

LOUIS MAY RETIRE AFTER THREE FIGHTS SPORTING WORLD

FOUR INK SPOTS SUE "APES"



Nationally famed quartet, their style. Impersonating the according to a letter from Moe songsters the copyists are alleged Gale, Inc., are suing a popular ed to have worked the entire Southern four for grabbing a state of Florida.—Ted Yates date from them, and "aping"

The Sports Bazaar

By Wm. A. Tuck



THIS TIME IT'S REALLY TRUE. Spring is here and so is softball. These Durham boys and girls have been really taking their softball seriously during the past few days in spite of the frequent April showers that cause them to cut their softball practice sessions short. It's the same story this spring, all of the vacant lots are full of member of this and that team (in the making) and neighboring window glasses are really in danger.

One evidence of how seriously Durhamites are taking their softball this season has been the timely and wise organization of a softball league among the race teams in the city. Ten leading softball teams were represented at their first meeting THAT THE GROUP had at the city hall last Tuesday night and they are extremely anxious that the high type of team spirit and sportsmanship exist among the various teams throughout the season.

If managed correctly (and it will be) this league is going a higher plane. The games will no longer be robbed of their color by low type arguments and "discussions" that broke up a game or two last season. Games will not be broken up because some member of an "enemy" team fails to return fouled balls. Several other fallacies of last year's games are going to be eliminated this season because at Tuesday's meeting the fellows decided to have a high and mighty Commissioner of softball whose decisions in disputes will be final and who, if necessary will suspend any player or team that goes against the rules and ethics of the softball league.

HILLSIDE PARK TO BE LIGHTED

IF THE CITY COUNCIL gives the recreation department lights for the Hillside Park, the lights are going to be beneficial in more than one respect. Not only will lights at the park allow the playing of two or three more softball games after seven o'clock but they will also keep a few more of the city's boys and girls out of some of the "mischiefs" that some of them got into last summer.

Here's hoping that the petitions that almost everyone in town have signed will bring results in the form of lights.

NAMES MAKES NEWS

AMONG OTHER THINGS, the national high school basketball tournament at Fayetteville a fortnight ago served to show that the most popular name among the nations representatives is the name of JOHNSON.

Langford And Johnson Lauded By Writer

BY MABE KOUNTZE BOSTON, (A N P) — "Among the great warriors of the Queensberry arena whose names are inscribed on the scroll of pugilistic fame, that of Sam Langford, the battle scarred colored hero of many hard-fought battles, shines with dearest lustre."

There you have the lead-off chapter tribute as written in "Black Dynamite," the amazing and authentic series of Negro boxing history compiled by none other than Nat Fleischer, editor of Ring Magazine. Each book is attractively illustrated and exciting.

Exciting enough is Langford's ring record of over 250 battles. And this fighter who "wasn't even a middleweight, according to modern standards" fought anybody, big or small. He even fought Jack Johnson!

Put up a chair and read that Nat Fleischer writes about this as he quotes the N. Y. Police Gazette in his book, "Okay Well: "With a gallantry and capacity for punishment that seemed beyond the powers of a human being, Sam Langford, the colored fighter, weighing 156 pounds, tied 15 rounds at the Lincoln A. C., of Chelsea, Mass., on April 26, with Jack Johnson, who outweighed Sam by about 30 pounds. Johnson assailed 125 pounds. Johnson gave Langford a terrible beating and was a

Hornets End Spring Practice Softball League, Organized

Tournament Ends Cage Season

BY ED GLEED JACKSON, N. C. — The basketball season of the High Schools and elementary schools of Northampton County was a dramatic close here on last Saturday with the upset victory of Rich Square High School over Seaboard High. This victory by William S. Creecy High is even more than sensational because for over a quarter of the game Creecy High was forced to play with only four men on the floor. Despite this obstacle, this hard fighting little team came through with a 25 to 15 win.

The unquestionably superior Girls High School team from Garysburg more than doubled the score in their final game with the girls from Seaboard High, the final score being 37-14.

In the elementary division, the girls team from Conway ended on top by defeating the Jackson girls 26-16. In the final game between the boys of the elementary division we saw a wonderful exhibition of ball handling. Jackson's cagers came from behind in the third quarter and went on to win by the close score of 29-26 from Allen Chapel Blue Devils.

TWENTY-EIGHT TEAMS COMPETE

There were twenty eight teams competing in this year's tournament. This is quite a bit difference from the first tournament which was held ten years ago with only four teams competing. The tournaments are sponsored by the Extra-Curricular Activities Association which is composed of the teachers of Northampton County. This association has as its President, R. M. Earl, Principal at Garysburg. Mr. Earl is a graduate of Shaw University. J. N. Gill, Vice president of the Association is the principal of Coates High School of Seaboard. J. M. Lawrence, Principal of Jackson Elementary school was the manager of the tournament. Other members of the association are J. H. Bullock, D. Bell, G. N. Reid, H. McManus, Hollis Creecy, Mrs. C. E. Clark. The men named above also officiated during the tournament.

Northampton County has a right to be proud of its Association for its is very versatile in its activities. It sponsors all sports activities as well as dramatics, debating, Glee Clubs, Oratorical Contests, and Field Days.

If you could see just what these men have to work with, you would appreciate the work.

awarded the decision." But the story which you'll find in "Black Dynamite" shows that Langford who was born in Weymouth, Nova Scotia, March 4, 1826.

