

# Today's Sports Parade

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**NEW YORK** — The touring golf professionals insist that "you drive for fun but you putt for money" and the answer seems to be that there is no easy way to become a financier of the fairways.

There is no secret to good putting, according to what I can discover. You either put it in the hole or you don't. If you do, you're a winner.

But there isn't any one way to do it. Line up a few professionals and ask them about it and that's the answer you'll get. They use a wider assortment of putters, stances and grips than Heinz ever heard about and most of the time they're all screaming except the guy who winds up winning the tournament. He won because he was putting.

### Chief Moaner

Sammy Snead is one of the chief moaners and yet a fellow like Jimmy Demaret calls the Slammer president of the "S & E Club."

"All you can see after Sam putts is his seat and elbows as he bends over to lift the ball out of the cup," Demaret grins.

Consider former National Open champion Julius Boros as an example. Big Jay has three methods of putting — wristy, not-so-wristy and firm-wristed. He simply changes from one to the other as he loses his "touch."

On the other hand, Lew Worsham uses the same method practically all of the time but he solves the problem by using two different types of putters. In the winter, on slow greens, he strokes with an aluminum-headed mallet. On the faster summer greens he favors a brass-bladed putter, on the theory that he'll get about the same summer distance with his winter stroke because the ball comes off the brass face more slowly.

### Faces Ruin

You get an argument between Jackson Bradley and young Wally Ulrich. Bradley holds out for experimentation of all types while Ulrich contends you face utter ruin with too much wandering.

"I was a good putter but by trying to get better I racked myself up," Ulrich complains.

Bradley's rebuttal is that after "trying everything" he has come back to "essentials" and is concentrating on stroking the ball correctly.

Dick Mayer, another of the younger crop, acted just like the veterans pros when he "tried about a dozen different putters." He partially solved his problem, being exceptionally tall, by having a longer shaft attached to his blade.

"For me it was better to putt from an upright position," he says, "and by keeping my wrists firm I found I didn't hit off line as much."

### May Be Solution

That may be the solution for you physical giants who feel like you are handling a toy popgun in using the regulation size putters on the green.

But, actually, there is no one type of putter or putting stance which is regarded as the best. It's strictly up to you.

There are essentials. Just about everybody agrees that as you putt your eyes should be directly over the ball. You putter should have "feel" — and above all get that feel put up close so you won't three-putt.

There will be days they'll drop, and days when they won't. The happiest pros are those who agree it will average out in the end and just make the best of the day's happenings without too much experimentation. As one genius admitted: "You can't win 'em all."

# SPORTS SHORTS

**SOUTHERN PINES** — Twelve steppelchers are entered here for tomorrow's Sandhills Cup race, the feature event of the seventh annual Stonybrook Race Meeting which opens the national steppelchasing season. Rated today as favorite is Rustling Oaks, a nine-year-old veteran steppelchaser owned by William G. Jones of Charlottesville, Va.

**ABERDEEN** — Underdog Mars Hill High School was in the semifinals of the North Carolina Class A High School Basketball Tournament today after scoring a 70-67 overtime upset over Massey Hill, a tournament co-favorite, here last night. Mars Hill and King meet in the first game of the semifinals with Odell and Cary meeting in the nightcap.

**TAMPA, Fla.** — Frank Leahy, recently resigned football coach of Notre Dame, today entered the business world as a vice-president in charge of sales, Leahy, who has been vacationing here for the past week, announced Thursday night that he has accepted that position with the Exothermic Alloys Sales and Service Inc., a Chicago firm. He was scheduled to leave this morning for an afternoon meeting in Cleveland, presumably with officials of the firm.

The Minneapolis Lakers and the Syracuse Nationals were riding high in the National Basketball Association playoffs today, but the Fort Wayne Pistons and New York Knicks were on the verge of extinction. The league champion Lakers showed their record in the Western Division round-robin play-offs to 2-0 Thursday night with a 90-85 triumph over the Pistons at Fort Wayne, while the Nationals gained the same mark in the Eastern Division with a 75-68 win over the Knicks.

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** — One of four surprising basketball teams was only two games away from the National Collegiate Athletic Association championship today, but few would hazard a guess on which it would be. Southern California met Bradley in the first semi-final game at Municipal Auditorium at 10 p. m. EST, with Penn State and LaSalle tangling in the all-Pennsylvania nightcap at 10:45.

