

Ecusta Lost Opening Game To Hazelwood

WON NEXT GAME FROM CANTON, 9 TO 0, PLAY SAT.

President Bennett Tosses First Ball. Meet Beacon At Swannanoa

Ecusta's Western North Carolina Baseball League Team



This photo of Ecusta's baseball team was made just before the start of the first game of the season. Reading from left to right, front row, they are: Phil Riddle, Bud White, Jack Alexander, Ken McCurry, Charlie Clayton, Harold Misenheimer; back row: Ray Byrd, Fritz Merrill, Rick Orr, Grover Suttles, Grady Wilkie, Ed White and Wilson Gregory.

The crack Hazelwood nine of the W. N. C. baseball league officially opened our baseball season with a stinging 10-8 victory on May 11, before approximately 400 fans. The game, played under threatening weather, was a nip and tuck battle for the entire nine innings. The pitching of Suttles and Wilkie wasn't quite enough to stop the constant cracking of the Hazelwood bats. Highlights for Ecusta centered around our leftfielder, Ray Byrd, who led the hitters with three beautiful hits.

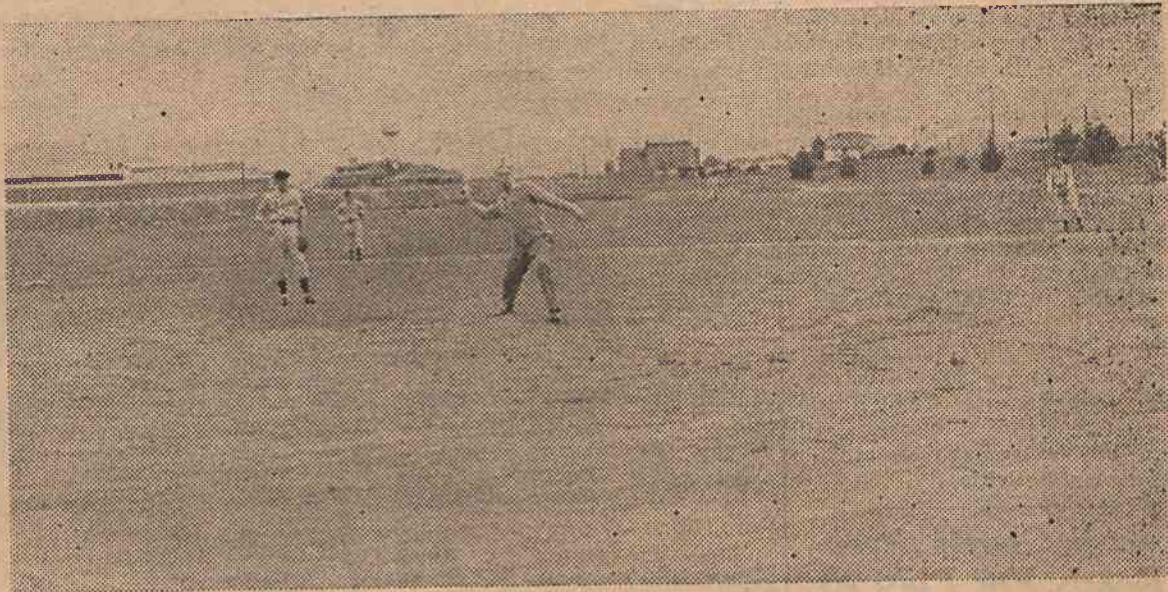
On the following Saturday in the second games of the season, Ecusta had a complete reversal of form, when the boys swamped Canton 9-0, before 600 fans. Once again Ray Byrd carried away the honors with a perfect three for three. In addition to his nice hitting, Ray stole two bases and scored two runs. But White also contributed a good days work by banging out 3 hits in four official times at bat. On the mound for Ecusta was Grover Suttles and Grady Wilkie. Grover was unbeatable for six innings, allowing Canton only three hits and striking out 12 men. Wilkie did a nice relief job for the last three innings, allowing only two hits for the three frames. Outstanding play of the game was performed by Rick Orr when he rifled a throw from right field to second base, catching the baserunner absolutely flatfooted.

