

News And Views From Our Departments

Minute Interviews

The major league baseball season opened April 15 and in view of the enthusiasm and interest that Ecusta sports fans show in baseball, The Echo Minute Interview for this month asked the question, "Who do you think will win the American and National League pennants this year?" The opinions follow:



Arthur York, Canteen: "The St. Louis Cards are my ball club. As long as they continue to fight and hustle, nobody's going to knock them off. They have good pitching and you know how important that is. Boston

looks like the winner in the American League, with the Yankees running a close second . . . but I'm a National League man."

"Bub" Thompson: Maintenance: "The Cards will win again in the National. They haven't sold anybody, have they? The other clubs haven't bought anybody any better, have they? O. K., there you are. As for the American League, I'll string along with Boston. Ted Williams and the other boys look good to me."



"Dobie" Lance, Pulp Mill: "The Cards have always been my pick. I like the way they play. They've got color, they hustle, and there's something about them that makes you like them. I'll take Boston in the American League

—but the Cards will be the club I'll follow."

Vernon Neill, Gate Watchman: "I like the Cubs—always have. They're a scrappy ball club and that's what it takes to win. I haven't thought much about the American League, but until a better club comes along, I'll string along with the Boston Red Sox."



Marshall Loftis, Fibre Warehouse: "I don't see any reason why Boston shouldn't repeat in the American League. Since St. Louis has won the National League two years in a row, I don't see anything in sight to stop them from winning a third straight year."

Next month the Minute Interview man will have a timely question for the ladies. Be ready with an answer and a smile for the camera!

Canteen-Cafeteria Chatter

By ANNE KITCHEN

Echo reporters certainly enjoyed the dinner given on April 7th., in the Cafeteria, at which time the new editor was introduced.

Ethel Stover was called to Gastonia, Monday, April 7, due to the death of her brother, C. C. Moore. She has our deepest sympathy.

Helen was called to Kentucky Easter week end because of the illness of her brother.

A. E. York reports a very fascinating trip to Atlanta. He saw two major league baseball games.

Mrs. Blake and Bessie Cheek visited Bessie's sister in Columbia hospital, and found her very much improved.

The Easter "bunny" brought many things to those in our department—namely, vacations for A. P. Bell and Elaine Bryson.

Bessie's son is nicely recovering from a tonsil operation.

Mr. Kitchen returned to work Monday, April 7, after a brief illness.

Mr. McCall's family is recovering from the flu.

Wonder why Leroy Holden was so sleepy Saturday? Come on, Leroy—how was the dance?

We welcome Lavada back to work, after her absence, caused by the mumps.

Machine Room News

By JOHN GOOLSBY

Quite a few have taken vacations in our department recently, but no stories seem to have come to light. Here they are: Jimmy Jones, Spencer Mull, Ray Wilson, Vance Shook, Adam Robinson, Grover Suttles, Liston Hughey, Hoyt Hampton, James Drake, Milton Nicholson, Owen Banning, Joe Jones, Vincent Drake, Arthur Shook, and our Skipper, J. T. Talmadge, Sr. All reported a swell rest and fit as a fiddle for another year.

The Machine Room's baseball team is limbering up for what they hope is another successful season. Ed White, Co-Captain, tells me this year they hope to have some new rookies to make their first appearance on the diamond. This will help some of our old veterans out, who this year are defending their crown as champions for the fourth straight year!

Contrary to anyone's belief, the stork that takes care of the Machine Room is not grounded due to bad weather. On March 5th., he delivered a precious little cargo, a bouncing baby boy at the home of Henry Heatherly named Henry Leroy Heatherly, Jr.

We are not running an ad for growing hair on a bald head, but Ike (Preacher) Gilliam is so proud of the fact that he has now sprouted a fuzz approximately 1-4 inch long on what before was a head that was slick as a peeled onion. Ike told me if any one is in doubt, to see him and he would see that they get the same treatment he is using. Fellows, here is your chance, I have already seen the evidence.

Well, as fishing season is on now, I expect we will have lots of stories on the fish that never reached home.

I will close with this thought in mind: Stop long enough today to plan your to-morrow.

Power Dept. News

By CROCKETT MATTHEWS

We all wish Clarence Brown a speedy recovery and return to work. Clarence has been confined with pneumonia.

It is good to see Morris O. Ward back in the Turbine Room.

Mrs. Maxine Smallwood, daughter of Tom Evans, is improving.

A number of employees from the Power Department attended a farewell party for Woodrow Allen, who left us on March 28 to supervise his farm near Charlotte.

