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WIN TITLE IN 25TH



Scenes by The Herald staff photographer taken at Raleigh last night when the Romanocs of Roanoke Rapids won a record-breaking 25 inning game from Raleigh to take the State Softball championship. Top picture shows the Championship trophy being presented by Raleigh Commissioner of Public Works Carl Williamson to Coach Bill Alligood of the Romanocs. Others shown (left to right) Bill Speight, Murray Stacks, Louis Outland, Lindsay Sadler, Manager O. D. Worsham. Far right, looking glum, is Pilot manager Brock.

Middle shot shows the winning run in the 25th inning (first half) with Frank Rhome, Romano left-fielder, sliding safely home as Tom Smith, Pilot catcher, goes after the bad thrown ball relayed from the outfield on Ronald Everette's sacrifice fly. Umpire Evans is watching home plate behind the Raleigh catcher.

Bottom picture shows John Marshall, Raleigh Softball Commissioner, awarding trophies to Russ DeBerry (left) and Ken Guilfoyle (right), opposing pitchers, as the two most valuable players in the tournament.

DEBERRY PITCHES ROMANCOS 1 TO 0 OVER PILOT MILL

Game Goes Scoreless For 25 Innings Before Ron'ld Everette Hits Rhome In

By TOM BOST, JR.

Raleigh's Pilot Mill softball team gave way in its fifth crisis and 25th inning early Thursday morning to lose to Roanoke Rapids by a score of 1-0 and give the Romanocs the right to represent this state in the national tournament to be held at Chicago next week.

For nearly four hours—perhaps the longest consecutive scoreless softball game ever recorded in this state—there was a succession of scoring threats only to be nullified by spectacular fielding and equally as brilliant fielding.

Ken Guilfoyle of Pilot and Russ DeBerry of Roanoke Rapids, old colleagues of the Romanocs last summer, turned upon each other with all the fury that they had jointly employed in mowing down opposing batsmen last year and the result was an aggregate of 43 strikeouts of which DeBerry caused 26 and Guilfoyle 17.

Mound Duel

The pitching duel at times appeared to be somewhat one-sided for DeBerry as Pilot went a regulation game without getting a hit, but this pitching wizardry was partially offset by one of the most remarkable fielding games ever witnessed on the part of Guilfoyle. He tossed 10 men out at the bases and caught four pop-ups on putouts. DeBerry was no slouch in the field

either for he threw out 11 of the hitters that didn't strikeout. Thus Pitchers Guilfoyle and DeBerry handled 25 fielding chances perfectly.

The crowd of nearly 6,000, the largest that ever saw a softball game in Dixie remained almost intact beyond midnight.

Excepting the fourth inning when Roanoke Rapids sent a man to third there was nothing that had the promise of a score during the first 12 innings. And from the eighth to the 18th innings Pilot's hitters failed to put a man on first base. It was during that streak that DeBerry got the edge both in strikeouts and hits allowed on Guilfoyle.

Guilfoyle Gets Stronger.

When the two teams had played the equivalent of almost four regulation softball games both pitchers were going at their very best and Guilfoyle was actually recovering the prestige he had lost in the middle of the game. He allowed only one hit in the last eight innings compared to four given up by DeBerry.

Then came midnight and the 25th inning. It was August 31 and the 53rd anniversary of the Charleston earthquake. Something just had to crack and Guilfoyle started it off by walking Rhome, reserve left

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ESTIMATED LOSS IS \$25,000 FOR HALIFAX COUNTY

Fill Near Halifax On Highway 301 Is Major Washout

A minimum of \$25,000.00 was given by C. F. Gore, State Highway man of Weldon, as damages done to highways in Halifax County by high water last Monday night and Tuesday. A dozen washouts, the worst one being a fill on Highway 301 just south of the town of Halifax, was reported from various sections of the county. Between \$1000 and \$1500 damages were estimated for several washouts in the western end of Northampton County, over which Mr. Gore is supervisor.

Traffic has been resumed on all roads except Highway 301, which will be closed to through traffic until late Saturday or Sunday. A

large road force is at work on 301, filling in the high fill just below the Paul Jones service station. Quankie Creek rose there until the culvert would not take the water, which backed up and undermined the upper side of the fill until the pavement of the highway fell in. Traffic to and from Halifax and Weldon to Enfield and Rocky Mount has been routed around by way of Jackson, Rich Square, Scotland Neck, and Lawrence. Damages for the washout on 301 alone is estimated by Mr. Gore to be between \$3000 and \$5000.

Traffic from Emporia to Weldon was routed through Roanoke Rapids during most of the day Tuesday, as Highway 301 just south of Pleasant Hill was under several feet of water.

In the vicinity of Roanoke Rapids, the road over pipes in the Nash Creek, near the present home

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Swallows Poison

Bruce Rook, an employee of the Paper Mill here, is in the Roanoke Rapids Hospital tonight suffering from the effects of bicloride tablets which he swallowed last night.

Mr. Rook, who is an unmarried man of about 40, is reported to have bought the tablets early last night and returned to his room at 215 Washington Street where he swallowed an undetermined number. Friends noted his condition and summoned a doctor immediately.

He was rushed to the hospital but the poison had already taken some effect.

It is reported that Mr. Rook has been suffering ill health for some time and has been rather depressed of late.