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## Tobacco State League Opens Tues. Warsaw

### SPORTS... SPECIAL TO THE DUPLIN TIMES; TOBACCO LEAGUE ROUND-UP

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WILMINGTON STAR

The familiar yell of the umpires will resound in four Tobacco State League parks Tuesday night at 7:45 o'clock as the Weed Circuit embarks on its second year.

Capacity crowds are expected at Warsaw, Sanford, Lumberton, and Dunn as the season officially gets underway. The schedule for opening games is as follows:

Clinton at Warsaw  
Wilmington at Lumberton  
Red Springs at Sanford  
Smithfield at Dunn

The league operated last year with six clubs and enjoyed a successful first year. When the curtain rises Tuesday night eight teams will take the field after extensive spring drills.

The board of directors of the circuit have held numerous meetings during the past winter to iron out details and other matters important to the efficient operation of a Class D baseball league.

All of the clubs have participated in exhibition games and according to reports from around the circuit they have played a much faster brand of ball than was displayed last season.

A. T. Moore, former State Patrol Lieutenant, is president of the circuit. Moore has been working hard all winter lining up efficient umpires and attending to other league matters. He is maintaining his office at Fayetteville.

L. C. Kerr, of Clinton, is vice-president of the league and also president of the Clinton Blues. J. Morris Wade, of Dunn, is secretary of the circuit.

The officials of the various teams are as follows:

Clinton — L. C. Kerr, president; R. A. Poole, vice-president; N. P. Parker, secretary and Robert Hall, manager of the team.

Dunn-Erwin — J. E. Jackson, president; E. M. Bost, vice-president; C. H. Adams, business manager and Jack Bell, team manager.

Lumberton — Jack Sheahan, president; Harold K. George, vice-president; Elton Frazier, business manager and Charles "Red" Lucas, manager of the team.

Red Springs — Connie Mack, president; Arthur Ehlers, vice-president; Business manager Tom Cope and team manager M. C. Norris.

Sanford — L. D. Isenhour, Jr., president; Sam Allen, business manager and Zeb Harrington, team manager.

Selma-Smithfield — H. G. Johnson, president; J. W. Best, vice-president; Peggy Johnson, business manager and Mickey Balla, team manager.

Warsaw — S. W. Marriner, president; Arthur Apple, vice-president and business manager; James Milner, team manager.

Wilmington — L. M. Pollock, president; V. A. Stefano, vice-president; J. Morris Wade, business manager and Nate Andrews, team manager.



RED SOX PLAYERS WHO WILL BE IN THERE SLUGGING WHEN THE GAME OPENS TUESDAY: left to right — First Row — Earl Lail, Frank Jackette, Wink Andrews, and Pavi Hammer. Back Row — Eugene Lane, Johnny Smith, Amos Howard, Caswell Moore, and George Fasdo.



Warsaw Red Sox players who hope to cop the pennant of the Tobacco State League for Duplin this year. They are: left to right — first row — Elmer Bohannon, Jimmy Milner, Carl Johnson, Hardin Gilly, Marvin Lorenz, Andy Scrobola, Otis Stevens, and Buddy Rowland. Second row — Garland Wilmer, Gerald Vereen, Harry Fortune, Fred Cloninger, and Kenneth Burgen.

### Warsaw Red Sox Opens Against Clinton In Night Game Tues. Night

By EULA LEE BRITT

The Warsaw Red Sox, entry in the Tobacco State League, begins its first year in professional baseball, next Tuesday night, April 29, when the opposition will be furnished by the "Sampson Blues", of Clinton. (And we do mean O.P.O. SITION TOO!)

The local club, property of the Duplin County Athletic Association, recently organized among an interested sport-minded group of Duplin County Business men, is headed by Sterling W. Marriner, president; vice-president and business manager, Arthur Apple; secretary, Robert L. West; treasurer, Paul B. Potter; and directors, Allen Draughon, Gilbert Alphin, Jr., W. E. Currie, Mosley Phillips, C. A. Preythe, Caswell Moore, and H. C. Dail.

The purchase was made from the Angier-Fuquay ball club, early in spring, including players, park equipment and every thing, which was motor expressed to Warsaw and erected on the grounds of the Warsaw high school, by authority of the Duplin County Board of Education. The complete park, stadium, bleachers, fence and lighting equipment was installed in record breaking time, being one of

the largest in Eastern Carolina with A-1 lighting system. The seating capacity is estimated at approximately 1500. An electric score board has been installed along with a loud speaker system, at which Attorney Robert L. West operates and is doing a wonderful job.

