

Straight from the Shoulder — Right from the Heart of Duplin

Baseball Roundup

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In a week which produced just about every kind of baseball that could be dreamed up by a punch-drunk cartoonist in collaboration with Bop Hope, Jim Milner's Warsaw Red Sox managed to hang on to third place in Tobacco State League standings, although going down to defeat in four of the seven games played since we last went to press, three of them by a one-run margin. Friday night's 5-4 loss to the pacesetter Sanford Spinners was far and away the best game seen here this season. There, my friends, was a ball game.

Here are the games, Thursday, May 15, through Wednesday, May 21:

Sanford 18, Warsaw 6
H. Nesselrode & Co. pounded out 14 base hits off four Warsaw hurriers at Sanford Thursday night, and swamped the Milnermen 18-6. Aiding the Spinners' cause were 11 bases on balls and five Red Sox errors.

Warsaw scored all of their runs in one inning, the fourth. Earl Lull had a perfect night at the plate with two hits in two chances, and Wink Andrews had two for four. Ernie Gallo started on the mound for the Red Sox, but was relieved in the seventh by Boyd, who was charged with the loss.

Sanford 5, Warsaw 4
Sanford's sizzling Spinners swept their series with the Sox with circuit smashes by Nesson and Nesselrode in the sixth and seventh, and saddled Cyclone Carl Johnson with his first setback of the season in a 5-4 thriller Friday night, as a home crowd in excess of 700 watched from the edges of their sixty-five cent seats.

After Joe Nesson's four-ply swat (that's a homer, son) with none aboard in the sixth had trotted the count at 2-2, Hank Nesselrode slammed a seldom-used sidearm pitch by Johnson out of the park with two mates on the paths in the seventh, to put the Spinners in the lead 5-3.

The Red Sox made a vain but valiant bid to turn the tide in the ninth. On balls, a force-out and an infield error had placed all and pinch hitter Roland on the bases. Jordan brought the stands to its collective feet with a screaming double to left-center field, driving in both runners. The threat died a-borning, however, as Andrews whiffed and Bohannon popped to third to end the game at 5-4.

Wilmington 11, Warsaw 10
The Wilmington Pirates staged a three-run rally in the ninth inning to nip the Red Sox 11-10, in Saturday night's game at the port city. Two bases on balls, and singles by Benton, Bridges, Davis and Lamb accounted for three runs.

Warsaw scored eight runs in the first two innings off Nate Andrews to establish a lead they did not relinquish until the seventh, when the Pirates pulled into a tie with a run, after scoring three in the first, three in the fourth, and one in the fifth. The Sox forged ahead again with two markers in the eighth, but it still wasn't enough.

The Sox outlived the Pirates 16-14; Milner showing the way with four for six. Otis Stephens collected a single, double, and triple in five trips.

Warsaw 11, Wilmington 5
The Red Sox snapped a four-game losing streak and climbed back into third place by scuttling the Pirates 11-5 Sunday afternoon at Warsaw.

Hampton Conn received credit for the win, although he was shelved from the mound with three hits and a walk in the eighth, after giving up a double and two singles to the Cordairs in the seventh. Carl Johnson took over needing to re-lead four batters to end the game and pitched to exactly four batters.

The Sox touched Lefty Chesire, Pirate mound ace, for 14 safe blows, and again every Red Sox performer hit safely at least once except Johnson, who fanned in his one batting turn.

Warsaw 15, Dunn-Erwin 14
Warsaw staved off a couple of late-inning rallies and outlasted the Dunn-Erwin Twins 15-14 in a free hitting, loosely played affair at Warsaw Monday night.

Cy Faircloth started on the hill for the Sox, but was replaced by Harry Fortune when the Twins tied the score on three straight hits in the third. Fortune put out the fire by stalling the next two batters to win the tie, and went on to pitch the first two of the fourth. The Twins pushed across a run in

Autos In Collision At Warsaw Sunday

Two automobiles collided at a Warsaw street intersection shortly before 6:00 p. m. Sunday, May 18, with no serious injury to any of the occupants.

A 1936 Ford Coach driven by Foster Holland of Mt. Olive, Rt. 2, struck the left rear fender of a 1934 Pontiac driven by Frank Register of Warsaw. Holland was going east on Chelly Street and Register was proceeding north on Pine when the collision occurred. The Pontiac drug the Ford about ten feet and then turned completely over, landing right side up and headed in the opposite direction, about 42 feet from the point of impact.

