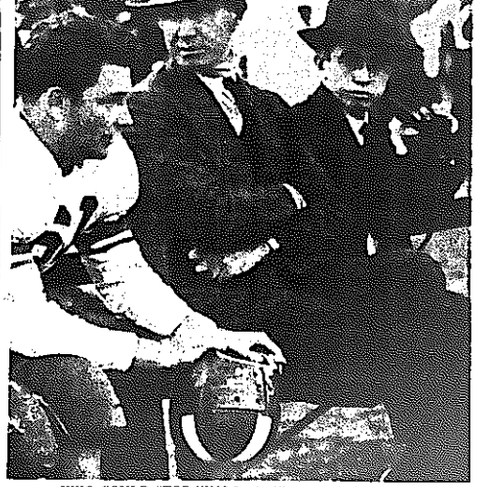
Wallace Wade: Duke's Busy Boss In Biggest Job

THE CAMERA CLICKS through a football game with Wallace Wade. Well, let's settle down here for a look. Big boys they've got, and lots of 'em. I wonder what we can do with 'em.

WHO'S THAT GUY? Whew, he knocked off a block that time. Number 60, eh? That's that McGurgle the scouts talked about. I believe he's gonna be hard to handle out there. Better run the other way.



WHO COULD STOP 'EM? Looks like a good place to stick in some fresh guards, way they're going. Goddard and Burns look tired. Guess Poole would go good in there now.

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Good EVENIN'

By Burke Davis

Pasadena of the Pines

I'LL COME to be known, I guess, as the erudite Rose Bowl.

Substitutions: Pines in for palms. Roses for roses. For movie stars, familiar faces of our good-looking home-grown gals. No wide-open country, no bars. No fairyland festivities, no pageant of flowers. The folks will be at home. And millions of 'em.

They'll mob Durham, snow it under. Folks have said the game has lost its edge now that it's been moved from Pasadena, but the ticket sales don't look like that. The Duke athletic department will have to be working new miracles every day to get ready for the throngs, print tickets, sell tickets, erect new seats, care for the thousand details. They've brought the First Wonder of the football world home to us; it never happened before, even in wild dreams.

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Trouble for the Dukes

Big trouble of playing at home, of course, is the narrow gauge track our football runs on in comparison to the West Coast big-time. For every man who can buy a ticket, three will want to go. For every party that grabs a hotel room, ten will have to do without. It's a cinch to be North Carolina's biggest day, this day of the transplanted rose. And instead of the sharp speech of the Westerner we'll hear the broad nose in the old, slow pattern of our own country's speech. And thousands of them won't be so far from home have that they can't hurry home, a little after dark, and load up on new peas and sweet taters, as custom commands.

Anyhow, the transcontinental shuttle has brought the big game home to us; Oregon State's Beavers will have to do battle on the Duke Blue Devil's home ground, and will suffer by the change. Today, official odds, favoring Duke in the beginning, had risen from 8 to 5 to 3 to 1. The Beavers, thrown into the long ride themselves, will be behind the right ball. It will be very hard for them to win this big one now. Every athlete will know how tough it is to win in the country of the enemy. That's the Beaver job, but except for that hour on the ball field, the Far Westerners will receive a royal welcome. The state will turn over for this one, in the midst of our war effort. The game means far more to our people now than it would have meant in Pasadena. It's ours.

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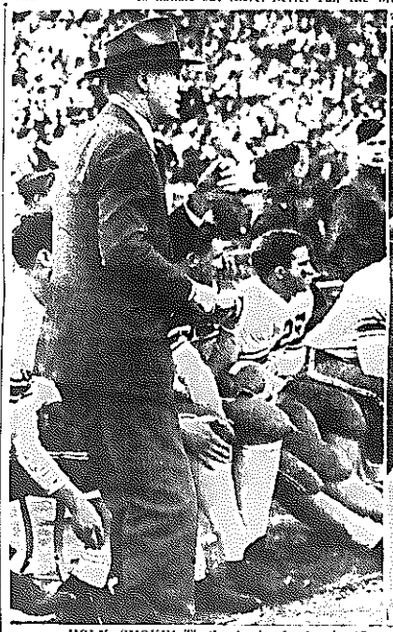
Wade Gets a Hand

