

# SPORTS

## BASEBALL THROUGHOUT COUNTRY IS PROMISING

Attendance Records of Last Year Will Be Broken This Season

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—Baseball throughout the country during the 1920 season promises to show continued growth in popularity, which has been a consistent feature of the national game since the close of the world war. Last season new attendance records were made in the major and minor leagues and unofficially it was said that never in its history has the game enjoyed such a prosperous season generally. Off season indications are that the records of 1920 will be surpassed next summer. This leads to the question: "Where will the club owners of the season who desire to see the games if baseball continues to grow in popularity?"

There are some sizeable baseball parks in the country, the largest of which is Braves Field with a seating capacity of 47,500. Most of the parks are sufficiently large to accommodate the crowds that ordinarily attend the games, but in every baseball city there are some parks during the season, especially on holidays and in the case of important series, when the largest of parks are inadequate to accommodate those who desire to pass through the stadium.

Large and numerous as are the baseball parks throughout the country in the present season, a majority of the fans who attend the games are unable to see the games because of the seating capacity of the parks in the major and minor leagues. It is estimated that less than one per cent of the total population of the country, 95,683,108, as shown by the 1920 census, are able to see the games. The seating capacity of the parks in the major and minor leagues totals approximately 961,000, which leaves a vast majority of the population unable to see the games. The seating capacity of the parks in the major and minor leagues is not available, probably because of the seating capacity of the parks in the country in the major leagues.

The proportion of seating capacity is more acute in the two major leagues than it is in the minors. The cities represented in the National League have a total population of 12,238,000, and the cities in those leagues have a total seating capacity of 189,000. This means that there are only 1.5 per cent of the population of the country who are able to see the games on some holiday or on the occasion of each seat.

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## WHITEVILLE TO HAVE A FAIR IN THE FALL

### Woman's Club Planning for a Creditable Exposition in Autumn

(Special to The Star)

WHITEVILLE, Feb. 6.—Whiteville will have a community fair next fall, and a good one, too, if the plans go through which were made by the Woman's club at its monthly meeting at the residence of Mrs. R. F. Sander. The club is fortunate in having as one of its enthusiastic members Miss Ruth Conrath, home demonstrator for the county, and Miss Conrath is very much in favor of the plan. She will have an active committee associated with her, and will at once begin the preparation of a premium list, to be distributed in printed form through the community, which will give ample time for all the home gardening and floral culture necessary to make the fair a complete success.

The civic department of the club expects to present next week to the county commissioners plans for the beautifying of the courthouse plots with grass and shrubbery, which can be effectively done since the completion of the grand old work around the building. The courthouse, by the way, is pronounced by a judge who recently held court here to be one of the handsomest structures of its kind in the state. The club appointed a committee for stimulating interest in the community in the early erection of a suitable high school building, and a community house and a public library, all of which are greatly needed. The club passed resolutions indorsing the effort which is to be made to have a whole-time health officer for Columbus county.

The Whiteville branch of the Red Cross held a meeting on Wednesday to confer with Miss Emily Walker, of the southeastern district headquarters in Atlanta. Miss Walker's efforts to aid the chapter here in securing a public health nurse, are nearing success, she states, and the probability is that the nurse will soon be here. Miss Walker left for other points after a short visit here, but is expected back this week to look after the further interests of the chapter.

The Vineyard Presbyterian church, of which Rev. A. J. Howell is pastor, has had a very busy and interesting week. Sunday Mr. J. M. Harvey addressed the Sunday school in the afternoon after having visited the Sunday school of the Whiteville Presbyterian church in the morning. Mr. Harvey is Sunday school missionary for Wilmington Presbytery, and this was his first visit to the schools here.

Tuesday there was held in the Vineyard church an all-day conference for the Presbyterian churches of the county in the interest of the Presbytery progressive program. The speakers were Rev. J. M. Wells, D. D., Rev. P. W. DuBoise and W. M. Cumming, from Wilmington; Rev. W. H. Goodman and O. L. Clark, from Clarkton; and Rev. A. J. Howell, Mrs. Howell spoke on woman's part.

Largely signed petitions are being forwarded to the Atlantic Coast Line offices for the retention of the early morning train from Florence.

The local interest in the sessions of the court during the past week has been greater than for a long time, owing to the number of cases on the docket, and the importance of several of them. The docket was so heavy that night sessions were held nearly every night during the week. The most important case was that of the State vs. L. M. Grainger, who was

found guilty of breaking into the Farmers and Merchants Saving bank of Tabor and the larceny of \$26,000 worth of war savings stamps and liberty bonds. The loss of the securities was at once discovered, and promptly traced to young Grainger, who had just been married to a young lady of Tabor, and two days later he was arrested. He has been in jail here until now. Mr. Grainger was represented by Herbert McClammy, from Wilmington, assisted by Lewis, Powell and Lewis, and L. C. Bowen, of Tabor. He was found guilty, and Judge Cranmer sentenced him to ten years in the penitentiary. The prisoner is only 24 years old. His attorneys have appealed and demand a new trial. Woodus Kellum, of Wilmington, was the prosecuting attorney for this term of court.

The majority of the cases on the docket were violations of the prohibition law, petty larceny and small misdemeanors.

GREENVILLE IS INTERESTED IN HER HOUSING CONDITIONS

(Special to The Star)

GREENVILLE, S. C., Feb. 6.—Preparations are rapidly going forward for the education campaign to be waged by the housing committee of the chamber of commerce in an effort to have the public support to the fullest possible extent the four building and loan associations, it being the plan to increase the funds of these institutions in this manner so that those desiring to build homes here now will have no difficulty in obtaining money on easy terms. The date of starting the campaign depends on the time E. L. Keesler, of Charlotte, N. C., can come here to address a mass meeting and explain the benefit of such a plan.

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8:30 A. M.	10:30 A. M.	10:15 A. M.	8:15 A. M.
9:00 A. M.	11:00 A. M.	11:05 A. M.	9:00 A. M.
9:30 A. M.	11:30 A. M.	12:05 P. M.	9:45 A. M.
10:00 A. M.	12:00 P. M.	12:45 P. M.	10:30 A. M.
10:30 A. M.	12:30 P. M.	1:35 P. M.	11:15 A. M.
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12:00 P. M.	2:00 P. M.	3:45 P. M.	1:30 P. M.
12:30 P. M.	2:30 P. M.	4:25 P. M.	2:15 P. M.
1:00 P. M.	3:00 P. M.	5:05 P. M.	3:00 P. M.
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