Manager Jimmy Milner is well pleased with his club and although the Red Sox have had luck with the weather, the squad is now rounding into good shape. At this writing the Red Sox are in the midst of a six game losing streak, having dropped two games to Goldsboro, two to New Bern and one in Richmond, Va. In explaining Jimmy says, "we are in Spring training and exhibition games are scheduled for trying out untried players, which is the purpose of exhibition games. Some make good, some don't. We are replacing the weak spots that need it and we have a good ball club, their fielding will be improved, and we shall have four A-1 pitchers, ready to go, when the season opens. We should be within the top four ranks." Jimmy also expects a good left handed pitcher to report for duty any day.

### MEET THE WARSAW RED SOX

By EULA LEE BRITT

The following is a list of the players on the Warsaw Red Sox Baseball Club's entry into the Tobacco State League, which opens its playing season Tuesday night, April 29, when they mix with the Clinton "Sampson Blues" in the Warsaw ball park:

Manager "Jimmy" Milner, first baseman of Mooresville, N. C., is married and has three children. He is a capable man of 8 years experience in pro base ball, having played with the Richmond Colts, of Richmond, Va., and the Durham Bulls, of Durham and is rated as a Class player.

Elmer Bohannon, left fielder, of Wilmington, is married and has two small sons, (both baseball inclined). You will see them every game at the park in miniature baseball attire, rooting for their daddy. "Bo" attended the University of Florida and last season played with Dotham, Ala. He, too, is rated a Class player.

Carl "Cyclone" Johnson, pitcher, of Burlington, is also married. He has been in pro ball for six years and an ace pitcher, rated Class.

Hampton Conn, pitcher, comes from Texas, is married and has several years in pro ball. He is a Class man recently acquired from its' high.

Otis Stephens, right fielder, is married and beginning his second year in pro ball. He is a limited service player and last year worked with Angier-Fuquay squad.

Andrew Scrobola, center fielder, is from Yonkers, N. Y., single and a limited service player, having had three years previously in pro ball.

Garland Wilmer, second baseman, from Lynchburg, Va., is single, rated a second year man and limited service.

"Buddy" Rowland, catcher, two year man from Augusta, Ga., is single and limited service.

Harry Fortune, southpaw pitcher, a second year man from Lynchburg, Va., is single and limited service player.

"Wink" Andrews, shortstop, from Mebane, is a rookie and single.

Frank Jackette, southpaw pitcher, hails from Stowe, Pa., and a single rookie.

Earl Lail, catcher, rookie, comes from Cherryville and is single.

Frank McVickers, is a rookie pitcher from Ohio, married and recently acquired from Richmond Va.

Paul Hammer, rookie pitcher from Stony Point, N. C., is single.

Ford Jordan, rookie third baseman, is single and from Raleigh.

Hardin Gilly, George Fasdo, and J. G. Smith from the club.

Classification Of Players

Rookie — a player who has never played professional baseball.

Limited Service — a player who has played more than one year.

Class Player — a player who has played professional baseball three or more years.

Tobacco State League Requires: each club to carry at least four rookies and not more than four class men on a club.

At present the Red Sox have 8 rookies, 5 limited service, and 4 class players.

### Exhibition Games

The Warsaw Red Sox, having begun their exhibition games will conclude that series when they meet the Wilmington Pirates this evening at 7:45. Then again on Sunday at 3 p. m. in the local park Warsaw will play hosts to the Wilmington club, which will be designated "Ladies Day" and all ladies will be admitted FREE.

Monday night at 7:45 the Red Sox will meet the Wallace All Stars in a battle at the local park, which promises to be an interesting contest. This will be the final exhibition game.

The regular league season will open Tuesday night, April 19 when Warsaw will meet Clinton in the local park at 7:45, at which time the Goldsboro High School Band will present music for the occasion.

### Kenansville School Commencement Program

The Baccalaureate sermon for the Senior Class of the Kenansville High School will be held at the High School Auditorium on Sunday morning, April 27 at 11:00 o'clock. Rev. Wm. Poole, of the Burgaw Baptist Church, will deliver the sermon.

The Senior Class Night will be on May 1 at 7:30 P. M. and awarding of Eighth Grade Certificates will be made the same night.

Graduation Exercises for Seniors will be on May 2nd, at 8:00 P. M. The speaker for the evening



Jimmy Milner of Mooresville sits between Warsaw League President Sterling Marriner and Vice President Arthur Apple at a practice game recently.

### Local Church Plans Meeting

Rev. Carter Morgan of Changa Heights, Westminister, S. C., will hold a series of meetings at the Kenansville Baptist Church, beginning Sunday evening, May 11, and continuing through Sunday, May 18.

### Church Bulletin

The preaching schedule for the Duplin Methodist Circuit for Sunday, April 20 is as follows: Magnolia - 11:00 o'clock A. M. Unity - 3:00 o'clock P. M.

### Miss Hinson Sells \$55 In Easter Seals

Miss Lula Hinson was chairman of the Cripple Children's Easter Seal sale in Kenansville this year and did an excellent job. She collected \$40 in Kenansville and \$15-28 through the Kenansville school. Mrs. Bertha Pate Jones' class received a prize for selling the most seals.