Wallace Wade, of course, did the job. For a giant outfit like the Tournament of Roses to turn their business over to a man is more than a whopping tribute. It's an acknowledgment of national leadership. As a coach and a player he had done his share of Rose Bowl dominating. But nothing like this. He grabbed it away from the war and brought it home safely. Our athletic world owes him another debt, but he'll do all right Jan. 1.

The state won't have to be told what a chance the game represents. It'll be right on the ball to gather its advertising value and offer its help. And it shouldn't forget the man who pulled the coup. Actually, it was a double play: Tojo to Wade.



HOLY SMOKE! That's Lach. Is he hurt? Looks like he can't get up. Better get somebody in there now and take him out. Man, we couldn't stand to lose that one. Pretty tough bump there, though. I'll yank him now.

JUST ANOTHER DAY. Another ball game won. Wasn't as tough as it looked, I guess. But wonder how that next week's team came out today. Eddie says they were good last week. Maybe we'll do all right. (News photos by Art Rickerby).

Shrine Picks New Orleans

CHICAGO —(AP)— Andy Kerr of Colgate University announced today that the annual East-West football game will be played at New Orleans Jan. 3, 1942, instead of San Francisco, Jan. 1.

Kerr, who with Bernie Bierman of Minnesota, and Dudley De Groot of the University of Rochester, coaches the East squad, said the game, removed from the West Coast because of the war, would be played in Tulane University's stadium, and in cooperation with the Sugar Bowl sports carnival.

Kerr said that climate was the determining factor in moving the game to New Orleans rather than to one of the several Northern cities which had bid for the game, coupled with "the fine, co-operative spirit of the Sugar Bowl people."

Proceeds of the game will be divided between the San Francisco Shrine group which founded and has sponsored the game for sixteen years for the benefit of its hospital for crippled children, and the Shrine Hospital for Crippled Children at Shreveport, La., Kerr said.

The San Francisco Shrine will manage the game, he said.

No Roses, but . . .

Grid Quality There Despite Atmosphere

By HUGH FULLERTON
(Wide World Sports Columnist)

NEW YORK—It seems from here that Duke and Oregon State will have quite a job preserving the Rose Bowl atmosphere in simulating of tobacco, cotton, pine trees, etc., of North Carolina, but at least the quality of the football shouldn't suffer.

Contracts are on the East-West game will find a new site before long and the New Years program will remain intact. One thing is sure. Promoters of the "Vulcan Bowl" game at Birmingham, Ala., between Morris Brown and Langston won't have to worry about a blackout. . . . Anton Christoferidis, the Greek middleweight who recently became an American citizen, celebrated by buying a $1,000 defense bond with the dough he earned by whipping Celestino Garcia in Cleveland. He plans to keep on investing half his future purses the same way.

TODAY'S GUEST STAR

L. J. Skiddy, Syracuse, N. Y. Herald-Journal: "The Joe Louis 'Bum of the Month' Club may drop out of sight because of lack of new blood. There isn't a prominent candidate and Joe isn't fighting as often as he once did."

ONE-MINUTE SPORTS PAGE

Branch Rickey would like to have a jury of baseball writers decide questions of when a trade is fair. He complains he has had several deals practically made only to have the other guys back out because they thought they weren't getting an even break. . . . As a new wrinkle in tennis promotion, Alexis Thompson has invited N. Y. tennis writers to travel with his pro troupe for the first week. . . . Fritz Crisler, Michigan coach, wants to introduce 150-pound football in the Big Ten. It's popular at Princeton, where Fritz coached before he went to Ann Arbor. . . . As a result of the war, Phil Rizzuto may be given a new draft classification. His deferment was only for six months.