"As a middleweight, not even the renowned Stanley Ketchel, one of the dearest hitters that ever shocked an opponent into

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Representatives Of City Softball Leagues Gather

BY WILLIAM "SMILING" TUCK DURHAM — The representatives of ten softball teams of the city gathered in the city hall on the night of Tuesday, April 9, for the formation and organization of a citywide softball league. The main purpose of this organization will be to create more uniformity in the matter of selection and use of players for the individual teams and for more regularity in the making of schedules. Officers of the league were elected at this initial meeting and the teams represented were recorded as members.

Donald Love was unanimously elected to head the organization as president and assisting him will be Parham Donnell as vice-president. Milton Johnson is secretary of the organization with W. S. Taylor as assistant; Charles Joyner was elected treasurer and Lathrop Alton, director of public information.

Members of the executive committee of which the president is automatically a member are: George I. Woody, Earl Lambeth, Theodore "Ted" Stroud, and J. T. Tucker.

Aside from the election of officers, the main topic for discussion was the admission of a

Monarchs Begin Training In Tex.

Special to the TIMES MARSHALL, Texas — The Kansas City Monarchs, 1940 Champions of the Negro American Baseball League arrived here this week to prepare for the 1940 season. The Club will use the Wiley College Park for their training field.

Manager Andy Cooper, who has been in charge of the club for the past three seasons, feels confident that the Monarchs will be in the thick of the fight for the 1940 pennant. It has always been the policy of the Monarch management to give young players a chance, and this season more than 15 young rookies reported to Manager Cooper on his arrival at the Texas Camp for a trial with the 1940 champions.

One of the most promising rookie pitchers, is Lefty Bryant, who hails from Kansas City, Missouri. Lefty has made a great record for the past two seasons, pitching for the All Nations Baseball Club and several other semi-pro clubs. He also participated in the Wichita Kansas National Semi-Pro Clubs and Tournament, winning the only

to games he pitched against the best clubs in the tournament. It is expected that Bryant will be heard from before the season gets along the way. Several of the other youngsters were members of the Satchel Paige's All Stars under the management of Newt Joseph, former star pitcher, who expects to join Manager Cooper in a few days to help condition the club, feels confident that several of his last season youngsters will make it hard for the regulars this season.

Hilton Smith, the Monarch's Pitching ace, and one of the leading pitchers in Negro Baseball, who has been made several offers to play this season in Mexico, turned all offers down and is now in camp. Smith played winter baseball in Cuba this winter and reported in mid-season form. Several exhibition games have been scheduled before the opens the regular season at Birmingham, May 12. The Monarchs will open their home season at Kansas City, May 26th.

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Attention Drawn To Softball

DURHAM — The athletic department of Hillside Park High school has turned its attention to spring football and spring football are things of the past. Coach H. Riddick has responded to the requests of many student softball enthusiasts and has consented to lead in the organization of a team. Possibly there will be several teams and intra-mural games will feature recess hours as well as some of the vacant afternoon hours.

If Hillside team is definitely made a member of the citywide softball league their games will be played against other members of the league, naturally, but there will be mainly intramurals if the team is not admitted.

ENTERTAIN—

CHARLOTTE — The Lovely Eight Social club entertained at a Dinner party at the home of Mrs. Lucille Torrence on South McDowell St. Thursday evening. A variety of early spring flowers were arranged throughout the home. Games were enjoyed during the evening, after which a delicious two course chicken dinner with all accessories were served. Members present were: Mesdames Mary Stitt, president, Please turn to page seven

TEN TEAMS REPRESENTED

The teams that had representatives at Tuesday's meeting were Royal Athletic Club, W. S. Taylor; Waltham, Donald Love; Barq's Yankees, J. T. Tucker; Elites, Charles Joyner; Albright Yankees, W. Hayes; Three C's, Samuel Nance; Olympic Juniors, Chester Webb; Businessmen, John Long for Lathrop Alton; Bucco Meers, John Long for Arthur Morris.

The next meeting of the league will be held in about two weeks at the city hall after the executive committee has had time to meet.

Champ May Face Godoy Again In June

NEW YORK (ANP) — Joe Louis, heavyweight champion who completely annihilated Johnny Paycheck in less than two rounds in Madison Square Garden a week ago Friday night, will have only three more fights and then retire from the ring — as undefeated champ. This was revealed by a source close to Promoter Mike Jacobs this week.

The three-fight program, the source stated, did not include another Garden fight because of the poor gate at the Paycheck bout. This is the probable line-up of the three pre-retirement bouts:

Arturo Godoy, probably in Yankee stadium the latter part of June. (2) Either Bob Pastor or the winner of the Tony Galento-Maxie Baer bout slated for Jersey City on May 28. This battle will take place in New York or Detroit in September. (3) A Yankee stadium battle in June, 1941, against Billy Conn, current light-heavy champ and the man Jacobs would like to have succeed Louis.

Promoter Jacobs said to the informant: "Louis has a huge net worth and his money well invested. Owing close to a million he doesn't think kindly of getting hit much more and is aching to forget all about the ring. Three fights are what he wants and he will get them. Each of them is a big money shot and will bring him a small fortune."

Altho Louis left for Detroit this week he will return to New York on May 1 when he is scheduled to start work on a picture called "The Sign of the Zombi" in a Bronx Studio under the direction of Producer Sherman

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