### Revival Services

There will be a week's revival and all day service with dinner on the grounds April 27th at the Free

### Men Of The Church To Have Supper

The Grove and Hallsville men-of-the-Church organization will have a supper meeting at the Grove Sunday School building in Kenansville on the evening of April 30th at 7:00 P. M.

Mr. R. G. Calhoun, who is assistant superintendent of Barium Springs Orphanage, will speak on the work that is being carried on by the institution which he represents.

Every member is urged to attend this meeting and enjoy the program and the Christian fellowship.

### Beulaville School Names New Prin.

of William Teachey, who has been principal of the Beulaville school for the past several years, has tendered his resignation.

Mr. W. R. Humphrey, a native of the Richlands section, has been named to succeed him. Mr. Humphrey is married and has two children. He served four years in the Army and is now completing the school term at Dixon in Onslow County.

### Chas. M. Johnson Announces For Governor

This is an announcement of my candidacy for governor of North Carolina, subject to the Democratic Primary of 1948. It is intended only as a statement of my candidacy. In the months ahead, I shall give full information as to my aims and policies.

### Third Annual Baby Beef Calf Show Held Here On Wed. April 9th.

Twenty-four 4-H Club beef calves were brought to Kenansville by their owners, Tuesday, April 8, and entered in the Duplin County Baby Beef Calf Show.

Victor Taylor's shorthorned calf weighing 1255 pounds was declared Grand Champion by Neil Bolton, the judge. Ray Taylor's calf weighing 1155 pounds was Reserve Champion. Gordon Whaley's Hereford weighing 1005 pounds placed third. Joe Bass, from Faison, won first prize in the Fitting and Showmanship contest. Jimmy Wells, from Mt. Olive, placed second in the Showmanship contest.

The following prizes were awarded to the winners: \$10.00 to the Grand Champion; \$7.00 to the Reserve Champion; and \$4.00 for the third best calf. Joe Bass was awarded \$5.00 for winning the Showmanship contest, and Jimmy Wells received \$2.00 for placing second. All Club members received \$2.00 for each calf that they exhibited.

Prior to the judging a fitting demonstration was given showing club members how to fit their calves for showing. Much interest was expressed in the show and the boys were complimented on the quality of calves that they grew and fitted this year. The boys said that they gained valuable experience fitting and caring for their beef calf projects.

The following merchants and business men contributed the premiums and helped make the showing possible:

Waccamaw Bank & Trust Co., G. R. Dail Grocery, Kenansville Production Credit Association, Leo Jackson Grocery, A. C. Holland, J. O. Stokes, Fred Hardy, Hubert Brown, Kenansville Drug Store, E. T. Brown Garage, Kenansville Cafe, McLendon's Easo Station, C. E. Stephens, C. E. Quinn Company, Pete Quinn, Duplin County Board of Commissioners.

### B. F. Grady Commencement Announced

The Baccalaureate Service will be held in the school auditorium on May 4th at 8:15 P. M.

Dr. M. C. MacQueen of Clinton will preach the Sermon.

On Thursday, May 8th at 8:15 P. M., the Senior Class will present their Class Day Exercises.

Graduation Exercises will be held on May 9th, at 8:15 P. M., in the School Auditorium.

Lt. Gov. L. Y. Ballentine of Raleigh, will deliver the Address. Eighth Grade Promotion Certificates will be awarded. Awards and Diplomas will be awarded.

member of many of the most important State Boards and Commissions. I have had an opportunity to learn the workings of the State Government and to know the problems and needs of the people of North Carolina. I believe that my experience and training in the business of government, on both the State and local government levels, will be of value in the years ahead.

If elected, I will be free to assume the office of Governor with only one commitment - a promise to do what I believe to be best for all the people of the State.

While I will not go into detail as to my program at this time, I do wish to make one simple statement which I hope to make the key-note of the service I desire to render. I shall always keep in mind that government is justified only by the high character of service rendered by its officials as

servants of the people and seek to emphasize the human as well as material value by meeting the needs of the under-privileged and those afflicted and handicapped in life. Above all, we must protect and provide for the needs of our children through a wise and adequate program of health and education.

I take pride in the magnificent record of progress in North Carolina, made under the leadership of the Democratic Party. I heartily endorse this record and wish to see us go forward to even higher levels of achievement.

The limitless opportunities for service which the great office of Governor affords challenges the best there is in any man and it is my sincere desire, with the support of our people, to undertake this leadership.

Charles M. Johnson.

### Red Cross Nursing Classes Close After Three Courses In County

Three Red Cross Home Nursing Classes came to a close Friday after a six weeks period. The popular instructor was Miss Augusta Fritzer

the New Hanover Chapter. The schools benefited were the Chingnapin and Wallace schools and the Ross Hill school.