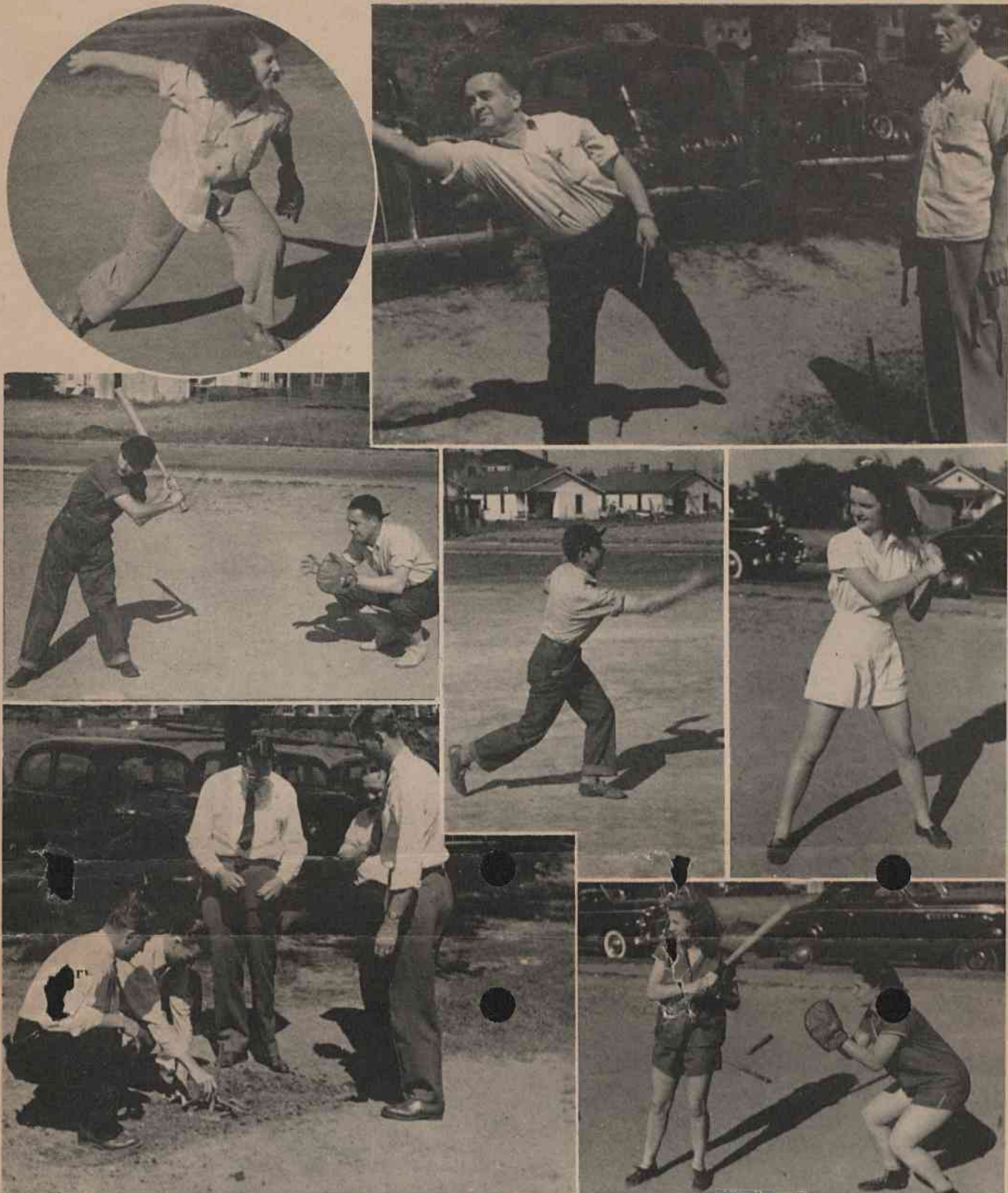


PLANTS SPORTS ROUND-UP

TEAMS OF PLANTS RECEIVE HONORS



High Point Weaving's spring and summer program calls for a lot of horseshoe pitching. At any lunch hour many observers sit with that "believe it or not" expression as ringer after ringer is thrown. In scene above, Mike Tuttle is showing Jack Holland how it's done. The other group is trying to settle on the results.

This includes Herb Younts, R. J. Beane, Charlie Doby, Hal Ballard, and Mike Tuttle. No, sir — that's not a posed picture! Delphine Thornton, one of Hillcrest ace pitchers, is shown above as she winds up to deliver a fast curve. Lucille Culler is still in there swinging with Mary Lou Thornton doing the catching.

Judith Evans keeps her eye on the ball as the pitch is made. Harvey French, well-known for his fast balls, is shown above as he puts one over for a strike. Shown above is catcher and manager, "Demp" Lassiter and Johnny Clapp, lead off man for the Hillcrest boys' softball team.

HILLCREST TEAMS BEGIN NEW SOFTBALL SEASON

In spring everybody's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of sports — and Hillcrest is no exception.

