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PING PONG NEWS

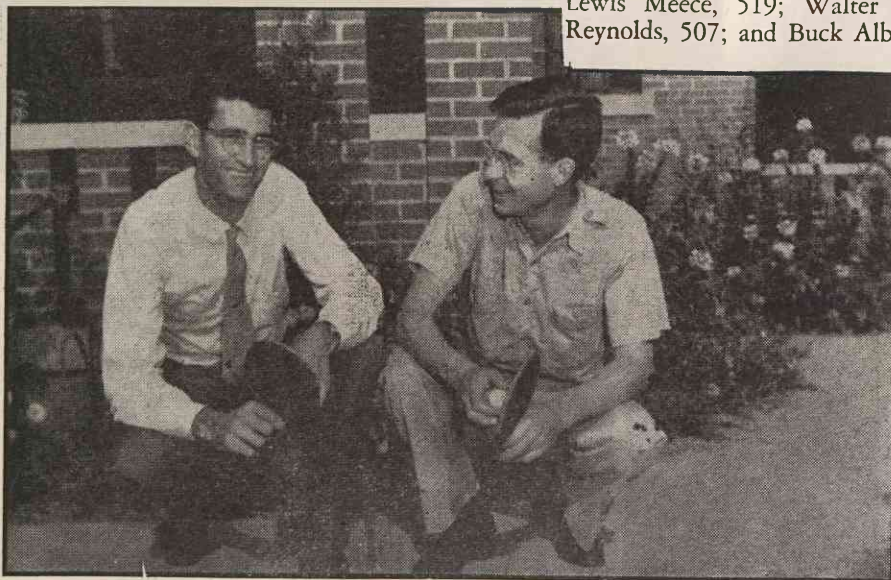
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BOB ANDERS AND ED LOFTIS WIN DOUBLES IN PING PONG TOURNNEY

The first annual ping pong tournament, sponsored by the Ecusta Ping Pong Club and held at Camp Sapphire, Sunday, August 29, was a great success, attracting more than 30 entries from this section of the state.

Bob Anders and Ed Loftis, both of the Mill Office, saw to it that Ecusta brought home its share of the beautiful trophies, winning the doubles title. Buddy Oates, well-known athlete and native of this county now living in Asheville, waded through some stiff opposition to take the singles crown.

Walter Straus went to the semi-finals in the singles, losing to Jim Dillard in a tough match which saw the winner finish the final game with a volley of shots that overtook the 18-14 lead Straus had at that time. Oates took Dillard in the finals in straight games, 21-11; 21-14; 21-11.



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GENERALS RACE IN WITH INTER- DEPARTMENTAL BASEBALL TITLE

The darkhorse General team, playing airtight ball down the home stretch, captured the title in the Interdepartmental Baseball League by whipping Machine Room in a playoff game by a score of 8-7.

The two teams ended the regular season in a tie and a playoff tilt was necessary.

Taking an early 4-0 lead, the Machine Room boys looked as if they were well on the way to regaining the title they held in 1946. When the margin was stretched to 7-2, the Generals started to work. Two runs in both the fourth and fifth innings brought the count to 7-6, but in the top half of the seventh 'Footsie' Case led off with a long triple. He was cut off at the plate, however, and the side was retired without any scoring.

The last half of the seventh proved fatal to the Machinemen. Jack Alexander started the rally with a single and Hank Newbury moved him to second with a nice sacrifice. Marse Grant then tripled to score Alexander with the tying run, and scored the winning run a moment later on Marshall Loftis' fly to centerfield.

Leading the batting attack for the winners was Grant with two doubles and a triple, scoring three runs. Fred Miller had three for four for the losers. Both pitchers—Jim Winget for the winners and Wilson Gregory for the losers—hurled commendably.

ECUSTA WNC TEAM OFF TO GOOD START WITH WIN

The Ecusta team in the WNC Bowling League was off to a good start in its opening match, chalking up a 2-1 decision over Standard Supply.

Scores for the opening tilt: Chris Rogers, 527; Lewis Meece, 519; Walter Straus, 509; Bruce Reynolds, 507; and Buck Albert, 499.