Carl C. Cantrell and family visited relatives in Jacksonville, Florida while on vacation. Other places of interest visited by Carl were St. Augustine and Mandren, Florida.

Clarence Allison has remodeled his house in Pisgah Forest and moved in.

In short: See Bill Lowery for guaranteed socks; Pete Norwood for details of the Easter dance in Asheville; Sherman Hunter for a ride in his "Big Black Plymouth."

John Jackson once had a beautiful Persian cat named Midnight. After retiring one night he was awakened by cats fighting outside his window. Getting his shotgun, he went outside and fired at the cats, killing one. From inside his wife called "What is it honey?" John said, "Bring me a light, I think I have killed a cat."

Sure enough there was Midnight, dead. The next morning John prepared a burying place and lifting the cat was heard to remark; "I hate to do this Midnight, but I have to."

Machine Booklet

By MARGARET SMITH

This is the time of year when that ole sickness "spring fever" takes over, you know—wandering minds, etc. So far, it hasn't affected our department.

On March 25, a surprise party was given in honor of Louise Souther Houk at her apartment. Girls from Machine and Auto-bound departments were invited. Games were played and favors were given to the winners. Hot dogs and coffee were served as refreshments. Clara Bryson, Violet Lyday and your reporter acted as hostesses.

It seems that most of the Machine Booklet enjoyed a lovely Easter week end. Guy Mull had such a good time with his daughter, Arlene, hiding and hunting Easter eggs that he was just a "drop" Monday morning.

Herbert Webb and family visited relatives at Gastonia, N. C. and Blantyre during Easter holidays.

James McDowell and family also visited relatives at Tuxedo over the holidays.

The housing shortage certainly doesn't seem to be a problem in the Machine Booklet. Louise Dishman is building a new home at Rosman. She hopes to be in it before too long.

Sarah Avery moved into her new home on Gallamore Hill, April 5.

Edna Oliver is having some new additions made to her home at Etowah.

Several in the Machine Booklet are interested in gardens this year; not only vegetable but flower gardens too. But you know how it is—the weeds have to be plowed under first and as far as I know that's as much as anyone has done. Maybe we can give you a little more information about the gardens next month.

LOOSE ENDS

By

MARY SUE THORNE

Just because you haven't heard from the Endless Woven Department lately is no sign we aren't still here. We are. We're making more belts and better belts than ever before. (Please take our word for that.) And, incidentally, if you haven't been down our way within the last couple of weeks you'll hardly recognize the place. It has been rearranged. The slight expansion of territory makes quite a difference. We like it ever so much better

We feel much relieved that April Fools' Day came and went without serious mishaps. But we had several good laughs down on our end of the track. A number of people found themselves falling victim to such age-old tricks as wearing the most unusual "tails" and calling sheriffs and undertakers

. . . . Now that spring is here—we thought it would be about half-past April—a young man's fancy may turn to thoughts of love, but we have mostly young women and their fancies turn to thoughts of various things. They are thinking of interior and exterior decorating, spring cleaning, new paint jobs, new draperies, and flower and vegetable gardens. And they are not forgetting the early outings, picnicking, hiking, fishing and bicycling—all sure cures for spring fever

. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Eddy and little daughter, Lorraine, are now settled in their nice new home in Pisgah Forest. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Allison of Pisgah Forest have also recently bought and moved into a new home

. . . . It was a pleasure to have Mr. Walter V. Landeck of the New York office visit with us recently. Mr. and Mrs. Wermick of Washington Heights, New York, who are relatives of Jack Davies, were visitors in Endless on April 10th. . . .

. . . . Martha Jo McConnell is recuperating at her home in Sylva after a recent operation. We wish to extend our best wishes to Edna Fanning who has been on the sick list for several weeks. We hope she will be able to return to work soon. Gertrude Galloway is getting along nicely after an appendectomy at the Transylvania Community hospital on April 11th. . . .

Pilot Plant News

By HARRY S. KOLMAN

Now that spring is here, get out your rods and reels, Frank Ferrell and "Bill" Bell, and see if you can match the catch (or should I say haul) of Ed Hill.

We are glad to have David Sams visit us while here on his Easter holidays and are hoping to have him return this summer.

"Bill" Bell reports having a fine vacation, even though he didn't travel far from home.

Roy Brown has returned from his vacation in Florida with such good results that Bill Long is also planning to spend his vacation there this month.

Charles Glazener and Bill Long visited Sam Nicholson's new Mountain Home Inn near Hendersonville, and say the meals are excellent and Nick's doing fine.

Miss Dorothy Singletary reports a nice week end at Monck's Corner.