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Popular Summer Sports Program Ends Season With Boxing Bouts, Trip To Lake And Night Baseball

Ray Backlund Puts On Fine Boxing Bouts By Youngsters Here

Looking Forward To Starting Next Spring

The popular Summer Sports Program ended its season in a blaze of glory this past week with boxing bouts, a picnic at Aberdeen Lake, and a night baseball game at Sanford.

The program was originally sponsored by the Council of Social Agencies. For several years the Council worked to get the program under way but the war and lack of a director kept it from starting until this present past year.

"Much of the credit," said A. C. Dawson, director of the program, "is due to women of the Council who promoted the idea and when everything worked against them, refused to quit. Finally their determination put it across."

On Monday, under the lights at the Community Center tennis courts, a series of boxing bouts were put on before at least two hundred spectators that have brought a lot of praise to Ray Backlund and all his leather throwing youngsters. The bouts ranged from seventy pound classes to near 140 pounders.

The Gnatweights were: Bobby Achtermann at a fighting 71 pounds and Steve Choate at a scrapping seventy. Edgar Smith vs Carlyle Hackney weighed in at 73 and 78 respectively. Tommy Ruggles and Andy Page, at 81 and 78 finished out the Mosquitoweights. The Flyweights were George Straka and Marshal Palmer at 92 and 87. The rest of the fighters pretty much fell into the bantamweight class. These were Richard Patch (131) vs Robert McClellan (129), John Prizer (135) vs Fred Arnette (137), and again Fred Arnette vs Gary Mattox (135). The fights were excellent indeed for a first exhibition and as Dawson said: "Ray Backlund has done a truly fine job. He deserves all the credit for the whole affair. He trained the boys really well."

The official wind-up of the program came Wednesday night when the kids baseball team left from in front of the Community Center for the trip to Sanford where they met their first and only defeat during the season. This was the first time they had played under lights so possibly that dampened their form somewhat. Also, they faced a picked team of youngsters formed from several teams around Sanford. The final score was 6-3. "A very well played game" commented Dawson. Baker and Newton pitched for Southern Pines, Black and Maddox caught. The star play (Continued on Page 5)

Victory Celebration Story As Reported By The Pilot Backfires on Assistant Editor

Into the Pilot last Tuesday came D. D. Shields Cameron, chairman of the Victory Celebration Committee, bearing in his hand a typewritten page which he wanted to run as an ad.

After reading the typewritten page, it was the opinion of the Pilot that the news content of the message was of enough interest and importance to warrant its being printed on the front page, and this we pointed out we would do and that there would be no charge for it. However, Cameron was representing a Committee, "and that's what the committee wants—an ad," said Cameron. For ad turn to Editorial Page.

Shields Cameron reported that some "fifteen or twenty-five" people had accosted him about the write-up of the V J Day Celebration. What was wrong that he had written such, had the celebration been a fizzle? Cam-

MAD DOG

There is now in the Moore County Hospital a two year old girl who is the supposed victim of a mad dog. Three lacerations on her face are such as a snarling dog might leave. However, there has recently developed doubt that it was a mad dog. A relative of the child has inferred that some adult may have beaten the child, but who this adult may be has not been mentioned.

The police have made an extensive search for a mad dog in the community, without trace of success. The child has been treated for rabies, just in case, and is reported "doing very well."

YDC Meets Aug. 27 At Club Chalfonte

The Eighth District Young Democrats will hold their first post war rally Tuesday night at Club Chalfonte, Pinehurst. H. Clifton Blue, President of Moore County YDC, the host club for the rally, stated that about 250 will be present for the meeting and banquet. Gov. Cherry, Hon. Jane Pratt and C. B. Deane have all accepted invitations and will be present, Blue said. Young Democracy is once again on the march and an intensive rebirth of activity is expected as an outcome of this meeting.

The program of the meeting is as follows:

4 p. m.—Registration—In charge of Miss Myrtle McCaskill, Eighth District YDC Vice President.

4:30—6:00 p. m. Business and planning meeting for YDC of Eighth District. Presiding—Rufus Sanford, Jr., President of Eighth District YDC.

7:00 p. m.—Banquet Session: Presiding—Rufus Sanford, Jr., President of Eighth District YDC. Address of Welcome: H. Clifton (Continued on Page 5)

Appendix Flares Up In Hospital When His

The past few weeks have been eventful for L. D. McDonald, Jr., CPHM, at Norfolk Naval Training Station. Following a fall from his motorcycle three weeks ago in Norfolk and hospitalization in Naval Base Hospital he added an emergency appendectomy to his list last Saturday. He became seriously ill early Saturday morning and was operated on at noon. He was wheeled to a phone and told his parents Sunday evening that he was getting along splendidly, that he would be home soon, and for them not to worry.

Two Again Split By Home Team As Play-Offs Begin

Southern Pines Ends Season in 3rd Place

First Play-Off Lost To Ramseur

It was fifty-fifty again for the Southern Pines ball team this past week. On Thursday at a game played in Troy, the final regular season game, the locals really slugged their way to a 9-6 win. With this victory they ended the season in third place in the Sandclay League. A very impressive ending to a shaky early season start. For the past weeks now the Southern Pines team has been playing good ball and taken the count of many opponents.