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** — The nation's basketball coaches, frequently vocal with criticism of the rules governing the game, apparently will have no major changes to recommend. Their rules committee met Thursday as a part of the National Association of Basketball Coaches' annual convention, but Chairman Floyd Stahl of Ohio State indicated no major revisions would be sought.

Art Houtteman, the trim right-hander with a penchant for fast curves and automobiles, made a strong bid today to oust Bob Feller from the Cleveland Indians' "big mound four." With three strong Grapefruit League performances under his belt, the 26-year-old "hard luck kid of the majors" easily shaped up as the Indians' most effective pitcher this spring. Feller, meanwhile, was hammered for six runs in three innings in his initial outing and Manager Al Lopez admits the once-great streakout

# Erwin Social Happenings

## Jonnie Ennis Has Birthday Party

Little Miss Jonnie Jean Ennis celebrated her ninth birthday on Friday afternoon from 4:30 to 6:00 with a party given by her mother Mrs. Maude Ennis.

Games were enjoyed by the children and cup cakes and ice cream were served after. Jonnie Jean opened her many nice gifts.

Helping her celebrate were Dianne Webb, Blilie Belvin, Brenda Raynor, Nixon Aman, Betty Ann Fisher, Jerome Pope, Maurice Ryals, Zekie Stewart, Rhonda Godwin, Danny Keith, Betty Jean Porter, Buddy Arick, Shelby Lockamy, Nicky Iannone, Judy Allen, Bruce Ryals, Ida West, Kenneth Pope, Marion Taylor, Jerry Keith, Joyce Lou Ennis and Deanna Ennis.

## Mrs. Hall Gives Party For Daughter

Mrs. Wilbur G. Hall honored her little daughter, Debbie, with a birthday party at the Park Center on her seventh birthday.

Favors of horns and hats were given to the children and after several games were enjoyed. Debbie opened her gifts and birthday cake, ice cream and candy were served to Julia Wilson, Susan Ennis, Tommyleigh West, Juliana Danning, Jennifer Godwin, Freley Beatrice Lucas, Ralph Lucas, Carol Sessions, Margaret Ann Oldham, Cathy Whittington, Brenda McDuffie, Nickie McDuffie, Charlotte Crawford, and Esther Faye Stewart.

### P. T. A. TO MEET

The Erwin Parent-Teacher Association will meet on Tuesday evening, March 22 at the Erwin School. Miss Eleanor Kincannon's second grade will present a musical program and Mr. Proffitt, Superintendent of Schools for Harriet County will show pictures of Harriet County schools. The regular business session will follow. All parents and teachers are urged to attend and support the P. T. A. in its efforts to bring the home and school room closer together.

### OFFICERS MEETING

The Ethiopian Bible Class of the First Baptist Church held an officers' meeting at the home of the teacher, Mrs. Forest Maxwell, on Friday evening. The purpose of the meeting was to make final plans; in artist no longer can pitch every fourth day.

**PINEBLUFF, N. C.** — The 52nd North Carolina South Women's Invitation golf championship moved into the second round today with tournament favorite Mary Lena Faulk meeting Barbara McIntire in a feature match. Miss McIntire of Toledo, Ohio, took runner-up honors to Joyce Ziske in Wednesday's medal play and then scored a 4 and 2 decision over Mrs. H. C. Riedel of Dallas in a first round match Thursday.

**LOS ANGELES** — Tenley Albright of Newton Center, Mass., went into tonight's free skating competition with a commanding lead in her bid for her third straight senior ladies' national figure skating championship. All five judges awarded the 19-year-old Radcliffe pre-medical student won first place in Thursday's school figures, which count 60 per cent in the scoring.

**WASHINGTON** — A "preliminary" FBI investigation is underway into reports that eight Cuban Negro baseball players of a Washington-Senators farm team have been ordered to "get out of town" in Wintergarden, Fla. Attorney General Herbert Brownell Jr. disclosed the investigation Thursday in a speech at the sixth annual conference of the National Civil Liberties Clearing House.

