

ROMANCOS WIN DISTRICT SOFTBALL TITLE-PLAY STATE MEET NEXT WEEK
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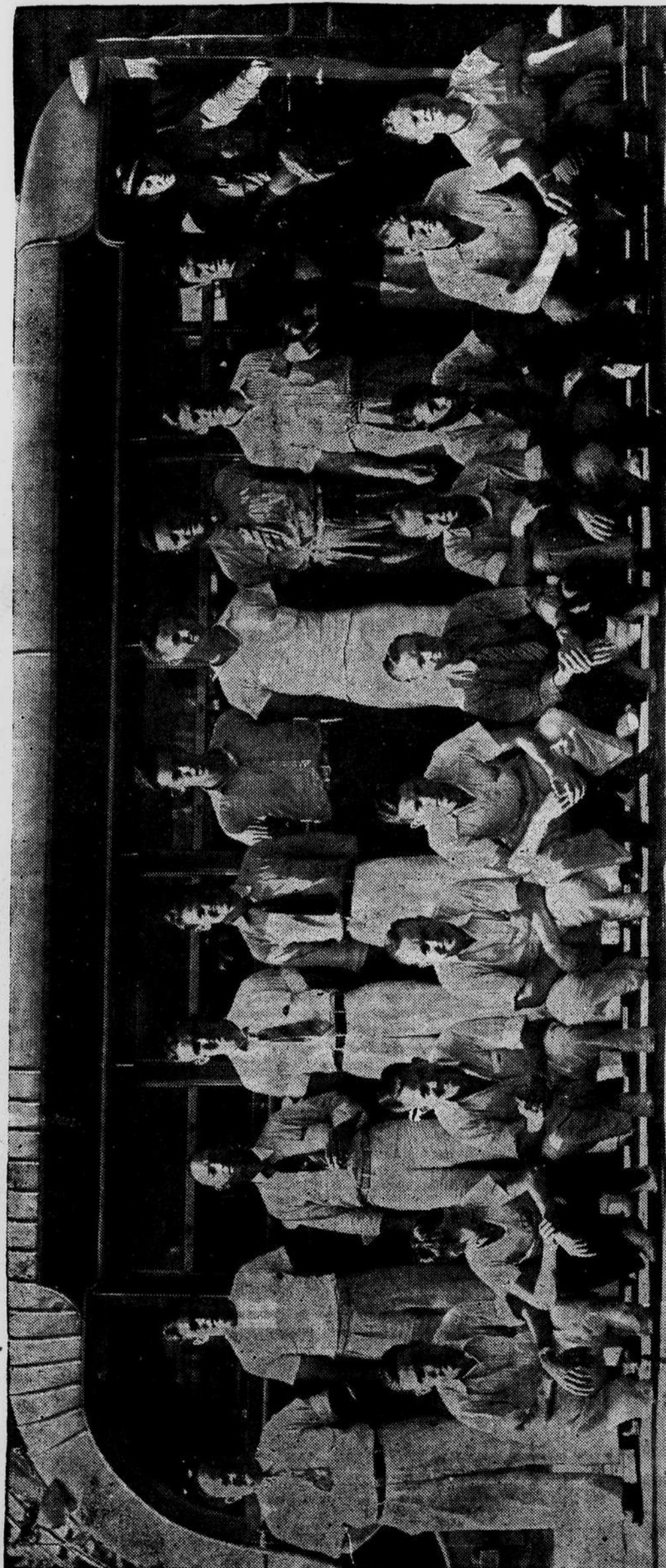
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OWLS LOSE 3RD GAME



Roanoke Rapids Begins Long Jaunt to Wichita

—OFF TO WICHITA!—Roanoke Rapids, semi-pro baseball champions of North Carolina, paused briefly in Greensboro yesterday afternoon as they began their 1,500 mile trek to Wichita, Kans., where they will represent this state in the National championships beginning today. Members of the squad shown above are, front row, left to right, Horace Davis, Bill Harris, batboy; Jack Smith, George Nethercutt, Irvin Dickens, Bennie McCrary, Russell Birdsong, S. H. Crumpler, business manager; Manager Tom Burnette, and Joe Stanback, bathy. Back row, left to right, Paul Harris, president of club; Dave Fuller, William Branch, Kelley Martin, Tom Taylor, Opal Pace, Joe Talley, Jim Whatley, Smut Aderholt, Victor Bradford and the bus driver. (Daily News photo).

HOLD TEXAS 'TIL 8TH INNING ONLY TO GO DOWN 9-5

Manager Jesse Lee of the Owls, who was forced to stay at home on account of personal business, became so enthused over Wednesday night's win that he left early this morning for Richmond, where he will take an airplane for Wichita, arriving there 5:30 this afternoon, to be with his team for the balance of the tournament.

Fifteen hundred ardent Owl baseball fans gathered in front of Rosemary Drug Company tonight fully expecting the home-town team, entered in the National Semi-Pro "World Series" in Wichita, Kansas to crash through with their third victory in a row—only to see the Owls go down to defeat under the powerful Mt. Pleasant Texas team.

However, the local fans—as well as the Owls, out there in Wichita—emerge with their spirits undaunted and still contend that the Roanoke Rapids team, on which the eyes of the Nation are centered, will "win out" yet.

Tonight's game was easily the Owls'—up to that "awful" eighth inning, when the Texans scored nine runs off of eight hits to end the score 9 to 5 in favor of the Lone Star State team. Sending 15 men to bat in the momentous 8th, the Texans proved too much for their North Carolina adversaries, and in a tournament full to date

of upsets, tonight's defeat of the Owls by the Mt. Pleasant team, after not having been able to score over the Owls a single time up to the eighth, proved to be another "upset." A rather tough one for the Owls, but one from which the entire citizenry is highly hopeful they will recover in the next game to be played.

"Lefty" Davis, veteran Roanoke Rapids hurler, pitched "air-tight" ball up to the eighth inning, when he was relieved by Joe Talley, who seemed to be off form tonight, later being relieved by Tom Taylor.

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5 ESCAPE DEATH WHEN LIGHTNING STRIKES BUILDING

Garysburg Teacherage Total Loss

Five colored school teachers at Garysburg miraculously escaped serious injury and possible death when lightning struck the "Teacherage" in which they were staying, about 7 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. The building, a two-story wooden structure, was burned to the ground, and all of the furnishings were a total loss.

Most seriously injured of the five is Mabel Wells, who is said to have suffered severe burns and shock, and is yet a patient at Roanoke Rapids Hospital. The other four teachers were dismissed, after being given first-aid treatment at the Hospital.

The injured includes the following: Dorothy Johnson, of Wilmington, Josie Harris, of Raleigh, Roberta Paytor, of Washington, N. C., Gladys Key, of Seaboard, and the

afore-mentioned Mabel Wells, whose home is in Rocky Mount.

The bolt of lightning struck the teacherage during Wednesday afternoon's storm. So far as is known, no other damage was done by lightning in this immediate section. The Weldon Fire Department answered the call, and were prepared to fight the flames with chemicals and a booster pump, but the fire had gained such headway when they arrived at the scene that there was little use to fight the blaze.

Several of the teachers were knocked unconscious when the lightning struck, and all were rushed to Roanoke Rapids Hospital by ambulance. The teachers were instructing in the regular Mid-Summer term of Colored School in Garysburg.

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