Jack Jenkins Man-Of-Year

NASHVILLE, Tenn. —(AP)— Jack Jenkins, Vanderbilt's versatile all-Southeastern halfback, has been adjudged the most valuable football player of the Southeastern Conference during the 1941 season by the men who should know—the coaches.

In a poll conducted by the Nashville Banner, Jenkins nosed out Frankie Sinkwich, Georgia's All-America halfback of broken jaw fame, in a photo-finish. Jenkins polled 61 points on a basis of ten votes for first place, five for second and three for third, to 55 accorded Sinkwich.

Four coaches placed Jenkins first, three rated him second and two third; Sinkwich received three first and five second place votes.

In third place with nineteen votes was Jimmy Nelson, Alabama's All-Southeastern halfback, and trailing down the line were:

Junie Hovious, Mississippi; Walter McDonald, Tulane; Bernie Lipkis, Louisiana State; Tommy Harrison, Florida; Lloyd Chrisham, Auburn; Bob Gude, Vanderbilt; Don Edmiston, Tennessee; Holt Rast, Alabama, and Bloody Black, Mississippi State.

Tobacco for Roses

Durham To Uphold Bowl Color, Frills

DURHAM—(AP)—The scene of football's oldest and biggest extravaganza—the Rose Bowl game—shifted cross country today to the land of tobacco.

War canceled the big New Year's Day contest between Duke University and Oregon State as far as the huge Rose Bowl stadium, the Tournament of Roses and Pasadena were concerned.

There was little doubt that the game would be played here Jan. 1. Governor J. M. Broughton of North Carolina personally intervened and assured Washington officials that the game would not interfere with the state's defense program. He then announced, "I think the Army will give its permission."

Military expediency demanded blackout of the game on the California coast. Sixty thousand tickets had been sold for approximately $264,000. The money will be refunded by individual check with Oregon State assuming the postage bill. Rose Bowl officials hope to recover at Durham $30,000 already spent on game preliminaries.

Fast on the heels of the announcement that the game would be played here as an official Rose Bowl engagement, came word from civic leaders that a celebration though not as elaborate as the Tournament of Roses at Pasadena, was in the making.

Duke stadium will seat more than 50,000 persons and tickets will sell for $4.40 apiece. The Tournament of Roses will get its cut and probably determine how the remainder will be divided.

Blue Devils Respond With Increased Pep

DURHAM. — While Duke University and the State of North Carolina were beginning preparations to play host to the now transplanted Rose Bowl game, the Duke Blue Devils to football stepped up the tempo of their own preparations for the clash with Oregon State, scheduled for Durham on New Year's Day.

News of the unprecedented shift of the Pasadena classic reached the Duke gridmen in the midst of this afternoon's practice session and they respondent with one of the hardest drills of the Fall.

A good part of the drill was spent looking at Oregon State plays while the remainder saw the Duke first and second teams working over their own plays in a hard-hitting offensive setting.

Plans for the rest of the Blue Devils practice schedule were still undetermined but the gridmen will probably be given two or three days off to allow them to go home for Christmas. Under such arrangements drills would start again immediately after the holiday.

Interested onlooker at today's practice was Lou Little, head coach at Columbia University. Little, who was to speak at a banquet in Greensboro tonight, was lavish in his praise of the Duke squad, both for their spirit and ability, and of the move to play the Rose Bowl game in Durham.

Durham and the students on the campus echoed the sentiments of Coach Little on the shifting of the game. Many people rushed to place their orders for tickets just a few minutes after the news had been released.

Quack, George, The Averages

CHICAGO. — (AP) — George Wilson, Chicago Bears right-end, was used so much as a decoy in his team's passing attack that he came to be known as Quack-Quack. But when they gave George his chance to catch some of the aerials, he proved his stuff.

He nailed three out of three throws last Sunday for a season's record of seven out of seven—the league's only 1.000 pass receiver.

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