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SPORTS CHATTER

One could easily call this edition of Sports Chatter a first report on Camp Sapphire. It is with great pleasure that the writer can bring to Ecusta, Champagne, and Endless Belt's employees attention such an array of good news about the different activities now in progress at Sapphire. In fact there are so many items that could be mentioned there is danger of overlooking some of the important ones.

Probably the biggest events during the month were the two big chicken barbecue dinners sponsored by the Five Year Club. On June 14 approximately 350 employees and wives thronged out to the camp where everyone enjoyed a full evening of fun and good food. The following week an overflow crowd finished up the balance of the delicious chicken.

Tennis along with shuffle board and horseshoes have been the most popular sports. When weather permits, the tennis courts are always in demand. Several of our employees have taken advantage of the tennis courts to improve their game, and in due time there should be some very interesting matches between our boys and other neighboring clubs.

Sapphire Lake has exceeded all expectations so far as attendance is concerned. Sunday crowds have ranged from 350 to 700 swimmers while week days have averaged 200 swimmers. Everyone seems to be more than pleased with the marvelous improvements made in the swimming area. The new boats at the lake are in constant use from opening time to closing time. Indications point toward new additions along the boat line.

Picnickers have had everything to their liking with the additions of several new barbecue stalls. The men who worked so hard getting the area ready for us are to be complimented for having done such a fine job. Included in the new plans are the vastly improved parking areas connected to the barbecue stalls. These enable a person to drive in without having to carry his or her food too far a distance.

Most pleasing about the attendance at Sapphire is the fact that so many employees are using their five days off to take advantage of the many activities offered there. This practice cannot be over-done since we all realize how important it is for each of us to get the proper amount of sunshine, relaxation, and exercise.

The kids are going "all out" for the Sapphire Coaching School. Attendance has jumped from opening day of 40 to the present attendance of 55. Reports are coming in to the effect that the boys are finding plenty to do and are well satisfied with the program. Many parents will be glad to learn that two new instructors have been assisting the coaching staff: Mr. H. E. Newbury and Mr. Charlie Russell. It might be wise to pass on to those parents who have not as yet made plans for their children to attend that the school



Pulp Mill Sneaks Out Of Cellar For The First Time In Season By Winning From Control Team, 4-3

ECUSTA BASEBALL

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good pitching by holding the Sayles boys to five hits.

It was Alexander who scored the winning run in the 10th. inning after he had gotten on with a hit; sacrificed to second by Sams and brought home by Rick Orr, who broke up the ball game with a beautiful hit to left field.

On June 8th. Sams and Morris led the local aggregation to a 20 to 1 victory over Martel Mills, while Suttles held the losers to three hits. McCurry was also a big factor in the win with four hits out of six times at the bat. Ray Byrd, Misenheimer, Alexander, Sams and Orr were all credited with two hits each.

On the 15th., Ecusta won another slug-fest from Green River, 8 to 1. Again Grover Suttles was the hero as he held the losers to four hits and struck out eight men.

Rick Orr, Ken McCurry, Byrd and H. Misenheimer were the leading hitters, with Orr getting two doubles and a triple out of five times up.

Ecusta took the lead in the second inning with hits by Suttles and McCurry and scored two runs in the fourth inning, the local boys scored three more runs when Misenheimer and Orr tripled and singles followed by Suttles and McCurry.

Green River scored its only run, which was unearned, in the third inning on a wild pitch.

is still open for new members. The bus will continue to leave Brevard at 10:00 a. m. and return from Sapphire at 12:00.

Champagne Deftly Places Skids Under Fast-Moving Machine Room Outfit

Last Wednesday afternoon, Ralph Morris' Pulp Mill team played heads-up ball and defeated a favored Control Team 4 to 3. The victory enabled the Pulp Mill to sneak out of the cellar for the first time this season. Arthur Lindley, newly acquired pitcher for the Pulp Mill, pitched steady ball, allowing only four hits. Vance of the Control team pitched good ball for the losers but poor support sank him into defeat. "Red" Cagle was the big gun for the Pulp Mill, hitting a double when two men were on base.

In the most interesting game of the current Ecusta inter-departmental baseball league, Champagne finally put the skids to fast moving Machine Room team. After six innings of the see-saw battle, Champagne managed to blast across two runs in the first half of the seventh inning for a 5 to 4 victory. It was Roy Carter's 390-foot homer with one aboard that clinched the game to place Champagne within one game of the league leading Machine Room team.

Pitchers for both teams pitched good ball with Troy Drake finally besting John Pickelsimer. Drake allowed five hits while Pickelsimer permitted six men to hit safely.

Big guns for the Champagne team were Roy Carter and Phil Riddle who gathered two hits out of four trips each. Rick Orr and Footsie Case almost turned defeat into victory by blasting out all of Machine Room's five hits. Included in these hits were two triples,

GOOLSBY CLEANING

By JOHN H. GOOLSBY

It will be only a few days now until we will all gather again for that annual affair—the Ecusta picnic at Camp Sapphire. This year it promises to be the biggest and best one we have ever had. The time, skill and work over the period of a year have made this one of the beauty spots of Western North Carolina. Bushels of popcorn, lemonade and ice cream will find their way into the hands of the carefree men, women and children. Another added feature this year will be a baseball game between Enka and our own hard-hitting nine. The boxing bouts, which always draw the crowds, promise to be bigger and better. I don't know how the rest of you feel, but that one day of fun and frolic does me more good than two weeks of the ordinary kind. I suppose it is because we are all together once more—just one big Ecusta family. This year be sure to look at the American flag floating in the breeze from the tops of those two large pine trees; the thought that strikes me now, when I look at it more than ever, is that it shall always wave, and let us hold sacred those things for which it stands—peace, liberty, justice and love. Yep, Red, White and Blue—valor, sacrifice and devotion; stop and think a moment folks. Our boys were defending that same flag a year ago at a mighty big cost; their lives were at stake for our freedom. Let us not forget that on this day, the Fourth; at the picnic we will have our sons and daughters with us and peace once more secure. It should be, and will be, our best one yet.

You people on the Five-Year Service Club committee who had any part in preparing the chicken at Camp Sapphire, bingo games and square dancing deserve the thanks of all of us. More than 10 or 20 people have remarked that it was the best yet, and me, for one. Everything went along swell and the members are still wondering why we didn't think of this before. More outings—more chicken.

Rastus Brown was too bashful to propose to his girl in person, so he called her on the telephone. "Mandy," he began shyly, "I got me a little farm out here, I got a cow and a pig and a dozen chickens, a mule and a horse and a buggy. Will you all marry me?" Came the quick reply, "Of course I will, honey—who is you and where is you?"

So long.

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