The boys have suddenly developed a great interest in sports. Practices and meetings are being held very frequently and big plans are being made for the boys' softball team. The team will be coached by John Gibson and managed by "Demp" Lassiter. "Coach" Gibson says, "I haven't fully decided what my starting line-up will be, but we have some good material and I expect to put a good team on the field." Gibson will be remembered by those who attended the girls' softball games last year as chief of the cheering section. The boys who are trying out for the team are as follows: Tom Davis, Robert Hicks, Grady Jones, James Vestal, Elden Driggers, Kermit Evans, W. A. Hall, John Clapp, George Weiss, Charlie Towery, Roy Towery, Jack McMahan, Harvey

French, and "Demp" Lassiter.

The girls at Hillcrest are getting everything lined up for a softball team again this year. We are hoping to have even a better team than we did last year. We have several newcomers this year which should strengthen our team quite a lot. We now have the two Thornton girls, Mary Lou and Delphine, along with Minnie Brown who pitched the Hillcrest girls into the City Championship last year. Of course, Manager Mary Fender, Edna Bowman, Edith Miller and Lucille Culler will all be back in there again this year. Keep an eye on the bulletin board for announcements as to when the games will start.

We still need several more players so girls, come on out and play ball. It's good exercise and lots of fun, too.

A naughty youngster hid under the bed to avoid a whipping from his mother. When his father came home, he was told of the lad's mischief, and as he crawled under the bed after him, the boy whispered, "Is she after you, too, dad?"

SPRING IS HERE

As I was looking out the back window of the Weave Room this morning, when I should have been at work here are some of the things I saw:

It rained last night, and as I looked the sun came from behind a cloud and sent its bright rays gleaming down in the valley just below me. The grass was mowed yesterday and it looked like a blanket of smooth green velvet. The rain drops on the grass were catching the first rays of sunshine and they gleamed and sparkled like a cluster of thousands of diamonds, and in the center of this blanket of green velvet covered with diamonds, I see an artificial pool built in a circle about twenty feet across. The water seems to be about twelve inches deep. This pool is surrounded by cedar trees about 10 feet high and under these trees there are several seats built from slabs of stone. My, what a fine place that would be to sit and let your feet dangle in the cool water of the pool on a hot summer day.

The landscape is dotted here and

Tuesday night, April 10, the Hillcrest girls' softball team of 1944, and High Point Weaving's basketball team were guests at the annual Athletic Dinner sponsored by the Y. M. C. A., which was held at the Wesley Memorial Church. The ladies of the church served dinner to the group of approximately 250 people.

T. V. Rochelle, president of the Y. M. C. A. served as Master of Ceremonies. Bronson Matney, Jr., president of the Senior Class at High Point High School, sang several popular songs, accompanied at the piano by Marie Strother.

Rev. Wilbur Hutchens, pastor of the First Baptist Church in High Point, was the principle speaker, using as his topic, "Seeing It Through." His theme was never to give up but always to "fight one more round" even when the going is tough.

Mr. Rochelle recognized Edgar Hartley, who for many years has been secretary of the Y. M. C. A. Everyone was asked to stand in tribute to Major Lloyd Whitley, who was killed on Iwo Jima in March. Lloyd was formerly Physical Education Director at the Y.

Awards and trophies were presented by Roy Braden, city manager, to approximately 185 winners and runners up in various sports during 1944. The girls' softball team of Hillcrest received 15 gold balls for winning the City Championship in 1944. Those present were Mary Fender, Marie Darby, Edna Bowman, Antilee Dirkins, Lucille Culler, Edith Miller, Judith Evans, Jackie Williams and Minnie Brown. Those receiving balls, but not present at the dinner were Iris Ellington, Kathleen Slives, Mary Edith Surratt, and Sallie Kernodle.

Those present from High Point and who received gold basketballs were "Dub" Stroud, June A., Jack Hipps, J. E. Hipps, Vernon, Ed Marsh (now serving in the Navy), Albert Jones, Arthur Jones, Hal Ballard, and Paul Spencer, manager.

In addition to this, gold basketballs were awarded to "Dub" Stroud and Hal Ballard as an additional honor in being selected on the All Star Team. Finally, Hal was awarded the sportsmanship trophy for his conduct during the basketball season as that person displaying the best sportsmanship.

there with evergreen shrubbery and as I look about 80 feet to the left of the pool, I see a cydonia bush all ablaze with beautiful red blossoms. Through the center of this paradise, there is a small stream running, which I shall call the babbling brook. The bank of the stream is lined with large weeping willow trees gently waving their long tresses in the early morning breeze and on beyond these there are several magnolia trees. In the extreme right-hand corner, I see a peach tree in full bloom and as I look to the extreme left, I can see several large trees, too far away to identify. They are just turning green. Indeed, everything seems to say that Spring is here, to wake up and be beautiful.

As I look far beyond all this, I can see the steeple of Calvary Methodist Church rising above the housetops and I think — with God and man working together, what a beautiful world we could make. But in the midst of reverie, I hear a loud yell. Un-oh! Garfield Wall has a loom out of fix. I gotta go to work now.

—J. R. Shelton.

Kid at Zoo: "Why is that kangaroo crying?"

Bored Visitor: "Her little son ran away and left her holding the bag."