The Pontiac was almost completely demolished, and Shirley Zachary, young daughter of Shelby Zachary of Warsaw, who was riding with Register and his wife, was thrown out of the car. She was uninjured. Holland's car was damaged somewhat around the front, but otherwise unharmed. Other occupants of the Holland car were his wife and baby in arms. Mrs. Holland was shaken up and suffered minor bruises, but the baby and Holland himself were unhurt.

The two drivers indicted each other, and both were bound over to County Court May 26th, in a hearing Tuesday night before magistrate W. R. Blackmore.

Albertson Legion Post To Hold Special Services

The Simmons-Mewborn-Turner Post No. 379, The American Legion Department of North Carolina, will hold Memorial Services on Sunday, May 25, at Outlaw's Bridge School. Services at 11:00 o'clock a. m. in the school building. Dinner on the grounds at 1 P. M. Services at the gravesite at 3 P. M.

The public is invited to attend and bring well-filled baskets.

County Goes Over In Cancer Drive

J. E. Jerritt, chairman of the 1947 Cancer Drive in Duplin, announced this week that the drive has gone over the top. The county quota was set at \$600 and on Tuesday of this week \$602.00 had been reported collected. Wallace led with nearly \$400 collected and Warsaw was second with \$132.

FAISON CADET MAKES HONOR ROLL

Cadet Junior B. Stroud, III, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Stroud, Jr., of Faison achieved honor roll rating at Fishburne Military School for the academic month of April.

Warsaw and Dunn-Erwin moved to Dunn Tuesday night for the second act of their comedy of errors, and staged an encore for the benefit (?) of the Harnett County fann.

This one took eleven innings to determine the victor, and was won by the Twins 12-11, when Shamrock Dennig, first man up in the bottom half of the 11, swatted one over the right field rampart. The Twins had scored three in the ninth to send the game into overtime.

Carl Johnson, who went the route for the Sox on the mound, was the victim of a 20-hit bombardment by the Twins, and suffered his second straight reversal after winning four in a row. Skipper Milner continued his current hitting streak with five blows in the appearance, and Otis Stephens banged out a couple of three-baggers.

Warsaw 7, Red Springs 5
The Red Sox continued their jinx over the revamped Red Springs Red Robins (as who hasn't?) Wednesday night in the Robins' brand new ballyard, and made it three wins in three meetings of the two clubs 7-5. The Robins contributed to their own defeat by committing seven errors afield. Ernie Gallo gave up 15 base hits to the Robins, but managed to keep them from coming in clusters, while Warsaw collected only six singles off Billie and Duke. The Red Sox scored

Pin Hook Negro Held For Investigation Wife Found Dead With Broken Neck

Fred Loomas, hefty Negro, about 45 years old, of the Pin Hook section of Duplin was jailed here Tuesday night to await a hearing Friday on a charge of murdering his wife, Dorothy, in cold blood.

Chinquapin Bridge Destroyed By Fire Believed To Have Been Work Of Vandals

State Highway officials are still looking for the firebug or bugs who are believed to have set fire to the Chinquapin bridge over Northeast Monday night. The fire started sometime after midnight. Chinquapin section foreman, W. R. Morton reported that a party crossed the bridge at midnight and it was not there then. About 4:30 a. m. Tuesday Ellis Williams of Chinquapin gave the alarm and Mr. Morton called E. C. Tyndall in Kenansville. Tyndall called Forest Fire Warden Ralph Miller who immediately rushed to the scene with his forest fire truck and extinguished the fire with chemicals.

The bridge is composed of eight spans. The western half, about 100 feet, was full ablaze from one end to the other. Witnesses said the fire hardly could have covered the bridge in the manner it did unless deliberately started. It is believed that someone poured gasoline over the half and struck a match.

The entire upper half of the structure was destroyed and about one-fourth of the cross-tied pilings burned.

A man from the Fountain's Store section reported he crossed the bridge around noon Monday and it was there then in one spot. He stopped and extinguished it.

Work on repairing is being rapidly pushed and until opened traffic will detour via Deep Bottom.

Various theories express the opinion that some drunk set the fire; that a firebug did it, while a large percent of opinion is that someone in the section thought it the best way to get a new bridge. A number of people have been drowned from accidents at the bridge.

