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TEN CENTS

Home Team Drops Two Tough Games In This Last Week

Seals Thrills Stands With Fouls And Hit

Southern Pines Baseball Team has lost the last two games, when with a little luck both would have been won.

Last Saturday the game with Siler City, leaders in the League, was dropped at Siler City 5-3. Southern Pines had 12 men left on bases to Siler City's 5, and rapped out eleven hits to Siler City's seven. More of everything—except runs.

The game Wednesday with Robbins was another heart-breaker. Southern Pines came from behind with the score 4-0 in the fifth, getting three runs in the last of the sixth when Newton and Pate each hit clean singles, and Worsham after two wild swings connected to drive in both runners and scored himself on Seals' single through the same hole between second and short. Then in the last of the eighth Newton popped out to short, Vest hit a single through 1st and 2nd, Worsham was walked, putting men on first and second. Dunn sacrificed, advancing the runners to second and third and Seals steps up to the plate.

Seals put on as exciting an exhibition as the Southern Pines park has seen in many a moon. He fouled a close one down the first base line, fouled the next even closer down the third base line, and then another hair-splitting foul down the first base line. With the winning runs on second and third the stands were having a field day. Seals fouled a couple more, let three balls go by, and the count was three and two. With that he up and smacks out a clean single that scored Vest and brought galloping Worsham in with what should have been the winning run, putting Southern Pines ahead 5-4.

In the first of the ninth Red Howell tried too hard for a fly that should have been the center fielders and missed it. Joe Stutts of Robbins hit a clean single to left field, driving in the tying run, making the score 5-5.

Red Howell, in the last of the ninth, hit what looked like a sure single, but the second baseman leaped high in the air, caught it, and robbed him. Newton got to first on a wild pitch by short, but there the threat ended.

The first of the tenth started fine for Southern Pines with Enloe getting called out and not liking the ump one bit for it. The ump caught it from both sides all through the game, and although many of the decisions looked mighty raw, they were raw against both sides. Following Enloe, Lowdermilk reached down and blasted one from the grass-tops for a single to right field. McSwain singled, advanced Lowdermilk to second and Hartsoe, leading batter for Robbins, drove a double to deep center, scoring two runs and putting Robbins ahead 7-5.

The last of the tenth was over in a hurry. Worsham was called out for his second strike out, Dunn beat out a drive to short-stop, and stole second with a flying slide. But on the next play the game was over. Seals hit to third who tagged Dunn and threw Seals out at first for a double play. Another tough one lost by the home team, but nothing was lost in excitement for the stands.

SQUARE DANCE TONIGHT

Floyd McArthur and his all-electric Lucky Strike Band will be on hand to provide music for a square dance at the new Lakeview pavilion tonight, Friday, July 19, according to an announcement by the Jimmy Allen's, owners-operators. The music will start around nine o'clock.

Pate On Paris-Munich Hop Finds "GCA" A Lifesaver

1st Lt. Arthur Pate dropped by the PILOT last Saturday to see his ex-G. I. brother Jim, but as all printers will tell you if you ask, or even if you don't, they were busy back on the presses and Jim couldn't give younger brother Arthur much time.

"Go on up in the front where they never work" said Jim with noble scorn. So Lt. Pate came up front where we were having tea and crumpets and saccarine. Lt. Pate had a juicy steak in tow, but never loosened his firm grip on it.

One thing led to another, a few Pacific memories swapped for ones of London, Paris, and Munich. Then Lt. Pate got to talking about a mission when he had had to fly a C-47 through thick stratus clouds and ice from Paris to Munich, landing by the new GCA (ground control approach) that promises to revolutionize blind flying. It has already saved lots of lives, and Lt. Pate had five passengers with him who never saw the ground until after they'd felt the plan land.

Said Pilot Pate: "At Paris the weather wasn't too good. But they told me I'd top it at 7500 and be in the clear. . . but at 9500 I was still in the soup."

After I got out from Paris maybe 75 miles I went in between layers, still plenty of weather but you could see the cloud layers.

"When I got over the Rhine—

you can always tell that even if you can't see the gornud because of the hills that rise about 4500 feet giving you build up cumulus over the area—well, it was soupy but smooth on to Munich. When I got down near Munich somebody was on the Munich frequency sending code. I got worried because about 80 miles past Munich the Alps rise 6 to 8,000 feet. The code coming in caused my radio compass to swing, but I was only using it for a check. The closer I got the clearer the signal got and I knew exactly when I came over the cone.