This week Ecusta journeys to Swannanoa, to engage the league leading Beacon team, and on the following Saturday, we will be hosts to the Enka nine. It is hoped that a more comfortable seating arrangement can be installed by that date.

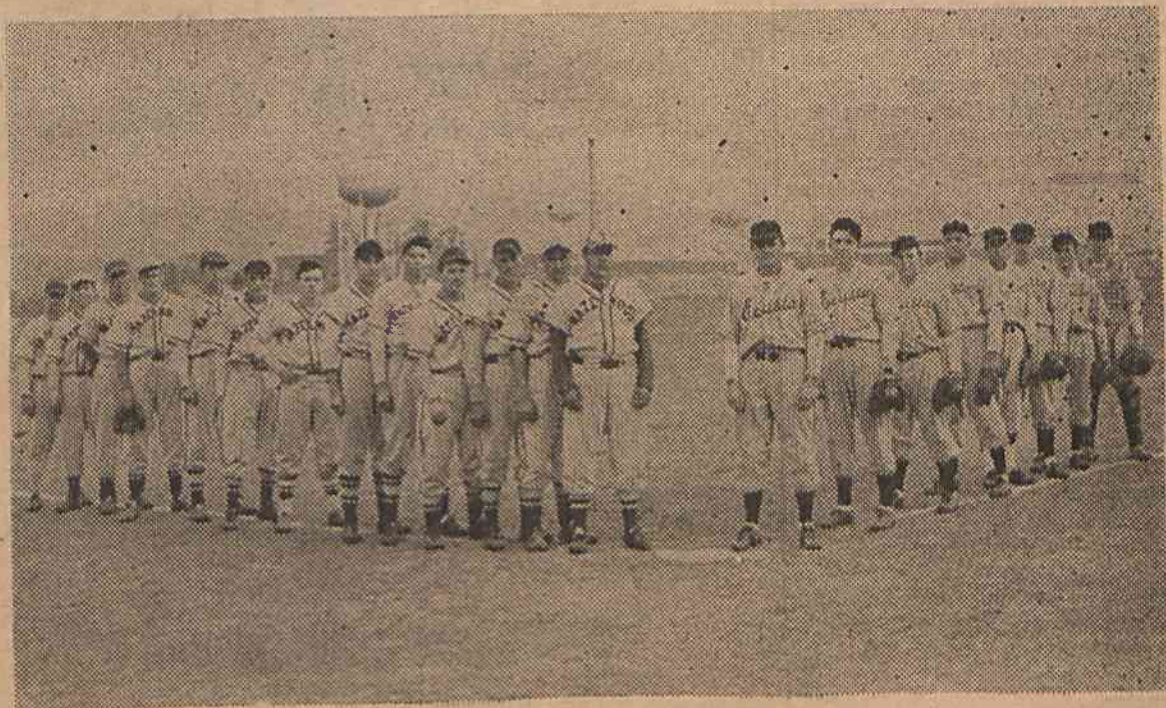
Summaries of first two games:

	R	H	E
Hazelwood	10	17	1
Ecusta	8	9	3
Canton	0	5	5
Ecusta	9	11	2

League President Ray Bennett Tosses First Ball



Here's The Line-up Of Teams For Big Opening Game



Now Is The Time To:

- Live.
- Watch birds.
- Store blankets.
- Fry chicken.
- Patch the driveway.
- Buy graduation gifts.
- Make strawberry shortcake.
- Make over summer outfits.
- Paint the garden fence.
- Kill those pesky moles.
- Play baseball with Junior.

DOGGY GENTLEMAN?

Old Lady (to druggist). I want a box of canine pills.

Druggist: What's the matter with the dog?

Old Lady: Sir, I want you to know that my husband is a gentleman.

(The druggist put up some canine pills in profound silence).