

# SPORTS BRIEFS

Greatest development in the history of this community in the way of community recreation was construction and lighting of Memorial Park.

As you know, Memorial Park has been a gift in the form of contributions from people interested in public recreation. Tax funds were not available here and the people themselves made up the money for lights and the bleachers across the south side of the field. Total for those projects amounted to about \$10,000.

Then last year professional baseball was instituted here by Tal J. Pearson, and this community received another gift in the form of grandstand, steel fence around the field, P. A. system, dressing rooms, etc. The city government cooperated splendidly by aid in water, plumbing and grading of the field. Mr. Pearson furnished \$2,000 of the cost of portable bleachers, which cost \$3,500, and three citizens endorsed a note for the \$1,500 balance.

Some park rental fees have been applied on that note, leaving a balance of \$700 now, according to our information. That amount should be raised in some form and those public spirited men should be relieved of their responsibility.

The above facts have been recounted as a reminder of what has been done in a cooperative way to lift this community out of the doldrums, as far as public recreation is concerned, and to put credit where credit is due.

The primary need now at Memorial Park is improvement of the parking area outside the enclosed playing field. During the past two football seasons, and on many occasions during the baseball season, many stayed away from the games because they were afraid their cars would get stuck in the mud, (many did), and because they didn't want to wade mud and water from the cars to the seats on the field.

Memorial Park is a part of our city, and conditions of the parking area have not been a very good advertisement. The Christmas program staged at the park was greatly handicapped because the big parking area, which if it could be fully utilized would furnish parking space for cars carrying several thousands, was in no condition for parking. As a result the highways and streets were hopelessly jammed, many could not reach the park, and the program itself was disrupted because of the impossible traffic conditions existing.

We don't qualify as engineers, and can't tell just what should be done, but it does appear that the parking area could have been drainage and that some gravel and cinders could be put on the surface of at least part of the area at a cost which would not be prohibitive, especially in view of the fact that citizens and business firms liberal with their own hard earned cash have made the park possible.

Community recreation cannot be wholly self-sustaining if all

facilities have to be provided from gate receipts. Football didn't draw too well and schools are hard pressed for funds. American Legion baseball is a costly venture and gate receipts don't make a dent into expenses. High school baseball and amateur baseball are not self-sustaining.

Class D baseball is not a money-making proposition. Not one class D club in ten makes money, but like other sports it is entirely good for a community, and club owners usually are in the business because they are good sports and love the game and what it provides in the way of public recreation. At Sanford the city government is going so far this year as to pay \$15 nightly on the professional baseball light bill and furnish the park rent free and maintained, this out of tax funds for recreational purposes.

It is gratifying to see that the park here is used so extensively. Practically every night in summer something is going on at the park, and in view of the vast benefits it appears that some work could be done in the interest of better parking ground facilities.

### Sgt. Jones Hudson In Berlin Airlift

Frankfurt, American Zone, Germany.—Residents of the Wilkesboro can follow the progress of the USAF's Berlin airlift with renewed interest and pride.

James Hudson, whose aunt, Kate H. Douglas, resides at 120 Sixth Street, North Wilkesboro, is one who represents the people of this vicinity at the Frankfurt airbase in Germany.

He is a Sergeant with the Airways and Air Communications Service, the organization providing air communications, traffic control and radar landing aids for the plane-a-minute schedule into Berlin.

Major General William H. Tunner, in command of the combined U. S.-British operations in the airlift, recently paid outstanding tribute to the men of AACCS. He attributed a great measure of the success of the airlift in all kinds of weather to their untiring efforts and technical skill.

Sergeant Hudson, as an AACCS air traffic service technician, is one of the many men commended by General Tunner and has helped maintain the uninterrupted flow of aircraft through the Berlin air corridors.

A "rainy day" farm tour in Wilkes County recently attracted an attendance of 125 farmers and businessmen.

The importance of honey bees for pollination is indicated by a new plan being tried in Ohio this year. Bees are needed so badly that State that the Federal government is now paying owners a subsidy of \$1 for each hive maintained and \$3 for each hive moved into a field of red clover.

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The marriage took place December 21 at the home of Rev. A. W. Eller, with Rev. Mr. Eller officiating.

Mrs. Ellis is a graduate of Mt. Pleasant high school and is employed at the Southern Bargain Store.

Mr. Ellis is also a graduate of Mt. Pleasant high school, and is in the poultry business.

The couple are at home with the groom's parents.

### DENNY GROVE A. M. E. ZION CHURCH

The trustees met Monday, 7:30 p. m. The officers elected as follows: M. A. M. Smith, chairman; Miss Grace Harris, secretary; Mr. Claude Woods, treasurer.

The pastor will speak Sunday from the subject, "The Preaching Church", 11 a. m. and at 7 p. m. "The Builder".

The Y. P. F. will continue the topic, "The Value of Consolidated Schools", 6 p. m.

Rev. W. Thos. Martin, Jr. Ph. B. D.



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