"They told me to fly over the North Leg, and right then I had about three minutes of clear vision, saw it snowing on the ground. The soup closed in tight again.

"The tower switched me over to GCA. GCA picked me up on their radar scope and gave me direct headings to fly and the procedure on letting down to traffic altitude.

"They kept telling me. 'Have you in sight now, have you in sight now' and then 'Pick up heading seven zero degrees'. I knew I was flying parallel with the runway then. The next heading was 160 and after that 350 and then they told me 'You're on your base leg now.'

"You head into the runway about seven miles out, holding your altitude and coming in at (Continued from Page 5)

"AIN'T HOT!"

Wednesday's baseball game had the ump of umps. Not only did Southern Pines call him every name on the books, under and over their breaths, but so did Robbins. Said ump is no doubt holed up in some dark cave plotting dire and dirty decisions. Height of that sad ump's unpopularity with Robbins came when he called foul a close and important drive over third base. The whole Robbins bench took to the field. The batter even went to where the fleet-footed Harper was calling for one and all to come see where the ball had hit. The batter looked at the mark, touched the mark, then disclaimed its veracity. "It ain't hot", said he.

Resort Airlines' First "Sky Cruise" Now in Hollywood

America's first "Sky Cruise" took to the air last Saturday at 3 p.m. The Resort Airlines 21-passenger Douglas Luxury Liner rolled down the runway at the Newark Airport, took off and the trip was on.

Aboard the Resort Airline plane, in addition to its regular quota of vacation passengers, was a writer and photographer from Holiday Magazine to record with film and ink the sixteen-day cruise that will cover more miles with less actual travelling time than any cruise has ever done before. Only forty-four hours are actually spent in the air, covering six thousand five hundred miles.

This luxury cruise will touch many of the leading vacation spots in America. Chattanooga is the first stop after the New York takeoff. The cruise passengers put up at the famous Spanish-Moorish Lookout Mountain Hotel, and from there, go on the next day across the heart of America to the swank La Fonda Hotel in Santa Fe, where the charm of the sixteenth century still lingers. The day following, time is rolled even further back into the past with a trip through native villages and the Rio Grand Canyon to Taos.

Day after day, the United States rapidly unfurls with long stops that let the Sky Cruise passengers spend many hours doing as they please in Los Angeles, Hollywood, San Francisco, Fresno, Reno, Salt Lake City, Yellowstone, Rapid City, and then over Niagara back to New York.

Less than two days have been spent in the air, while fourteen days have been spent seeing and enjoying the finest America has to offer in resorts.

Resort Airlines, with its home field at Knollwood, has started in these "Sky Cruises" what may become one of the favorite vacation cruises in the U. S.

YDC Books Cherry For Rally Aug 27

Governor Gregg Cherry has tentatively accepted the invitation accorded him by the Moore County Young Democratic Club to speak at the 8th District rally. President Clifton Blue stated that he has also received confirmations from Lt. Gov. L. Y. Balentine and Bill Umstead, State Democratic Chairman.

The rally, to be held at the Club Chaifonte on the Pinehurst Aberdeen highway on August 27th, is being given by the Moore club for all young democrats in the 8th district.

From advance ticket sales President Blue warns all that wish to attend to secure their tickets early. Reservations are limited to 200.

BEST PAID

American Seamen are by far the best paid sailors in the world.

Youngsters Sports Offer Many And Varied Activities

Several Tournaments Ready For Play Off

At last Saturday's Community Center dance for the young people, two Southern Pines youngsters stepped up to the ping pong table before a crowd of about sixty teen-agers and stepped down as champs of the younger set. Pauline Nichols captured the girls' title, defeating Rebecca McCue, while Ted York snatched the laurels from Jack Spring for the boy's crown. The winners received five theatre tickets, and the runner-ups three.

Plans are now under way for a mixed doubles ping pong tournament for the boys and girls of the community.

Badminton

Starting Monday, July 22, a badminton tournament will get under way. Any who are interested in battling the "bird" and have not yet signed up at the Community Center should do so before Monday.

Tennis

The Tennis Tournament for any and all comers of all ages is not yet a closed proposition. If you want to see what you can do in a tournament, go sign up and find out. They're still taking entries, so there's still time.

