



Sports Page

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SPORTS CHATTER

Hank Newbury, our Safety Director, is our guest reporter for this issue.

"Credit Where It's Due"

Having witnessed a number of basketball games played by our girls and boys teams this season, and knowing some of the difficulties under which they practice and play, I wish to take this opportunity to say to the members of both teams, WELL DONE.

Yes, I've played basketball for a number of years and even though I never made the first or regular squad, I do know that it is one of the most strenuous sports we have in these good ol' United States. The stamina required on the hardwood floor is much greater than on the sodded football field, and the matter of getting in shape and staying that way during basketball season, is very trying on the best of athletes. The entire personnel of both teams are proud of the fact that they can carry on with their regular jobs, and at the same time, take part in the athletics.

To the girls squad, which has met and defeated some of the topnotch teams in Western North Carolina, I wish to say, "Nice traveling."

Now, let's take a stroll with the boys team: No, they hadn't broken into the win column at the time this article was written, but I predict strongly that they will have hit the right side of the ledger before this goes to press. A team cannot keep pulling together and playing the brand of ball they have displayed, without hitting the jackpot.

To begin with, the games lost this year have been by very close scores, and to some of the best teams in this part of the State. Teams that have been playing together for several years, and believe you me, that means something in basketball.

When ten out of twelve men on a squad are working shifts and have to play basketball after having done a half days work, or return to work on graveyard after having played a tough game, they're really deserving of a pat on the back and a great amount

WANTED: A Name

The Activities Committee wishes to find a name for our Athletic Teams. Employees are requested to put any suggestions they may have in a box in the Gatehouse which has been provided for this purpose. (Note: Most all Athletic Teams go by names such as New York "YANK-EEES"; Boston "RED SOX"; St. Louis "CARDINALS", etc.)

Girls Continue Winning Streak; Team Takes 8 Out Of 9 Games

Maintenance Still Leads Men's League

Upsets came dime a dozen in Monday's matches of the Ecusta Men's Bowling league. To start the fire works, Machine Room grabbed three wins from the usually tough Control team; the Refining team surprised everyone by taking two wins away from the Pulp Mill, and to wind up the evening, the Office team won two of the three from Champagne.

Generally the bowling of all teams was not up to par as there were only two bowlers, Paul Simpson and Randall Lankford, who bowled above 500. High game of the evening went to Pete Eberle with a 196.

Next week's matches will go a long way in determining who will be League champions. Monday night will pit Machine Room against Maintenance, Office vs. Refining. Champagne and Pulp Mill will bowl an exhibition game since their match was bowled on the afternoon of January 25th.

TEAM STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct.
Maintenance	27	15	.643
Machine Room	28	17	.622
Pulp Mill	25	17	.595
Champagne	25	20	.556
Control	21	24	.467
Office	16	26	.381
Refining	11	34	.244

Basketball Girls Vote To Accept Bid

The Ecusta girls basketball team voted unanimously to accept a bid to the forthcoming Western North Carolina Four States Invitational Tournament in Asheville. This tournament is to be held between dates of March 4th to the 8th. Tournament officials have announced that applications have been received from the majority of outstanding girls' teams in the four adjoining states and, without doubt, competition will be the closest offered in basketball circles. As yet, the Tournament schedule is not complete so we don't know our first opponent.

In preparation for the Tournament, a game with the Postal Accounts girls has been arranged for Tuesday, February 26th, at the Asheville Civic auditorium. This game will give us a chance to play another tournament applicant and, in addition, it will permit us to become better accustomed to the civic floor and goals.

Further details will be posted on placards.

of credit.

They're truly a swell bunch of sports, win or lose, and my hat's off to each of them for the grand part they're playing in our athletic program here at Ecusta.

