

SOFTBALLERS COP SMOKY MTN. TILT

Whip Canton 7-1 In Opener Wednesday Night; Drop Only One Game

Making their debut in the fast Smoky Mountain League, our softballers came through in great style Wednesday night, whipping the Triangle Club of Canton 7-1. Fritz Merrell twirled four hit ball and a fellow Pulp Mill employee—Lawrence "Skipper" Holt—socked out three hits to lead the Ecusta slugging parade. The win climaxed a successful month in which our men lost only one game.

Other teams in the loop are Champion, Bryson City, Brevard American Legion, and Waynesville.

The Transylvania league season opened with a 10-4 decision over the V.F.W. and Hendersonville was beaten 7-5 in a non-league contest. Brevard College pulled somewhat of an upset by turning back the locals, 7-2. The men pulled themselves back together, though, and whipped Rosman 9-8 and Baptist church 10-7 in their last two Transylvania games.

In the most recent tilt, the 10-7 victory over Baptist church, Jim Griffin went the distance on the mound and behind the plate was versatile Fritz Merrell. He did an excellent job of filling in for Morris Dorn who was in the hospital at that time. Bob Jennings had a homer and a double to pace the hitting while Jack Wilber and Roy Head shone with sharp work in the field. Merrell also had a four bagger.

STARS OF FUTURE QUIZ ALEXANDER

Baseball Minded Youngsters Fire Tough Questions At Athletic Director

Athletic Director Jack Alexander was in the role of "Professor Baseball" for about an hour the other morning and some of the questions his young students popped at him were anything but easy ones.

Miss Flora Lyday, a teacher at nearby Pisgah Forest grammar school, asked Jack to come down and answer a few questions about baseball rules fired at him by the boys in the fourth to seventh grades inclusive. Over 75 bright youngsters started to work on the Professor just as soon as he arrived.

"If I'm at bat bunting, and after I bunt the ball and start toward first and I knock the hind-catcher down as he starts to field the ball, am I out?" a future Ted Williams asked.

"You're out, son," Jack answered. "What is a balk?" a clean-scrubbed tow-head queried.

And Jack gave a detailed answer as to what constituted a balk.

"GO A LITTLE SLOWER"

On some of the more involved questions, Professor would listen intently, and comment, "Now say that again . . . go a little slower . . . You're getting into some fine technical points, now . . ."

So far as the enthusiastic youngsters were concerned, the class could have gone on all day and it is doubtful if they would have ever run out of questions, but less glamorous subjects like geography,

Hail The Champs Of The W. N. C. Bowling League!



It was a close race right down to the final night, but our bowlers squeezed in with the championship of the W.N.C. Bowling League by the narrow margin of one game. After assuming the top place March 18, the locals clung to the select position down the home stretch without relinquishing it. Left to right in the above photograph are: Ralph Morris, Charlie Colwell, Clyde Galloway, Chris Rogers, Walter Straus, and Joe Lavell.

Wide Open Race Predicted In Inter-Departmental Baseball Competition

After First Three Games, Teams Appear To Be On Even Terms

It may be a bit early to make such a prediction, but judging from the results of the first three games in the Inter-departmental Baseball League, it's going to be a wide open race.

Champagne racked up a 12-8 win over Generals May 19, but Machine Room calmed them last Monday 5-3. On Thursday, May 22, Control whipped the defending champs from the Machine Room, 9-8, to serve notice that it will be tough this season.

The season's inaugural found Champagne rolling in enough runs

spelling, and arithmetic were waiting for them—so class broke up—and a very interesting session, it was.

Basketball Teams Are Entertained

The boys' and girls' basketball teams had an enjoyable banquet Thursday night, May 15th. Approximately twenty-five attended.

The event was very informal, with the group enjoying dancing and ping pong. A delicious steak dinner, topped off with homemade cake for dessert, was enjoyed by everyone present.

in the fifth inning to withstand a last inning threat by Generals. Troy Drake chunked the victory. In Champagne's next game with Machine Room, Milton Pace bested Drake on the mound.

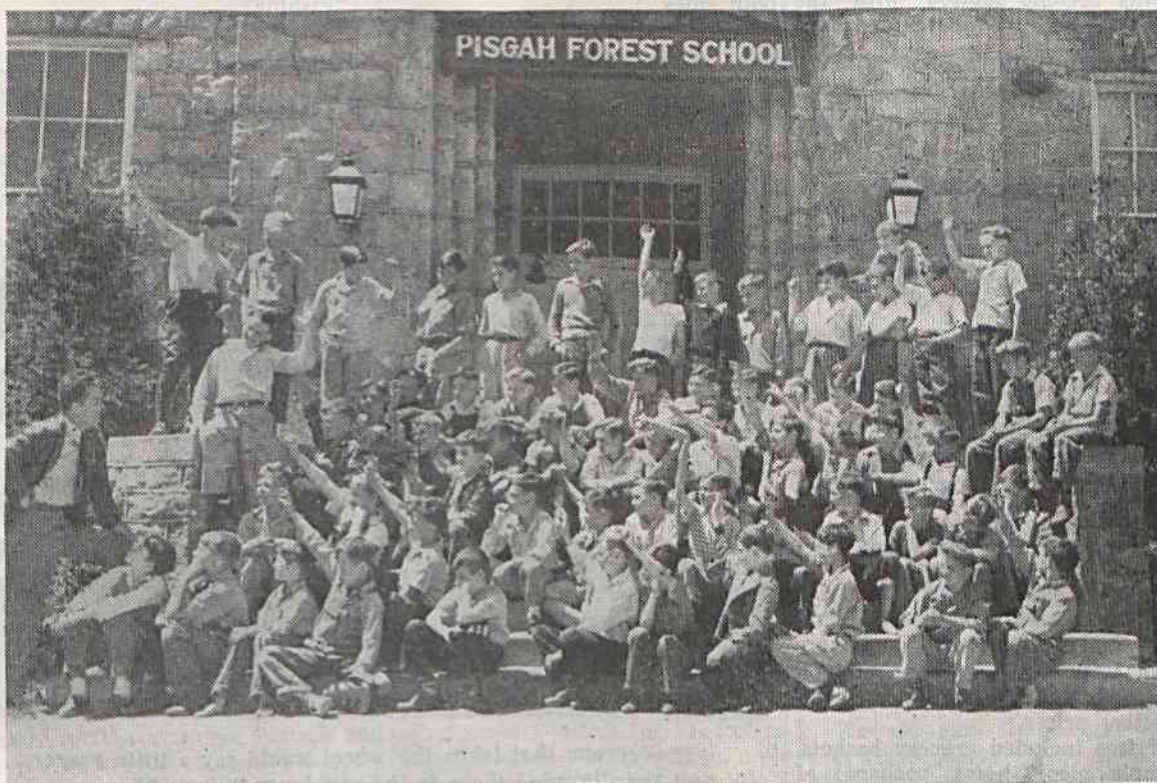
In the Control-Machine Room struggle, Holland Corn, of Control, whiffed nine while his teammates poured nine runs across the plate.

Inter-departmental League President



Leading the Inter-departmental Baseball League this season will be Hugh Bradburn of the Personnel department, and until recently in the Inspection department.

Future Baseball Stars Eager For Information On Game



Athletic Director Jack Alexander had to draw on all of his extensive baseball experience the other morning in order to answer the questions fired at him by the 75 youngsters shown above. They are students at the nearby Pisgah Forest school and many in the group are children of employees of our company. The story of Alexander's visit appears elsewhere on this page.