Kids Baseball

If things work out the way A. C. Dawson thinks they will, the Sandhills will see a kids baseball team of Southern Pines fight it out on the diamond with other kids ball teams from Pinehurst and Aberdeen. J. W. Harbison of Pinehurst says he believes he can get a team to face the local tots.

Boxing

The tennis lights may soon look down on a scene of carnage galore if the present trend materializes. The youngsters are going out for boxing in a big way. Much of this enthusiasm is due to the excellent (Continued on Page 8)

AIR-MINDED HAYBLE

Gene Hayble of the Sandwich Shop has been under instruction by Harold Backman for the past two years and has now received his pilot license from the C. A. C. He has on order one of the new single engine Ercoupes. Why not an autogyro, Gene, and make hot breakfast deliveries to bedroom windows? This modern age, tsk. tsk.

NEW SCOUT MASTER

1st Lt. Tom Shockley is the new Scoutmaster of the Southern Pines Troop 73 of the Boy Scouts of America. Shockley will command the respect and interest of the Boy Scouts for his paratrooper war record, as well as for his excellent work with boys.

Lt. Shockley fought in every major paratroop campaign from North Africa to Normandy.

Vets: M C Hospital Is 'Way Overcrowded. Read This Carefully Before Going There

The Moore County Hospital is by far one of the busiest places in the Sandhills. There are not enough nurses, barely enough doctors to take care of the too many patients that pour in there constantly, knowing that at MC Hospital they can rely on getting as good medical care as they can get anywhere in the State.

Now, veterans can also get excellent care free at the Moore County Hospital. But the veteran can not just walk in, say "Here I am" and get that care.

To be admitted to the Moore County Hospital for free vet care the veteran must have a service connected disability of such emergency nature that he can not be transported to a regular Veterans Hospital. He must also ask for authorization from the VA in Winston Salem within 24 hours of the time the emergency arises.

Worst Lightning Storm In Years Crackles and Booms About Sandhills

SAD STATE

Peaches is dynamite! That's the general opinion of what a peach story right now is in the Sandhills, because peaches are in a very sorry way for the majority of growers, and peach growers are famous for having very soft skins like peaches at such times.

One peach mogul, sorrowfully looking at a dismal world, said in a voice dripping tears: "If you printed what's happening to the peaches in the Sandhills you'd not have a subscriber!"

Two words tell the sad fate of what the relentless rains have done to many orchards this last week: Brown Rot.

AVC Softballers

Win One, Lose One Improvement Seen

The A. V. C. Softball Team of Southern Pines split two games last week. Playing over at West End last Wednesday in a twilight game they defeated West End by a score of 16 to 0 as Harry Chatfield pitched one hit ball and the AVC team knocked out 15 hits for 16 runs. However, at Aberdeen on Friday the A. V. C. team lost a loosely played game to Aberdeen by the score of 13 to 6. Due to a slow beginning at the start of the season the A. V. C. team has won two games while dropping six games. It is expected that they will improve this record and make a better showing for the remaining 11 games to be played, and in the championship playoffs at the end of the season.

The following games are scheduled for this week and next week:

Wednesday, July 17th, Pinehurst at Pinehurst at 6 p. m.

Friday, July 19th, West End at Southern Pines at 6 p. m.

Wednesday, July 24th, Aberdeen at Southern Pines at 6 p. m.

Friday, July 26th, Pinehurst at Southern Pines at 6 p. m.

Any interested in playing on the Softball Team are invited to come out and have a try at it.

Those now playing on the team are: Frank Smith, who has ably filled in at three positions—LF, Catch, Pitch; Chan Page, Jr. at 3rd; Frank Neely—1st; Sgt. Cuff—Catch; C. S. Patch, Jr.—SS; Harry Chatfield—who has pitched the two wins of the team; Chas. Everest—2nd; "Red" Smith—also 2nd; Joe Garzik—CF & Pitch; Buddy Blue—RF; Chas. Hackney—Outfielder; Tommy Gray—2nd; Davis Worsham—3rd; and last but not least, Kenneth "Parson" Epps—Outfielder.

Homes, Airport Hit Plus One Cat Killed

Saturday midnight and Monday noon the Sandhills were given examples of lightning and thunder that even the old timers maintain were worse than any they can remember for many years.