Duplin Graduates 227 Seniors From 1947 Classes; Beulaville Leads With 35

The Duplin County High Schools for Whites graduated 227 students from the 12th grade during this month. Beulaville led with 35 graduates. Faison had the smallest number of seniors, only ten graduating.

The schools, date of closing and list of graduates as released from the superintendent's office is as follows:

Kenansville, May 2:
Robert L. Summerlin, Jr., F. L. Goodman, Reavis S. Alphin, Luther Rice Carroll, Jr., Mirris C. Brown, Harry Wells Murphy, Samuel Lanier, Lawrence Southerland, Willis D. Brown, William M. Ingram, Florence Carolyn Williams, Elma Grey Brinson, Cornelia Quinn, Elsie Greene, Doris Raye Bostic, Susie Lee Williamson, Harold J. Dunn, Annie Ruth Horne, Willie J. Summerlin, Hezekiah Dobson, and Elnora Rouse.

Local School On Visitors Roster At Washington Cathedral

Special to the Times — Kenansville High School has a place in the compilation of tourist statistics given out by Washington Cathedral, it was announced here today by the very Rev. John W. Suter, dean of the cathedral. In a specially conducted tour these school children of Duplin County were told the story of the cathedral and given opportunity to note its rate of progress toward completion.

Summelrin's Detour Open Friday

Highway officials announced that the new bridge being constructed over Maple Creek on the Kenansville - Summelrin's Road just south of Dundy Williams Crossroads, will be open for traffic some time Friday. Traffic has been detouring via Wesley and the Red Store.

The new bridge has cross-tied pilings, steel girders, plank floor and rails.

Little Girl Sees Wasp And Spider Fight

"Come into my parlor, said the spider to the fly" was not the case a few days ago here in Kenansville when a little girl observed a wasp caught in a spider's web. The wasp was about twice the size of the spider.

"The two insects fought and struggled for about two minutes. The spider would back off a few inches from the wasp, take a running start and strike him on the wings. The wasp would try to sting the spider but never could reach it. Finally the spider won and ate the wasp as had and so

Beulaville Man Decides Doesn't Pay To Help Cook WITH THE EDITOR

RAIN - It seems that the rain prognosticator is off his beam these days. We have been promised rain for several days now and nothing happens except in scattered spots.

As we go to press Father Neptune has given us the smile. Light rains have fallen pretty generally over the county.

LIQUOR - About the most cussed and discussed subject today, except Russia, is whiskey. The dregs want prohibition. The wets want liquor stores but want admit it. Most of them probably would go to the polls and vote dry. Funny thing about the drinker, particularly the moderate drinker, he or she thinks no one knows they have had a drink. When the truth is everyone knows it.

Liquor is here, always has been here and always will be here. Thousands of panaceas and cures for the liquor problem have been offered. The now highly vaunted Alcoholics Anonymous is supposed to be a sure cure. A scientist, or psychiatrist in a Northern institution has discovered that by treating the patient with oxygen he can be cured.

There seems to be a general admission among authorities who are supposed to know that chronic drinkers are victims of a disease and must be approached in this respect.

In our opinion a little more common sense and less talk will do more good than anything we have tried. On the street corner you hear the subject discussed. In every magazine you pick up you find a story about it. On the radio it is broadcast from morning to night and probably in most homes, around the youngsters, it is also discussed. Ministers lament forth about it in the pulpits and the daily and weekly press expound on its evils all too frequently, it is on the screen daily.

Isn't it somewhat a part of one's nature to develop an interest in something that is called to their attention eternally? We are taught that we are weak and subject to temptation. The power of suggestion being as strong as it is, lures many a youngster to take his first drink, whereas if he or she had heard less about it little thought probably would have been given to it. The dregs yell that we give too little thought to the problem. I'm afraid we give too much thought to it when we think out loud so frequently.

If we cut out the press publicity, cut out the magazine stories, take it off the radio and screen, take it from the pulpit, cut out liquor advertising, slow down the WCTU and other organizations that are spreading the story of John Barleycorn, continue the fight against bootleggers and have controlled legalized sales with a minimum of fanfare the liquor problem will begin to show signs of easing up. As the old saying goes, the more you stir trouble the more it grows.

CAUGHT - The first person to be caught by the lie detector was the inventor.