**MIAMI BEACH, Fla.** — The veteran Dutch Harrison-Julia Erros and Freddie Haas-Art Wall teams led the blue-ribbon field in the second round today of the unique "Miami-Invitation" four-ball golf tournament at the Normandy Isle course. Both of the tournament-tested teams carded a best-ball 62 in Thursday's opening round of the \$125,000 competition, but they could not afford to breathe easily because one team was right behind with 63, three at 64, and no less than nine at 65.

## Mrs. McDonald Is Circle Hostess

Mrs. Pearl McDonald was hostess to Circle No. 1 of the Presbyterian Church on Friday evening at 7:30.

Mrs. K. W. Ballentine is leader of the circle and she called the meeting to order, which was opened with prayer. Mrs. S. J. Clark presented an inspiring devotion from the Book of Acts called "Boldness and Opposition."

"Evangelism" was the interesting topic for discussion given by Mrs. Ballentine.

After the program the regular business session was held during which time work of the White Cross, a fellowship supper, along with plans for raising money for the circle and visiting the sick were discussed.

After a delicious hot chocolate, cookies and wafers were served the meeting was closed with the Mizpah.

## Mrs. Spruill Speaks To Erwin Women

"Alcohol, The Christian's Responsibility" was the very enlightening book taught by Mrs. Frank Spruill of Dunn to the combined Wesleyan Service Guild, the Woman's Society, and the Woman's Society of the Parker's Grove Church on Friday evening.

Mrs. A. R. Marley, as chairman of missionary education in the Erwin church, recognized the special guest and introduced the speaker, after the meeting was opened with a devotion by Mrs. P. G. Parker. Miss Pat Warren opened the first session with a solo and Miss Lib Faye opened the second session. The meeting opened at 5:00 p. m. and a picnic supper was served at 6:00 p. m. and at 7:00 p. m. the second session started. The Parker's Grove Society had a hundred percent present along with 31 Erwin members.

## Circle Meets At Home of Mrs. Julian

Circle No. 2 of the Presbyterian Church met in the home of Mrs. George Julian, leader, on Monday evening at 7:30.

Mrs. Julian opened the meeting with prayer and Mrs. E. H. Lassater gave the devotion. Mrs. C. E. Ralfford was in charge of the program based on the evangelistic work being done by the denomination. A general discussion followed the prepared material.

After a routine business session the meeting was closed with group prayer. During the social hour hot punch, potato chips, and sandwiches were served to Mrs. Lassater, Mrs. Ralfford, Mrs. Orestes Ennis, Mrs. Felton Godwin, Mrs. J. C. Cameron, Mrs. Aileen McDonald, Mrs. Eddie Stamper, and Mrs. Julian.

## Mrs. Cameron Worthy Matron Of Erwin OES

On Thursday evening at their regular meeting Mrs. V. C. Swanson presided in the absence of Mrs. Ralph Hanna, Worthy Matron of

## Republicans Vote For Ike Over Joe In Connecticut

AVON, Conn. — Republicans in six Connecticut communities registered overwhelming support of President Eisenhower today in what some party leaders regard as a contest for party leadership between the President and Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy.

An unusual resolution affirming the President rather than McCarthy as their "choice" for national party leader was adopted by party members at annual caucuses in the six towns.

In Avon, where the largest number of Republicans voted on the

## Seniors Promise Smash Hit Play

The Dunn High Senior Play "Out of the Frying Pan" is rapidly being whipped into perfection by rigorous rehearsals. The cast fully believes that Mrs. Roy Dixon, the director, has turned into a "slave driver." Come out and see all the cast performing in this side-splitting, ridiculous comedy. You will see such outstanding celebrities as Franklin Bennett, who rows a boat, pretends he is a man in an iron mask, and is always ready to eat. He thinks through his stomach instead of his head. You will see an outstanding performance by this good-natured, well liked, person.

Another outstanding performance is the one given by "Kack" Butt, who plays Muriel. She is petulant, suspicious, and later on, well-behaved, with a voice like a tired Minnie Mouse. In spite of all this, she is not unattractive. See her with a "hang over" from a Mickey Finn that "Kack" White gave her to make her play dead. After the drink it is not a hard job to play the part. Don't miss this "Smash Hit!"

It will be presented March 26, at the Dunn High School Auditorium at 8:00 o'clock. The admission will be Adult 60c, and Student 35c.

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