

SOFT 'N EASY

WITH SOFTBALL AND THINGS

As Told By Bill Hodges

ALL-STAR CHATTER: The big news of the week was . . . of course . . . that pair of games . . . between the City League All-Stars and the Romancos . . . The Romancos won the first tussle . . . 8-1 . . . Russ DeBerry hurling for the Roms . . . Knox Rogers and Lloyd Nethercutt . . . on the losing side . . . the second game went to the stars . . . one to goose-egg . . . Alvin Lattimore, winning chunker . . . "Ace" Carlisle . . . the unfortunate one . . . The All-Stars boasted a squad of 23 . . . including . . . six unanimous choices . . . Lt. Bob Moore . . . and Tilley . . . both of the Engineers . . . "Speed" Hux . . . Troy Allen . . . "Baldy" Harris . . . Grady Wheeler . . . all good ball players . . . as yuh know . . . the entire proceeds . . . of that little scrap . . . were turned over to the USO . . . United Service Organizations to you, Sebastian . . . a very worthy cause . . . you betcha . . . The fact that Russ DeBerry is considered . . . one of the leading pitchers . . . of the nation . . . doesn't seem to worry "Baldy" Harris . . . he got two for two . . . in the first game . . . of Saturday's double-header . . . an' that wasn't the first time either . . . nosirree . . . We sure thought that "Ace" Carlisle had a round-tripper . . . in the seventh inning of the nightcap Saturday . . . it was a hard hit ball . . . traveled out beyond the light post in left-center . . . but Harris made a nice stop . . .

Due to the threatening storm . . . there was a very small crowd . . . at the USO twin bill Saturday . . . We in this corner think . . . that another similar contest should be staged . . . to play off the tie . . . and to raise the money that should already have been collected . . . and as both teams won one . . . there should be right much interest . . . in a third contest.

Guess who the leading pitcher in the City League is this year, in percentage . . . Nope, you're wrong . . . Tain't Russ DeBerry . . . Neal Stewart, Romanco rookie, and Dorsey Nethery of the Red Raiders each have one victory and no defeats to their credit . . . a perfect record, so far . . . Owen "Speed" Hux of the Raiders who usually gets himself a fistful of homers every year hasn't hit a four-bagger all season although he is pasting the old potato for an average of way over .300 . . . Have you seen the trophies for city champs and runners-up? They're sure nifties . . .

The first uniformed softball club in this here town was the Roanoke No. 2 Weaver team . . . back in the first city series . . . red jerseys . . . white pants . . . blue caps . . . kind of a patriotic twist dontcha think? . . . The Patterson Pirates are the giant-killers of the League . . . Wednesday night with two victories to the Roanoke No. 2 Red Raiders already to their credit they gained their first win of the season over the Halifax Paper Boys, 4 to 3 . . . but were the Bucs satisfied with that? Oh no . . . on the following PM . . . at Ledgerwood Park . . . they took the Romancos into tow, 2 to 1 . . . nice piratin', boys.

This week Alvin Lattimore did what no other pitcher in the city league has done . . . He attained two victories over the Romancos . . . one in that game on Wednesday . . . the other in the nightcap of the USO doubleheader.

A GLIMPSE AT THE CITY LEAGUE: The Romancos have the pennant in the bag . . . The Red Raiders are comfortably situated in second place . . . That kinda takes the edge off City League competition . . . until next year anyway . . . We should now focus our attention upon the district race . . . and the aforementioned

Romancos . . . '39 . . . '40 . . . '41 Carolina champs . . . and runners-up for the national title last year . . . The Roms should have pretty still competition this year from the eight other teams in Eastern Carolina.

WHICH WILL IT BE? BONDS OR BONDAGE? BUY U. S. WAR BONDS AND STAMPS!

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"Truth" was the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Christian Science Churches and Societies on Sunday, July 26.

The Golden Text was from Hebrews 4:12. "The word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

Among the citations which comprised the Lesson-Sermon were the following from the Bible: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ" (John 1:1, 14, 17).