Mrs. Sudie Lewis Passes At Warsaw

Mrs. Sudie Lewis, 83, widow of the late J. B. Lewis, who died in 1917, passed away quietly at her home in Warsaw Tuesday morning, May 20, at about 1:30. In failing health for the past several years, her last illness lasted about three months.

A native and lifelong resident of Duplin County, she was born Mary Susan Brown, April 21, 1864, at Bowden, and had made her home in Warsaw for the past 18 years.

Affectionately called "Granny Lewis" by her many friends in Warsaw and throughout the county, she manifested a keen interest in people and events right up until the last, and dearly loved to have her friends visit her and discuss current topics, both local and worldwide.

Funeral services were conducted at the home at 3:30 Wednesday afternoon by the Rev. A. M. Williams, pastor of the Warsaw Methodist Church, of which she was a member, assisted by the Rev. J. M. Kline, pastor of the Kenansville Methodist Church, and the Rev. G. Van Stephens, pastor of the Warsaw Baptist Church. She was laid to rest in Pinecrest Cemetery at Warsaw.

She is survived by eight daughters: Mrs. E. B. Grady, Mrs. B. S. Swinson, Mrs. A. A. Grady, Mrs. C. A. Godbold and Mrs. Maggie Chambers, all of Warsaw; Mrs. J. B. Parker, Turkey; Mrs. J. R. Windzig, Wilmington; Miss Annie Lewis of Clinton and Warsaw; one son, Robert Lewis, of the home; 25 grandchildren, and 21 great-grandchildren.

Active pallbearers were the following grandsons: Charles Lee Godbold, Otis Swinson, Joseph Grady, Bernice Grady, Arcy Grady, and Oliver Jones, Jr.

Friends of the family from Warsaw, Clinton, and Kenansville served as honorary pallbearers, and the flower girls were granddaughters of the deceased. A profusion of beautiful floral designs paid tribute to her beloved memory, as did the one placed in her casket.

Spud Participants Certify By May 31

Certificates of eligibility for participation in the 1947 price support program for early commercial Irish potatoes must be filed at the local county AAA office before the close of business on May 31, Joe E. Sloan, chairman of the County AAA Committee announced this week.

He said that producers planting within their acreage and meeting terms and conditions of eligibility requirements will be certified as eligible and receive marketing cards for keeping records of sales.

Potatoes offered by growers for price support will be subject to a service fee of one cent per hundred weight but in no case less than \$3.00 to take care of inspection, storage, and other loan servicing.

Support prices for the 1947 early crop are \$2.80 for June-July period and \$2.40 during August. These prices are for 100-pound bags grading U. S. No. 1 which are sacked and loaded f. o. b. through carrier in cartons or trucklots at county shipping points.

If Government purchase of potatoes becomes necessary, Sloan said, they may be disposed of through approved non-food or industrial outlets such as livestock feed, starch, flour, glucose, alcohol, or school lunchrooms.

The outlook for outlets of this type are not very encouraging he said and it is probable that purchases will be confined to grades below U. S. No. 1 which will be withheld from normal commercial food channels.

Two Minor Accidents Reported Wednesday

Patrolman McCollman reported two minor accidents investigated Wednesday, both as a result of the long awaited rain.

A large tractor-van truck from Kingston, driving south, skidded and ran off the fill at Bowden Wednesday morning. The truck turned completely over going off the road. The driver was unhurt. Estimated damage to the truck about \$3,000.

A 1942 Ford, owned and driven by C. V. Hart of Virginia skidded and overturned on the hard surface of Goshen fill just north of Faison Wednesday morning. Three other people occupied the car. No one was injured. Car was damaged about \$250.00.

Duplin Highway Road Notes

E. C. Tyndall, highway foreman, announces that grading work on the Faison-Sutton Town road in the Duplin sector is progressing rapidly and treatment will get underway soon.

Work on the Beulaville-Jones County highway, via Potters Hill, a contracted job, is reported to be moving along at a good pace.

Work is expected to commence shortly on grading and treating several miles of road from Faison toward the Friendship neighborhood. It is reported.

Other road announcements expected to be announced.

Gavin Post Meet Wed. Nite

The Charles R. Gavin Post of the American Legion will hold a business meeting Wednesday night, May 28th, at the Legion Hut in Warsaw, for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year.

Post Commander, J. C. Page, urges all members able to do so to be present and have a vote in selecting officers.