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## SPORTS

The ways and means committee of the Wilmington baseball club will meet with the soliciting teams at the chamber of commerce this morning at 10 o'clock, at which time it will be definitely decided as to whether Wilmington will enter the Eastern Carolina league. If sufficient stock has been sold, a representative will be named to attend the league organization meeting at Kinston tonight.

If silent and unheralded moves spell success, then Wilmington is sure to have professional baseball during the coming season. Tuesday three teams of solicitors canvassed the city for subscriptions to stock in the Wilmington baseball club and while no reports were made, it was intimated by workers that they were well satisfied with results achieved and that they would attend to some "mopping up" and "cleaning up" during the next day or so, which would have been yesterday and perhaps today. On that account, no definite report was available last night, but the smiles of those most ardent fans indicate their efforts resulted in something nearer success than failure.

These fans feel that after New Bern and Kinston have reported present in the financial column that assures baseball, Wilmington cannot afford to fall down, or do what is technically known as a "Brodie." Fans in the two smaller cities, where baseball plants are already erected, had to raise but \$6,000 in each, but \$6,000 is more to Kinston or New Bern than is \$10,000 to a city the size of Wilmington. Therefore, it is regarded as inconceivable that Wilmington will pass up the opportunity to get back in professional baseball.

It will cost the local club approximately \$4,500 to build the fence, stands and bleachers and properly grade the playing field to be used by the Wilmington Tars. The remainder of the \$10,000 desired will go toward putting the team on the field and paying all expenses of the players, together with salaries, until customers begin making the turnstiles click. Two hundred shares of stock must be disposed of, at each share is held at \$50. Sometime today or tomorrow the soliciting committees will report to the ways and means committee and that body will definitely decide whether Wilmington shall be in or shall stay out of the proposed Eastern Carolina league.

Fritz Hanson is said to detest Kid Ellis. Dry Ponder, Fritz's hat, is like unto that of a miser toward money. Yep, the twain held another "reunion" at Charlotte last night.

Jack Dempsey is going "over there" — but not until after the Yanks are about ready to call it a day and come back home. Jack had a swell chance to troop along with millions a few years ago, but then the purse offered was but a simoleon per day and that wasn't sufficient jack for Jack.

It's restaurant doughnuts to nothing that the Durham Y. M. C. A. basketballers got the shock of their young lives when the University of North Carolina cagers swamped them at Chapel Hill Monday night. The score was 44 to 25 and it ruined the Durham quint's winning streak of 21 straight games.

George Mohart, a few years ago just a so-and-so pitcher in the North Carolina league, is the only youngster retained by Manager Wilbert Robinson of the champion Brooklynns. George, a sturdy right hander, won his meal ticket last spring when he shut out Babe Ruth and company for 23 consecutive innings.

Down in the Sally league, which was recently raised to Class B society, the magnates are having trouble signing up their pastimes. The hired men want everything but the franchise for their services, and some of them intimate a mortgage on said instrument would have due weight.

The Athletics haven't quit the American league, hence none of Connie Mack's rival managers are fearful of repeating on the bottom when the curtain falls in the Johnson circuit next October. But Mack's gang is steadily improving and he has some few players who would strengthen any club in the circuit. Notable among these is Cy Perkins, Gloucester, Mass., led who was a star catcher with the Raleigh

### CAPE FEAR CLUB MEMBERS ARE TO MEET FRIDAY NIGHT

A special meeting of the members of the Cape Fear Country club has been called for Friday night at 8:15 o'clock at the chamber of commerce by President George Kidder. All members including the ladies and non-resident members, are urged to attend this meeting.

### FRANCE WANTS DAVIS CUP

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—France filed a challenge for the Davis cup with the United States Lawn Tennis association here today. This is the fifth challenge received, the British Isles, India, Spain and Australia having already given notification of their intention to compete for the International tennis trophy during the coming summer. Entries will close March 15.

### MAY END 6-DAY HIKE RACES

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Six-day bicycle racing would become a thing of the past in New York if an ordinance under consideration today by the committee on general welfare of the board of aldermen is passed and signed by Mayor Hylan. The ordinance would regulate the hours of bicycle racing, permitting each contestant to ride but six hours at a time and prohibiting all night racing. Violators of the ordinance would be subject to a fine of 100 for each offense or 30 days in jail.

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### RAILROAD MAN IS CHARGED WITH PROHIBITION VIOLATION

ROCKY MOUNT, Feb. 15.—T. S. Lancaster, Atlantic Coast Line conductor, was taken into custody of officers here

### after his home on South Church street had been searched and between one and two gallons of whiskey discovered.

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