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## Comments on Kannapolis Baseball

### Kannapolis Will Duplicate Last Year's Performance of Winning Western Title; Gibson Will Win Out in State Amateur Chase, Maybe.

(BY JAZZY MOORE)

Kannapolis, March 11.—Local fires were kindled under baseball's boiling pot Monday when a script in The Tribune read that Mr. Sidney J. Basinger had been re-elected manager of the Gibson Mill's diamond dusters for the ensuing season.

And from every nook and cranny of the neighboring town of Concord saunter interesting dope that the Concordians will seize all laurels and emoluments ere the curtain descends in September. The clan, it is said, is fastly plastering together a foundation for Carolina's leading sandlotters.

Sir Sidney himself will romp, skip and jump around his favorite post, the keystone bag, flashing the class that made him outstanding in 1925. Quite naturally Sir Sid would select a position directly behind the umpire because they can snarl and snort and try to talk the arbiter out of a decision. On several occasions last summer we became desperately serious when the hot-headed Sidney entered an argument on the local diamond. Finally he came to be as unwelcome as a squabble from a Kannapolis standpoint—as Colonel Mitchell at the White House.

Peanut Hatley has been kidnapped from the University of North Carolina to rustle around in the left pasture for fly chasing chores. If one of Sir Sid's boxmen should allow an enemy batsman to bombard the agate from the infield, Mr. Clemmer will be plucked from the faculty of Maiden high, where he is employed to teach the youngsters there to play ball in the championship manner Gibson does. To wear the mit and the mask in the lineup. He caused a world of nightmares to North Carolina twirlers last campaign. Then there is Harry Harrell, a jewel infielder, who performed with the Cabarrus metropolitans during his 1925 exploration of geography. And still another, Johnny Boggs, inner defense star, who will bring fancy credentials to the Gibson vassals from his previous haunts.

It tickled the fancy of the Gibson boss when he announced this number of the lineup. But when he stated that his hirelings will have a spick-span park to play in. No longer will be the baked surface of Gibson field divert hart hit balls into infielders' faces and turn hard fought games into fielding farces. Needless to say the park will be when completed, far more modern than the Cabarrus Park in Kannapolis.

**Kannapolis Wears Western Coronets.**

Just seven miles from this wonderful city and its extraordinary team of baseballers is Kannapolis, and when there is talk of a title in this state the local outfit is worthy of profound respect. It was Kannapolis, not Concord, that annexed the title last year of being the smartest club of ball players in the western part of North Carolina. It was Kannapolis, not Gibson, that had over half of its personnel selected for the mythical all-state nine. And it was Kannapolis, not Basinger's crew, that sent more players to professional contingents than any other aggregation of amateurs in the entire state of North Carolina, South Carolina or Georgia.

If the locals behave in the sensational style they revealed last year when the neighbors are apt to have their plans punctured, although at the present writing the city needs a ball club no more than a Charleston luncheon needs feet.

Unlike Concord, local directors have failed to get together to talk plans for the approaching season. Three meetings have been scheduled and a trio of meetings have been postponed. But the President's illness accounts for that.

As mentioned before only a couple men have affixed their signatures to the dotted line, these being Peck Wood and Homer Fink. You can bet your last dollar Kannapolis will be among those present when the leaders of Tarheelia are named. Not because Kannapolis is generally conceded the best baseball town in the world but for the simple reason that Ed Lady, Clinton Powell and John Carpenter are responsible for the team's success.

The directorate must elect a manager for the Kannapolis and when this gent is chosen he must show some speed to open the season the first week in May. He must upholster his slab sofa. He must trim up the shrubbery in the suburbs where the flies are hit. He must tinker with his infield and catching department. He must put the playing field in order. He must book an attractive menu of games for the home folks. Otherwise the home pilot will have so much leisure he is apt to be bored to death.

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## DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION APRIL 9.

Princet Meetings to Be Held April 17 and County Conventions One Week Later.

Raleigh, March 10.—The democratic state executive committee tonight fixed April 9 as the date and Raleigh as the place for the democratic state convention, after voting down a motion that it go to Durham.

Only 31 of the 120 members of the committee were present, but a majority of the absent ones were represented by proxy.

