

Sports Parade

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NEW YORK (AP) — Major league pitchers are throwing the dancing knuckle ball more than ever this season as a defense against the strangely live horseshoe pellet which batsmen increasingly threaten mound prestige.

And pitching coach Dutch Leonard of the Chicago Cubs recommends that any hurler who doesn't know how to throw the knuckler should learn — "the sooner the better."

Murry Dickson of the Cardinals, one of the smartest flingers in the majors, has regarded the knuckle ball as an important weapon in his bit armory for a long time. But this season, he is concentrating on the fluettery pill and using it more than any other pitch.

Russ Meyer of the Cubs, noted previously for his screwball or reverse curve, has picked up the knuckler under Leonard's coaching this season and expects to use it considerably when he recovers from a siege of tendinitis that has kept him on the sidelines.

MANTLE ON MOUNDS

Even Mickey Mantle, the Yankees' slugging center-fielder, has gone ga-ga over the knuckler. He has spent hours throwing it because of its fascination for him. And his mates say Mickey's pitch now is a dilly. Mantle has asked skipper Casey Stengel to let him start a game on the mound if and when the Yanks clinch the pennant.

Stengel says, "If we do, I'll let Mickey start one. His knuckle ball is the best in the American League."

Leonard is an expert on the knuckler because he used to throw one of the best dippy-dos in the business. His campaign for its wider use is soft-pedaled only when he grieves for the catchers who have to handle the unpredictable pitch.

"It's tough on the catcher," he says, "but it's got to be used more and more. It's not only a difficult pitch to hit, but it hasn't got enough speed to add to the batter's power. In other words the batter has to supply all the power to get distance with it. It deadens the lively ball."

The knuckler, which is tripped by the pitcher's fingernails in most cases, is a "sail pitch" that approaches the plate without any spinning of the seams. And it's thrown without any great effort or without any wrist snap as in the case of a curve, slider or screwball.

AIR CATCHES STITCHING

"You just sort of release the ball off the fingertips without a spin," Leonard explains. "And it's the way the air catches the stitching that causes it to do such screwy things. It certainly kept me in the majors a long time after I would have been through otherwise."

Leonard credits the knuckler for some of the success of the Pirate pitchers this season. He says every man on the Pirate staff throws the "crazy knuck."

Dickson threw knucklers about 75 per cent of the time last week in his three-hit shutout against the Dodgers. PeeWee Reese was the only player to get a solid smash at the ball. The Dodgers powerhitters were practically helpless against the tantalizing pitch that fools even the catchers.

+ Jackson's Corner +

By HAZEL JACKSON

Spring Branch, Missionary Baptist Church on Dunn, Route One (instead of Route Five as sometimes mistakenly), will hold its annual revival this coming week, June 24 through July 1, with the Rev. B. Cone, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church at Durham, beginning the services on Sunday night at 8 p. m. and continuing on Monday — Friday mornings at 11 a. m. and every night at 8 p. m. We're expecting good attendance for every service, so come on out, not just to join the crowd, but to get something from Rev. Cone's message. Hope to see you there

Friends of Mr. Felton, "Bill," Wood will be happy to know that he returned home from the Veteran's Hospital at Durham Thursday of this week. We're hoping that he will get plenty of rest at home even though he is not confined to his bed. Maybe this time he is home to stay.

Mr. Archie Lee, Sr. of Dunn, Route One, is a patient in the Veteran's Hospital at Fayetteville.

Nathan Andrew Stewart, better known as "Pete", whose mother lives on the Fayetteville Highway, left June 12 for Lackland Air Force Base in Texas. A '56 graduate of Dunn High School, "Pete" is the son of Mrs. Ernest "Dave" Ammons and the late Mr. Nathan Stewart, Sr.

Chief Petty Officer Jimmy Ammons, who is stationed at Yokohama, Japan, is scheduled to leave June 27, by plane, for home. He is hoping to arrive home on July 5 and visit for a few days with his parents and brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Worth Ammons and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Ammons who reside on Dunn, Route 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Mayben Norris, Linda Wood, and George House returned home Wednesday evening of this week from a two week's visit with Mr. and Mrs. Norris's son, Stanley, who is stationed at Francis E. Warren Air Force Base in Wyoming. They had planned to visit relatives in California and return home in six weeks but somebody got homesick! Anyway they report a nice trip and they got to see a lot of interesting sights.

