

The Sportsman

By George Willoughby

GOLF TOURNEY OPEN TO SERVICEMEN

Following the first golf tournament held in Dunn, this column suggested that the Dunn Miniature Golf Course sponsor a tournament for the servicemen stationed in Harnett County. Charles Johnson, owner of the course, met the suggestion with hearty approval but suggested that the tournament be delayed until more of the men would be able to enter—at that time only a small majority of the entire group had arrived in Dunn. This was a sound suggestion for it can be easily understood that at the time Dunn was more able to meet the demands of the smaller group than they are now able to cater to the much larger number.

Charles has followed through with this suggestion—indirectly. In planning the tournament, play has been left open to both civilian and military personnel. This situation is only fair for it would not be to the best interest of the course to exclude its regular players from such an event. The regular players at the course enjoy the game and receive an added pleasure when the competition is high. The prizes add an extra incentive to the players but the biggest award is the thrill of winning. It gives the winner a feeling of accomplishment. The prizes for the tournament were picked with special care so they would be in line with the servicemen entered. The watch and fountain pen are both fine gifts and the sport coat and shirts are exceptionally well in line for the servicemen are allowed to wear civilian clothes.

TOURNEY JOINS LIST OF SERVICES

The golf tourney is another job well done to be added to the growing list of aids by the people of Dunn for the servicemen. The townspeople have been working to make their stay here as pleasant as possible. The churches are sponsoring the reading, writing, and game rooms. And Mr. Charles D. Hutaff should receive a special congratulations for installing showers in the Woman's Club for their use. Mr. Hutaff is a sport fan in Dunn who readily saw the need of the men and hoped to do something about it. As the father of three boys, perhaps it was a little easier for him to realize the need of these men.

The people of Dunn are finding that it is exceptionally easy to help these men for they are conducting themselves in a fashion that is a compliment to the United States Army. Even the most skeptical are pitching right in with descriptive adjectives to describe the well behavior of the men.

KPL WORLD SERIES AT NIGHT

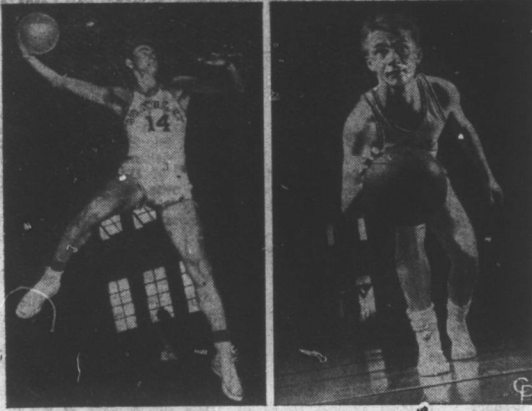
The citizens of Dunn came to the rescue of the Knee Pants League by contributing the necessary funds to meet the expenses for a night baseball game. In contributing to the game, the people were not merely "giving," but were showing the members of the league that they were interested in them and their doings.

Mr. Taylor had stated that he did not feel that it should be necessary for him to go out and ask for contributions for the game. He was entirely right. Mr. Taylor gives more than money to these boys. He offers them guidance, a good time, and training in the American way of life. This is more than most of the other citizens of Dunn do for such a large number of boys.

Seeing the needs, two of the league members, Herman Godwin and William Corbett, organized the league and raised the necessary contributions. These boys want to exhibit to all Dunittes that they not only learn to play ball, but that they DO play ball and play it well and with all their hearts.

The little "World Series" is scheduled for next Wednesday Night—lets everyone be there and cheer the boys.

FIGURES IN NEW BASKETBALL PROBE



THE COLLEGIATE BASKETBALL scandal erupts anew as Nicholas Englis (top, right), 26, is escorted by Detective Jerry Turner to the New York District Attorney's office. After questioning in connection with alleged bribery of players on the 1949 team of Bradley University, of Peoria, Ill., Englis was arrested. Two former Bradley stars, Charles Grover (bottom, left) and Bill Mann (right), were among those named by the Peoria County Attorney as admitting acceptance of \$7,200 in bribes to trim the scores for the benefit of gamblers. (International)

TODAY'S SPORTRAIT

NEW YORK.—(UP)—Luke Easter, who picked on Allie Reynolds for the first home run of his major league career, has been bothered by the Yankee righthander ever since.

"There's no better guy off the diamond than Allie, but whenever I see him warm' up to pitch I start frettin'." Cleveland's luscious larruper said as he waited his turn

in batting practice. "Allie's the toughest pitcher I ever came across in this man's league, or any other. He pitches me tight and is just wild enough to keep me loose. I just have too much trouble with that boy."

But Hal Newhouser is Luke's cousin at the plate.

"Hal's a nice boy to bat against. I hit him most of the time only I don't see him around as much as I used to."

Easter, a towering 230 pounds of black dynamite, carries most of Cleveland's pennant hopes in his bat. Casey Stengel called him the "Big Guy" the Indians must have to win. And their "Big Guy" missed 14 games earlier this season when his left leg went dead after he injured a muscle stretching for a bad throw.

IT STILL HURTS

"You can feel the brace right down there," he said, his big hands guiding the way to a section above his knee. "It still hurts some and slows me down on the close ones but I'm all right. I gotta be, boy, because we're goin' right into the World Series, don't fool yourself."

And Luke figures that if the leg holds up he can get 30 homers out of the season. He had hit 16 in games played through Tuesday, July 24.

"This is a nice park for hittin', even if we're havin' some losin' troubles in it," Luke said. "That's a nice little place out there to pop 'em." And he pointed toward the 295-foot sign in right field.

But Easter, who was the rage of the Pacific Coast League two years ago, has popped 'em a lot further than that.

Roy Campanella of Brooklyn recalls a 500-footer that Easter smashed eight rows back into the remote centerfield bleachers at the Polo Grounds. That one occurred when Easter was with the Homestead Grays, a Negro club. And last season Easter hoisted a clout 447 feet into the upper deck in the Indians' Municipal Stadium. The blast brought out a surveying party the next day, which decided that it was the longest hit in that cavernous park's history.

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