Aberdeen and vicinity seem to have been the center of these fireworks that split wide the heavens and made many earthly mortals jump, run, and take to cover, or take out from under cover.

Drivers behind the wheels of cars between midnight Saturday and two Sunday morning said they had to pull up and stop because the blinding flashes of sheet lightning were followed by such absolute blackness that eyes could not adjust, and headlights were momentarily useless.

At least eight places are known to have been hit during the two storms, five Saturday night and three Monday noon. However, by some freak of nature, little property damage was suffered and no one was injured. Except one cat.

Just off Highway No. 1 at the foot of the hill from the Aberdeen High School, "Big Boy" Paul Kellis, and his wife Edna Yow Kellis, had just turned in for the night when a bolt of lightning and a clap of thunder turned them out in no uncertain order. Luther Yow was in the other bedroom when the bolt struck. The chimney was hit in between the two bedrooms, the lightning ran down the bathroom wall, scorched the tub, and on Luther's side plaster was blasted all over his bed. Then the bolt ran along the ceiling, blew light bulbs and fuses. According to Big Boy, "The way I figure it, it went three ways, even went all the way down in the basement and knocked ashes out of the hot water heater." Said Mrs. Kellis: "It sounded just like a pistol shot." Added Big Boy: "Smell! Tell you the truth, I have never been in a house where lightning struck before, but this smell just like sulfa burning."

Not far from the Kellis, Jack Smith woke up the next morning to find a wall torn away from his house. The homes of Leonard Russell and Elbert Garner, both in Aberdeen, are reported to have been hit by lightning that same night.

Mrs. Belle Pleasants' home was also struck Saturday night. The lightning evidently came in on the telephone wires, and knocked the phone out. "A great ball of fire went right down the hall. Don't know where it went." Then on the following Monday, lightning hit the clothes line out back of Mrs. Pleasants'. That was where the only casualty reported was suffered. When the knocked down clothes line was inspected a dead cat was found that had been lurking too near.

Also on Monday noon lightning paid a visit to a tree beside the charming Proctor home on the old road between Aberdeen and Southern Pines. Mrs. Proctor was playing bridge with Miss King, Mrs. Prizer, and Mrs. Hoyt Shaw. Said Mrs. Proctor: "It didn't stop our bridge game, but I can't stand electric storms. The Doctor, however, used to sit out there on the porch and love it."

Gordon Keith was gotten out of bed by his aunt Monday night to see about a fire that lightning had started at the Aberdeen Airport. "I took a look", said Gordon, "and saw a blaze six to eight feet high. There happened to be an old blanket handy that (Continued on Page 5)

CORRECTION

The new dining room of the Lloyd Hall Inn, Aberdeen was opened on Friday July 12th and not as stated in last week's paper.

Q: "What Does The Word 'SNAFU' Mean, Pop?"

A: "Son, You Call Fort Bragg And Find Out

On July ninth Fort Bragg's Field Artillery Replacement Training Center was to close, so it was announced. The Center had been shipping out the last trainees for overseas, sending officer and cadre to Fort Knox, Ky. . . . to Fort Sill, Okla., . . . to Fort Bliss, Texas . . . to Fort Benning, Georgia They were closing shop, through.

Then, lo and behold, troop trains start unloading thousands of troops at Aberdeen. Instead of going out, here are troops coming in. What gives?

A call to the Public Relations Office solves all, clear as mud: "The deactivating process will now go into reverse, and units that have been shipped out of Fort Bragg will now be shipped back". The good old "Army way." In fairness to the Army, we must say that it was the same in the

Navy. SNAFU.

The latest dope has it that Fort Bragg is now to be one of the four Ground Forces Training Centers. At peak troop production there were 21. There will be a total capacity now of about 33,000 as against the peak figure—400,000. The number to be assigned Fort Bragg has not yet been disclosed "but it will probably exceed the recent strength of FARTC."

The other three centers to remain in operation are: Fort McClellan in Alabama for Infantry, Fort Bliss in Texas for anti-air, and Fort Knox in Kentucky for armored field artillery, anti-tank and cannon units, and infantry mechanized cavalry.

Up to the present in-and-out shuffle the FARTC at Bragg had trained 250,000. What will the thousands just shipped out-back-in do to statistics?