The committee called the precinct meetings to be held April 17 and the county conventions for April 24, with an urgent appeal for the committee to have the convention go there. Sumter Brawley, Walter H. Bugg, Dr. J. M. Manning, Prof. R. L. Flowers and Lieutenant Governor J. Elmer Long urged the committee to give other cities of the state a chance to get acquainted with the annual gatherings of the democrats, feeling that it was time to move after holding all the meetings for the past 16 years in Raleigh.

After the roll call had reached through the first seven districts, with the vote standing 49 to 18 in favor of Raleigh, the proxies voting heavy for the capital, the Durham folks withdrew their motion and moved to make the choice of Raleigh unanimous.

In addition to fixing the time and place of the state convention and the time for the precinct and county conventions, the committee unanimously adopted by a rising vote a resolution extending to Senator F. M. Simmons "heartily congratulations for his magnificent victory in the tax reduction fight." The resolution was presented by Judge Walter E. Brock, of Winston-Salem.

## Post and Flagg's Cotton Letter.

New York, March 10.—The outstanding feature of the market today was the expiration of the March contract. Fifty-four notices in all were issued and were stopped by a prominent spot house. Evening up operations in that option kept the market in a state of a fair activity, but after 12 o'clock the market became dull and heavier.

Worth street reports are pessimistic and predictions of lower spot cotton and goods prices are being made, as the demand is not nearly keeping up with production. Sentiment remains rather bearish on the floor, but outside interest in the market is so small that no wide swings are expected until, of course, something new develops.

## POST AND FLAGG.

Canadians last year ate an average of 312 eggs apiece, according to statistics made public by the Dominion Department of Agriculture. Domestic production totalled 237,000,000 dozen, representing an increase of 10,000,000 over the previous year.

The International Brotherhood of Bookbinders will hold its annual convention at Des Moines in July.

## HOLLYWOOD SCORNS WELL-DRESSED MAN

Golf Pants, Open-Throated Shirt and Sweater is Vogue.

Hollywood, March 11.—Men dress cheaper in Hollywood than anywhere in America. They never wear hats in the cinema capital. Day and night everyone runs about hatless. Even at dress affairs, the men appear with out chapeaus.

The ever-popular dress in Hollywood today is golf pants, open-throated shirt and a light sweater. Neckties are never worn.

Overcoats, spats, neck-scars, and other effects considered essential for the well-dressed man are carefully scorned in Hollywood.

In fact, should a screen director or actor appear in public "dressed up" he would get a good laugh from his friends. And to wear ordinary trousers and a hat is a positive indication of servility.

## ITALIAN PRESS BECOMES A SERVILE INSTITUTION

Wannamaker Thinks That No Good Has Come of the Mussolini Dictatorship.

Durham, March 10.—Suppression of all personal liberty, including freedom of the press and free speech, in Italy by the fascist movement, is a result of the ambition of Mussolini, stated Olin D. Wannamaker, executive secretary of Princeton in Peking, and former investigator in Italy for Princeton university, in an address at Duke university here last night.

The speaker stated that his years of travel and study in Italy have convinced him that practically no good has come out of the Mussolini dictatorship, and that his rule has utterly crushed the spirit of personal liberty and reduced the Italian press to contemptible servility.

## YOUNG WOMAN MEETS DEATH BY DROWNING

Miss Annie Ward Falls Into Creek Within City Limits of Rockingham.

Rockingham, March 10.—An unusual case of drowning occurred here this afternoon about 3 o'clock. Miss Annie Ward, a young woman of the Great Falls mill village, was fishing on the banks of Hitchcock creek, within the incorporate limits of the town, when she evidently suffered an epileptic stroke or convulsion. At any rate she fell face forward into the water. By the time help arrived her pulse was so weak that effort to resuscitate her were of no avail and she died on the creek bank within a few minutes after being pulled from the water.

There were launched throughout the world last year—excluding ships of under 100 tons gross—855 merchant vessels of 2,193,404 tons. Of these 342 vessels of 1,084,033 tons were built in Great Britain and Ireland.

A century ago the average hours of labor of the workers in England were eighty-four per week; now they are forty-four.

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