In the first game of the play-offs for the League Championship against Ramseur, the first place club (Siler City is now playing in the middle West) played here Wednesday, we lost 7-2. The margin of victory came between the fifth and eighth innings when Ramseur allowed only one hit in the four times at bat. In the first inning the visitors scored two runs via the home run route. For Southern Pines Harper struck out, Pate singled to left field, Newton singled, McRae was safe on fielder's choice getting Newton out at second and McNeill struck out. Ramseur scored their third run in the second inning while on the local half Buchan was safe on an infield hit, Howell flied out to deep center, Dunn struck out and Vest was out to the third baseman. It was three up and three down for the visitors in the third inning. For Southern Pines Harper was out, pitcher to first, Pate was safe on an error at first. Newton flied out to third, McRae smashed a double scoring Pate, McNeill struck out ending the inning.

The score was now 3 to 1. Both teams got 2 hits and no runs in the fourth. On two errors in the fifth Ramseur made up two more runs and the score remained at 5-1 until the eighth. In that inning the visitors pushed across two more runs on singles and one walk.

In the last inning for Southern Pines Howell was out, third to first, Morgan batting for Dunn struck out but the catcher "muffed" the ball and he was safe at first. Vest singled, Page ruing for Morgan at this time, went to third. Harper flied out to left field, scoring Page and Pate ended the inning and game by striking out. The batteries were for (Continued on Page 5)

Golf Labor Day Tournament Set

With over one hundred entries already in for the Sandhill Golf League Labor Day tournament the success of the match play is assured. The tournament, open to members of the League, will start on Sunday September 1st with the first 18 holes being played. The final 18 to be played on Monday.

Prizes will be given for the low gross score, or in other words, the tournament champion; low net score for each day and total score, and a team prize for the lowest combine score of the first four men from each Club represented.

The Southern Pines Club will act as host to the tournament and plans calls for entertainment and refreshments. On Monday evening, following the crowning of the champion, a chicken fry will be given at the Club House. The committee in charge of these arrangements are Jack Carter, Boots Matthews and Dick Sugg.

The entire tournament comes under the direction of Jack Land, Hamlet, President of the League and Gene Bullock, Hamlet, Secretary-Treasurer.

Freak Wreck Derails Seaboard's Crack "Robert E. Lee" Doing "Over 70 MPH" Engineer Killed, But Fireman Jumps



"Unity Of Action" New Theme Of The VFW Program

John Stephenson Tells Of Membership Drive

"Unity and Action" will be the theme of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in North Carolina during the coming year, State Commander James M. Hayes, Jr. of Winston-Salem, declared here today in announcing a broad program of activity and expansion for overseas veterans.

"The Veterans of Foreign Wars is going to walk in faith with those who died that we might live," Commander Hayes said. "The former service men who worked together in the armed forces and fought to preserve our American way of life in time of war are going to remain united to work and fight for the peace and rights they have earned."

"As the fastest growing veterans organization in North Carolina, the Veterans of Foreign Wars has expanded from a total of 55 posts and 4838 members on July 1, 1945, to a total of 131 posts and 17,460 members on August 15, 1946," Commander Stephenson said.

"The Southern Pines post of the VFW has kept pace with this tremendous growth in the state as a whole, having grown from no members in 1945 to its present 75 today." "In keeping with this expansion in membership, the North Carolina Department of VFW has enlarged its service to veterans through the operation of a full-time service office with a staff of four persons in the Regional Office of the Veterans Administration in Winston-Salem to file and expedite the handling of claims for all veterans whether members of a VFW post or not. (Continued on Page 5)

SAL Telephoned News To The Pilot of Robert E. Lee

One Serious Injury One Fatal Casualty

Monday at 10:30 the following release was telephoned The Pilot from Raleigh: following statement has been issued by Norfolk, Aug. 19th. 10 AM. The sused by C. H. Sauls, General Manager of the Seaboard Airline Railroad.

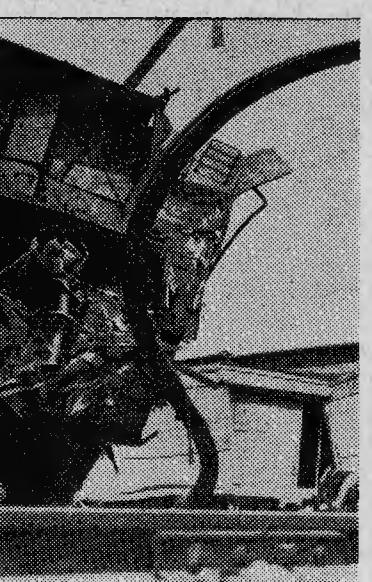
This AM at approximately 7:40 EST the Seaboard passenger train No. 5, Robert E. Lee, derailed the engine and four express cars approximately seven miles north of Hamlet, N. C.