Our basketball girls are continuing their winning streak and show signs of finishing the season with only one defeat. They defeated the Moore General WACs 37 to 6, the Moore General nurses 14 to 8, Champion "Y" 18 to 9, Beacon 43 to 13, and in a thrilling game took Enka, in overtime, 18 to 15. "Bat-tling" Barnwell sank two long shots in the overtime period to gain revenge over the Enka girls, who defeated them 18 to 15 in their first game. "Snowbird" Taylor set a new scoring record for the season with 21 points against Beacon. "One Punch" Prince has scored almost as many points as all the other games. Prince 94, nine other teams 102. The girls have scored 245 points in their nine games.

The guards have greatly improved and have paced the way for most of the victories. Sarah Avery suffered a fractured wrist in the Champion game, but will be ready for the Asheville Tournament in March.

The Boys have failed to break into the winning column, but all games have been thrillers. They have lost twice to Moore General, 19 to 39 and 29 to 53; lost to Enka 23 to 50; to Champion "Y" 33 to 48; to Beacon 25 to 34; and to Morgan Candy Co. 42 to 46.

They have shown great improvement since the return of Frank Drake, and the improved playing of Suttles, Troy Drake, and Thomas. Frank Drake has accounted for 41 points in four games.

The last and final game with Enka has been cancelled, leaving the girls with one more game with Postal Accounts in Asheville, Tuesday, February 26th. Cancellation of the Enka game officially closed the 1945-46 season for the boys.

SPORTS QUIZ

QUESTIONS

1. Name the trophy competed for annually by amateur golf teams representing Britain and America.
2. Who was "Dan Patch"?
3. How many squares are there on a chess board?
4. What is the Davis Cup?
5. In a pack of cards, how many eyes has (a) the jack of spades and (b) the jack of clubs?

ANSWERS

1. The Walker International Amateur Golf Cup.
2. A famous racing horse, holder of several records.
3. 64.
4. A cup presented by Dwight F. Davis in 1900 and competed for annually by tennis teams representing nations; the winning team to retain cup for one year.
5. (a) one; (b) two.

How can a Rotarian appreciate March coming like a Lion?

Finishing Team, Machine Booklet Tied For 2nd. Place

Wednesday night's matches in the Women's Duck Pin league left the Finishing team tied up for second place with Maymie Reynolds Machine Booklet team. The Stars continued their winning streak with three wins over Inspection Office and Endless Belt are having their bit of fun in a battle for third place.

On February 13th., Mary Merrill broke all existing records for individual high game and high set by bowling a 125 and a 325. She also took over high average with a neat 94.

Next week's matches are: Machine Booklet vs. Inspection; Office vs. Champagne; and Endless Belt vs. Finishing.

TEAM STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct.
Champagne	40	2	.953
Finishing	23	16	.593
Machine Booklet	23	16	.593
Office	17	22	.436
Endless Belt	17	22	.436
Inspection	4	35	.111

Employees May See A 'Big Time' Game

In January's edition of the Echo, mention was made in the Sports Chatter column of the possibility of Ecusta employees taking a trip to Knoxville, Tenn., for the purpose of seeing a "big time" football game.

Evidently the article was not sufficiently explanatory as quite a number of people called the Athletic department asking for further information. As a result of these inquiries we are giving the information a second time in order to draw a clearer picture of the more important items.

- (1) Site of the game—Knoxville, Tenn.
- (2) Date of game—Month of November (a Saturday).
- (3) Opponents playing — either Duke or Alabama vs. Tenn.
- (4) Time of departure—Morning of game day.
- (5) Time arrival home—late game night.
- (6) Number of employees to make trip—37.
- (7) Can employees take husbands or wives?—Yes.
- (8) Price of ticket—\$2.50.
- (9) Price of fare—\$3.40 (round trip).
- (10) Who should I notify of interest?—Athletic Department.
- (11) Should I make decision in near future?—Yes, it is necessary to charter bus and order tickets months before game day.
- (12) Your choice of game would be: Duke-Tenn. or Alabama-Tenn.

It's been a wet winter. Maybe that's the reason there's been so little dry goods.

If there's any argument on wages and hours in the Senate, Bilbo would probably stand for hours.