stack of telegrams and letters in which Negro organizations and individuals insisted that the kid be taken South with the team. "If this keep up, I'll never again go through the trouble of having a colored boy on a team of mine. The Negroes try to be bossier than the alumni."

"Let me answer a few of those. They're putting you and me both on the spot. The boy sifted the stack and left the room with an assortment of wires and letters. In less than a week the protest had died out."

"News of the incident got to other coaches. That's the inside of how colored kids retain an even chance as northern varsity football candidates."

Although no names are given, it is possible that the "colored kid" was Willis Ward and the coach, Harry Kipke, then of Michigan.

MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR TUBERCULOSIS STUDY

Large appropriations are being made for research in the study of tuberculosis during the coming year. Nebraska is keeping step in this great health enterprise. Of the sum realized from the annual Xmas Seal Drive which has just closed, 95 per cent will be spent here in Nebraska in the prevention of Tuberculosis during the year 1939. The remaining 5 per cent is sent to the National Tuberculosis Association to carry on their program one phase of which is research.

'RING' MAGAZINE NAMES NOVA NO. 1 CONTENDER, RAPS COMISH

Lou Nova, young Alameda, Cal., heavyweight was rated the world's No. 1 contender challenger yesterday in "The Ring" magazine's annual ranking of boxers.

Champion Joe Louis ranked as "the boxer of the year," was placed all alone in group No. 1 topping all heavyweight. Nova heads group No. 2 which includes Maxie Baer, Bob Pastor, Tony Galento, Maxie Rosenbloom and John Henry Lewis in that order.

Nova was given third place in the boxer of the year rating, behind Henry Armstrong, who won his second and third titles in 1938, adding the lightweight and welterweight titles to the featherweight laurels he won in 1937.

Fleischer considered Louis' feat in knocking out Max Schmeling in the first round a more notable achievement than Armstrong's in becoming the ring's first "triple champion."

The magazine's ranking declared two titles vacant—in the middle weight and featherweight divisions and it gave surprise rating to K. O. Morgan of Detroit above champion Sixto Escobar in the bantam class.

Recognizing no middleweight champion, the magazine named Fred Apostoli of San Francisco, recognized as titleholder in New York and California, alone in group No. 1, while Solly Krieger of New York, the National Boxing Association's champion, was put at the head of group No. 2.

Similarly in the featherweight division no champion was recognized by the rankings, but Leo Rodak of Chicago and Pete Scalzo of New York were rated 1 and 2 in group 1.

John Henry Lewis of Phoenix, Ariz. ranked sixth among the heavyweight challengers, is recognized as light-heavyweight king despite the New York Commission's declaration that the 175 lb. title is vacant.

In the other divisions, the following men are recognized as champions: Henry Armstrong, welterweight and lightweight; Escobar, bantamweight, and Pete Kane of England, flyweight.

Six leading universities will engage in research in the study of tuberculosis this year. Announcement has been made by Dr. William Charles White, chairman of the Medical Research Committee. One hospital, Mt. Zion, in San Francisco, Calif., also receives an appropriation for special laboratory work.

"Yale, Columbia, Cornell, Vanderbilt, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin Universities will co-operate with us in our endeavor to achieve our final goal, the eradication of tuberculosis," said Dr. White. "Medical Research will continue to be one of the strongest battle lines against tuberculosis in 1939," he says.

It is gratifying to realize that Nebraska can join in this nationwide crusade against this disease which menaces our youth. The scope of the work is growing annually and with the chaotic economic conditions which exist the need is very great for poorer living conditions cause an increase in the death rate in tuberculosis.

\$200 XMAS DINNER SERVED NEGRO CADDIES IN FLORIDA Palm Beach, Fla.—A full Christmas dinner plus all the trimmings were skeletonized by nearly 100 Negro golf caddies on December 2 as provided by the will of Edward W. Kroger, of Cincinnati, white, banker and chain store head, who died last spring.

Dinner for the caddies started 5 years ago by Kroger. To perpetuate his memory he provided before his death, that \$200 be spent for a final memorial caddy dinner on the Christmas following his death.

A special provision was made by the banker and store magnate in his will for his personal caddy.

DARK LAUGHTER

by Ol Harrington



"AND I STILL THINKS IT WUZ THE BEST NEW YEARS PARTY I EVER BEEN TO!"

Kid Concrete

(Dear folks, as Kid Concrete and Grandpa Anvil together with Pop Jr. the managers of the Kid had too large a Xmas suffering with turkey and eggnog troubles, our hero the Kid, will not resume his training until next week for his battles with K. O. Puncher for the Down Home Championship)

The Fights of Fights

In the everglade section of the country, amid palm trees white sand and other tropical splendors lies the city of Tampa Florida. Better known by its relationship to the Gandy Bridge, America's longest structure of its kind, this city to my mind and pleasure to witness fight contests, the country over gets the medal for wierd fight contests.

On a winter night, in the month of January, that found the city's thermometer a very comfortable degree for such time of the year. Billed to fight in a fight to a finish regardless of the State law, This state has a law where 10 round contests terminate the end of a bout, at that time the year being, 1928. Participants in this event, were Al Tourt, a light-heavyweight from Cincinnati, Ohio, a hard and tough veteran battler off the banks of the Ohio, and Billy Long of Lake Wales, Florida another fighter of Al's standing and class. Billy to the minds of local folks seemed unbeatable, but friends after the trademarks left on faces and busted jaws by the veteran Al, everybody sensed it would be a battle.

On fight nite which happened to be about January the 7th, 1928, found the Central Theatre jammed and packed to standing room only. Local constabularies were on hand to load the whole works in the paddy wagon on sight of the violation against its rigid enforcement of the state law. After witnessing some hot preliminary bouts, time presently came for the witnessing of the main event.

Billy and Al came from opposite parts of the theatre wings, and jumped over the ropes quickly followed by the referee and seconds. While the reign of eagerness awaited by the large gathering, silence quickly found its place at the sight of the announcer. The John Laws stood still to hear the blabblab announcement. After the glove adjustment, here it came. Introducing in this corner, Al Trout weighing 174 of Ohio who received a big

hand and his opponent Billy Long of Lake Wales, Florida weighing 176, and the crowd went wild. These men will fight a 10 round bout. The crowd was left in wonderment as this was a finish fight. But the show started in spite of this.

No slambang fight before or since have I witnessed that brought the crowd to its feet before as did this fight. Billy was the cleverest of the two, but Al was right there to dish out his share of the fistic goods. There was nothing to choose between either man during the first eight rounds, both men slugging, and taking all the punishment the other had to offer. Neither man had backed away during the contest, my, what a fight. Two more rounds found the end of the

10th round, still the fight was on an even basis. At the end of the 10 rounds, the men sat on their stools, instead of them resting their usual 1 minute they rested 3. The announcer appeared again and introduced them to the crowd saying these men will fight another 10 round bout and again justice

was defeated.

The 11th round or the 1st round of the next bout found both men going about their work as if nothing had happened, tossing every variety of punch in the prize fight basket. Into the 15th round they fought like cat and dog neither able to lead this was a real old fashioned slugfest my friends. Fighting four more rounds at a fast clip found both men tiring rapidly going into the 19 round amid the most rapid exchange of blows I have ever witnessed by two semi helpless fighters in the center of the ring. Both men slightly poised themselves for the kill landing to the midsection of the other at the same moment of precisecity, both men sank to the canvass in pain unable to move, being counted out for a DOUBLE KNOCKOUT. Folks and Friends, if there ever occurs another fight of this nature, kindly let me know. My vote goes to Tampa for the Queerest and greatest fight.

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