No passengers were injured. Engineer M. N. Kirkland of Hamlet was fatally injured and fireman M. C. Clark of Hamlet was rather severely injured and is now in the Hamlet Hospital. No other crew members were injured.

The accident occurred on double tracks and the engine of the passenger train in derailling sideswiped a north bound freight on the parallel main track, derailing several freight cars, but causing no injuries to any of the freight crew.

The cause of the derailment is now under investigation.

(Train Wreck Photos By Pilot)



TWISTED RAIL was hurled high into the air. Came to rest near scene of engineer's death.

Ditch-Digger Crane Of Approaching Freight Dragging and Smoking

Eye-Witness Of Wreck Tells How It Happened

Last Monday morning at 7:50 the Robert E. Lee, crack Seaboard passenger train, was headed south between Aberdeen and Hamlet "doing better than 70 miles an hour" when it met a northbound freight that had just come around the curve seven miles north of Hamlet.

A ditchdigger crane on the freight flat car, only six cars behind the freight's engine, had come loose, tilted over, and was dragging in the path of the on-rushing Robert E. Lee.

Said Mrs. Harley (Viola) Ladd who lives less than 150 feet from the tracks right where the trains hit and was an eye-witness to the wreck: "I knew it was going to hit when I saw the ditch-digger dragging. I saw it was burning and tipped over. I was waving and running when it hit. If I could have caught the engineer's eye, something might have been done, but I think it was too late."

George Lucas, dining car waiter from Raleigh, who had a "short layover" in Hamlet and was visiting a friend very near where the wreck took place said: "I wasn't looking when they hit, but I seen them rolling and things flying right after they hit." Continued Lucas: "That ditch-digger crane was hanging off the freight. I guess the Robert E. Lee was doing better than 70 miles per hour, southbound. The Conductor on the Lee saw after they'd hit that the digging crane had been dragging before it hit the Robert E. Lee."

Friends sitting on the porch of Mrs. Ladd said about the engineer, M. N. Kirkland, the only casualty in a wreck that might have cost scores of lives, "he was killed instantly. Didn't look like he was hurt much, just a slight cut on his cheek. Must have broken his neck."

When asked how far the crowded passenger cars of the Robert E. Lee stretched behind the engine, they pointed to a crossing about a quarter mile down the track, "past that crossing yonder." Not a single passenger of the hundreds, undoubtedly aboard was reported injured.

The only other person at all seriously injured was the fireman of the Robert E. Lee, M. C. Clark of Hamlet. He was not critically injured but is still hospitalized in Hamlet.

Said Mrs. Ladd's daughter: "The fireman had a big cut on his head and his back was pretty much burnt. I saw him running (Continued on Page 5)

Red Cross On Job Within 30 Minutes After Trains Hit

The Red Cross Chapter of Hamlet swung into swift action immediately upon receipt of the news that the Seaboard Airline Passenger train No. 5, the Robert E. Lee, had been wrecked just north of Hamlet. There were at the scene within thirty minutes, where treatment was administered to four patients.

Chapter Chairman John Land offered services, lined up Nurse's Aides, and called the hospital. Fortunately, the services were not required, as only six people were brought to the hospital, and of this six two were released immediately.

Four of the six were colored passengers from the colored coach of the Robert E. Lee. Another was the express messenger, E. A. Mason, of Richmond, who was in the baggage car that turned over and was thrown against the iron bars on the doors. Mason suffered shock and bruises. The sixth was the fireman of the Lee, Robt. Clarke, Jr. who suffered a broken leg and cuts.

The Red Cross of Hamlet is (Continued on Page 5)

Philippine Huk-Bala-Hops Win After Long Fight, Sgt. Maj. Ray Sees President Roxas & Independence

Sgt. Major Dan Ray, Jr. returned to the Sandhills last Sunday after 11 1/2 months stationed on Luzon in the Philippines. He is now out of the Army "and glad of it."

One interesting situation, reports Ray, that has recently been cleaned up in the Philippines, at least on Luzon, is the fight that has been carried on for so long between the "Hukbalahops" and the Philippine Military Police.

The Hukbalahops are what the upper class people of the Philippine Islands call the communists. Until the Boly-hops won their recent fight the land owners had split 70-30 with their tenant farmers. As Ray said: "All you had to do if you owned land in the Philippines was to sit back with your hands folded behind your head and collect 70% of whatever the tenant farmers produced." Since the Hukbalahops won, owners can only fold

one hand. The split is now 50-50. Progress marches forward in the Philippines.

However, the progress of American popularity has come to a dead halt. It halted the day before they were granted Independence. The afternoon of that day-before the "Flips" were smiling and friendly as always. By nightfall the about face had been abrupt and complete. Said Ray: "You got only hard looks. They treated you like you'd stuck a knife in their best brother." What were they mad about? They did not want Independence and were so mad at the Americans for giving it to them that American soldiers had to wear sidearms to protect themselves. The Philippines wanted dominion status, like Canada has with England. They're even campaigning for it now, under Moncado who was defeated by Roxas (Roe-haas). (Continued on Page 5)