

MACHINE ROOM NEWS

By Burder Teague

Baseball! Yep a lot of the fellows are getting the fever now—baseball fever that is. Just a few more days and we will be seeing a lot of practice going on. Most all of us have seen our Ecusta team play, and we have seen some good playing. We are going to have a good team and the better we support them the better they will play. To you who haven't witnessed a departmental league game—you have really missed something. In these games you will also see some good ball playing, wonderful sportsmanship, and, well, anything can happen. For example, your reporter played a couple of games with the Machine Room last year, and they put him in right field (for 2 innings—that was enough). He was playing deep in the field, so he thought, and the batter hit one straight at him. Yes Sir! Just a nice little fly. It was dropping fast so he moved in. An easy out, he thought. We all know where the parking lot is. Somewhere between the parking lot and your fielder, the ball landed. That is what we mean when we say that anything can happen. He came in to the bench when the inning was over and one of the boys said, "That's C. K. Tough luck. Just a little misjudging." Yeah! Just a little misjudging—150 feet. Now that's what we call real sportsmanship. It really takes a lot out of a man to say that.

Anyway, to the ladies. Don't let your husband plant such a large garden for you to take care of this year, so that you can come down and enjoy the ball games.

We read an article about Australian weather that is ideal baseball weather. The outstanding thing about it is the long hours of sunshine. Official records show that on the days classed as "rainy" the sun shines for many hours, and no city gets less than 6 hours each day. Say! That would be a good place to spend our five days.

Vacations were enjoyed this month by Walter Warren and Billy Haynie.

John Collins wants to know if anyone has a 55 gallon fuel drum for sale. He needs it for a spare gas tank.

Got your garden plowed yet or your Spring hauling done? If not get in touch with—say! Wait a minute! The Echo doesn't have a want ad section so we can't tell you about Coy Fisher and Coy Owens. You'll just have to get in touch with them.

Cecil Albertson says that he has one of the fastest Fords in the country. If you are in doubt just ask Spurgeon Owen, as he has driven the car and knows what it will do.

Have you heard this one? The Missus: "Aren't those chimes melodiously beautiful, Such harmony. Enchanting. I just love them." George, "You'll

have to speak a little louder dear. Those bells are making such a daddurned racket that I can't hear a word you say."

Someone wrote that one of the queerest things about modern life is the number of people who are spending money they haven't got for things they don't want to impress people they can't stand the sight of.

Sherman Ducker is taking treatment at the Graylyn Hospital of the Bowman Gray School of Medicine at Winston-Salem. Hope he will be back with us soon.

Aren't you glad that your State Income Tax is paid for another year? Huh?

So long till baseball season.

INSPECTION NEWS

By Kenneth McDaris

Spring is really on its way. The boys have forgotten basketball and are talking baseball. Ray Byrd will manage the Control team this year. Among those who he is expecting out to help win the cup are David Sams, Rusty Carland, Roy Head, Holland Corn, Marshall Gillespie, Robert Jennings, Ernest Cagle, Odell Shook, James Clay, Rufus Odell, Melvin Atkinson, Charlie Whitmire, Wayne Nicholson, Hall Owens and Joe Lavel. If you know of a good player who is too bashful to come out for the team, contact Ray Byrd.

Rusty Carland assisted in coaching the Mills River boys' basketball team. He must have done a fine job as they were consistently in the winning column.

Earl Hall is a very popular fellow with the boys in the Brevard First Baptist Church. He is Royal Ambassador Counselor, and has 16 boys from nine to thirteen years of age.

Melvin Atkinson and family spent their vacation at Daytona Beach, Florida.

Robert Jennings and his family also enjoyed their vacation in Florida. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Buckner spent their vacation in Terre Haute, Indiana and Cincinnati, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Thorne recently visited a former shipmate of D. L.'s in Lavonia, Georgia. Fred Randolph, his son, J. C. and daughter, Kathleen have returned from Charleston, S. C. where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Souther. Mrs. Souther is Fred's daughter and she was formerly employed at Ecusta.

Burlas Ashe won \$10.00 worth of groceries in a contest put on by a local merchant. We'll be around to see you Burlas.

Richard Sheppard, Melvin Atkinson and Charlie Cox went on a week-end fishing trip to Lake Santeetlah. Howard Lawing raises pure bred dogs. He recently sold one to Walter "Farmer" Hutchins—a small rat terrier.

Ray Byrd sold his station wagon, and is now