Eight Couples Secure Marriage Licenses In Week

Eight couples secured marriage licenses from the office of the Register of Deeds of Halifax County during the past week, according to records there. The eight couples were as follows: Curtis Arrington and Earnestine Smith of Scotland Neck, Dillard Corum and Margaret Williams of Roanoke Rapids, Robert Copeland of Halifax and Byrdene Williams of Littleton, B. C. D. Jones and Dorothy Thomas of Roanoke Rapids, Elmer Hary of Garysburg and Lucille Rawls of Jackson, Eli Gukich of Buffalo, N. C. and Lucille Crews of Roanoke Rapids, Cary R. Thomas of Henderson and Alice Varker of Weldon, Sam A. Farnes and Edna Alvis of Alexandria, Va.

Big Group Of Draftees Sent To Fort Bragg

With one of the largest groups of selectees yet sent from Halifax county hardly out of the city on their way to Fort Bragg, local draft board officials have received another call for white selectees to be met in the near future. This will make two calls for white selectees within a very short time of each other and, according to Mrs. Ellen J. Taylor, clerk to the Board, these calls, in addition to other calls for Negroes, are keeping the Board's personnel busy in trying to meet them.

ANNOUNCE BIRTH

Born to Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Graves, an 8-pound son, on Wednesday night, July 29, at Medical Hospital of Virginia, Richmond.

Ben E. Wood At Pearl Harbor On December 7th



Ben E. Wood, above, son of D. H. Wood of this city, has been granted an honorable discharge from the United States Army after being shell-shocked at Pearl Harbor. Young Wood has arrived at his home here after undergoing treatment at an Army hospital in Hawaii.

Wood went through the surprise Japanese attack on the great Hawaiian Naval Base, and although he wasn't wounded, he was in the thick of the fighting. Extremely reluctant to talk of the sneak attack on the Naval Base, Wood feels, however, that the Japs will be doubly repaid for their treachery and that they will eventually rue the day they made their attack on American property.

The picture above was made just prior to the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Judge Daniel Disposes Of Short Session Lower Court In Halifax Tues.

Three Fined For Driving Drunk; Session Limited

With one of the shortest Recorders Court dockets on record this year, Judge Charlie Daniel on Tuesday quickly disposed of seven cases and let court officials and lawyers go home before lunch.

Judgments rendered by Judge Daniel during the short session were as follows:

Tom Lowe, Enfield white man, was fined \$50 and costs when found guilty of driving drunk. His license was suspended for a period of 12 months.

Willis Mabry, Roanoke Rapids white man, was also fined \$50 and costs when found guilty of driving drunk. His license was revoked for 12 months.

Earl Cleve, Vanceboro white man, was fined \$50 and costs when found guilty of driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquors. His license was also suspended for a period of one year.

Robert S. LeGwin of Williams-ton, charged with reckless driving and without a driver's license, had prayer for judgment continued on the payment of the costs in the action.

In the case of William Allen, Enfield colored man, charged with assault with a deadly weapon, the court found the defendant guilty and sentenced him to spend the next six months in jail.

In the case of Rosa Whitaker and Milton McWilliams, Enfield Negroes, charged with assault on

Mary Williams, the court ruled Milton McWilliams not guilty of the charge. Prayer for judgment was continued in the case of Rosa Whitaker on payment of the costs and \$17.00 for the use of Mary Williams and on condition she remains of good behavior for a period of two years.

Brown Through Naval Training

Robert C. Brown, former foreman at the Manchester Board and Paper Company, has completed his recruit training at the Norfolk Naval Training Station and is now awaiting assignment to one of the Navy's Trade Schools or to active duty with the United States fleet.

Brown enlisted in the Navy through the Raleigh recruiting office more than 10 weeks ago.

Mrs. Tucker Calloway and children of Portsmouth, Va., are spending this week with Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Clary.

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