

Annual Picnic Enjoyed By Five Thousand

After experiencing a rain-dampened Fourth of July weekend, Ecusta employees, their families and friends turned out in full force on Monday, July 5 for the annual picnic at Camp Straus. Attendance was estimated at over five thousand.

The day's festivities began at 9:30 A. M. with games, contests and other forms of entertainment for every age. Included on the program were foot races, pie eating contests, swimming races, checkers, shuffle board, boxing, horse shoe pitching, bingo, ping pong, a baby parade, tugs-of-war, and many others.

Top left (opp. page): One of the biggest attractions of the picnic were the bingo games. Inset: Ecusta's O. K. Smathers gave an exhibition of championship archery at 1:15 P. M. Bottom left:

Highlights of the picnic were the archery exhibition by O. K. Smathers (Electric Shop, Paper Division), State, Southern and Southeastern Archery Champion, the abbreviated-by-rain baseball game between Ecusta and Hazelwood, and the appearance of "Miss North Carolina of 1953" (Miss Ann Crockett of Winston-Salem), who threw out the first pitch of the game. A heavy thunder-shower ended the game in the sixth inning with Ecusta behind 3-0.

A list of first and second place winners in the various contests follows on pages six and seven.

Winners in the pie-eating contest — Bill Rogers, Brenda Bostic, and Joey McCall. Below: A scene from the men's underwater swimming contest, won by Jason Smith. Ray Lamont finished second.