Friends are sorry to learn that the A. E. Alderman home on Dunn, Route One near Spring Branch Church was completely destroyed by fire Tuesday morning about 2 a. m. (June 19). At the time of the fire Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jackson and family (four girls) were living in the downstairs part of the house. Both the house and the contents were a complete loss. The Jacksons had been living there ever since the first of June. Miss Grace Alderman transferred from Erwin to Clinton during the month of May and was in Clinton, at the time of the fire. Miss Alderman and the Jackson family have our deepest sympathy.

Some of the ladies of the Women's Missionary Society of Spring Branch Church met at the parsonage Tuesday of this week to make draperies for the parsonage. The society had previously raised funds and purchased material for that purpose.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Beasley, of Rt. 1, Dunn, are the proud parents of a little baby girl who arrived Wednesday. Their two sons are thrilled over the new baby, especially since it's a girl! Mrs. Beasley is the former Geraldine Raynor.

Also Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Norris of Rt. 4, Dunn, announce the birth of a daughter on Wednesday. Mrs. Norris is the former Susan Tart.

Miss Helen Henley of Richmond.



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Martial

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the commercialization of the marriage vow."

LEFT AFTER 6 WEEKS
Dolly, whose first marriage to a naval lieutenant ended in divorce, married the heir to the Astor millions Aug. 6, 1954, and left him Sept. 21 when their honeymoon ship docked in New York.

She filed suit for separate support Nov. 22, charging she left Astor because of "something so intimate she did not wish it published." She also contended he threatened to kill her.

The thrice-married Astor, 42, who admitted he is worth nearly five million dollars, filed cross suit for annulment or divorce, charging his "quickie" Mexican divorce from Gertrude Gretsch was invalid.

Judge Giblin upheld the Mexican divorce, and refused Astor an annulment or divorce from Dolly on the grounds the separation was Astor's fault. But the jurist branded Dolly Astor a "scheming, conniving and lying girl motivated by a greed for money." He said testimony taken in a closed session was the "filthiest I have ever heard."

Steel characterized Dolly as shrew, virtuous girl who loved Astor with all her heart when she married him, and pictured Astor as "an admitted rouse given to drunken furies and obscenities."

At present the hours are ten to twelve in the morning, and two to six in the afternoons. On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays—starting next week—that schedule will be amended. The pool will close at five — thirty to give the staff adequate time for an evening layoff, then will reopen at seven and remain open until 8:30 or nine, depending on the crowd and the weather.

Lessons

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lessons. If not, there will be a continuance.

Junior and senior life - saving classes will be given this summer, but no definite date has been assigned for starting. Maurice George, pool director, recommends that those interested drop in at the swimming pool now and leave their name.

Mrs. Armstrong, director of the swimming - lessons program, is a top local golfer, and a prominent worker with the Girl Scouts and the Red Cross.

Lifeguards Ray Taylor, Billy Joyner and Dave Coxie will assist her in giving the lessons.

Pool Director Maurice George also announced this morning that starting next week, the pool will be open three evenings a week, barring bad weather, so adults will have more opportunity to swim.

Britians

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tain's belief in a changing military situation in which the major deterrent to war would be the hydrogen and atomic bombs and the airpower needed to deliver them.

"In each case," Macmillan told Parliament, "the main savings arise from abandoning or deferring orders which otherwise would have been placed, from increasing use of existing stocks and expediting the disposal of surplus stocks."

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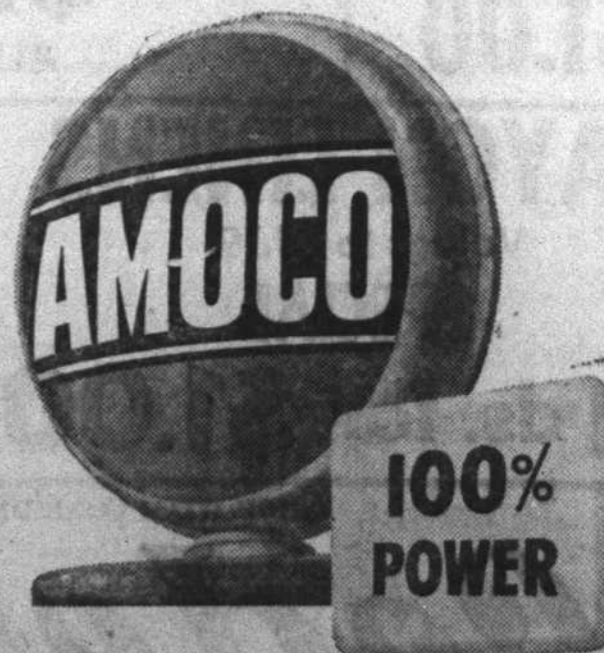
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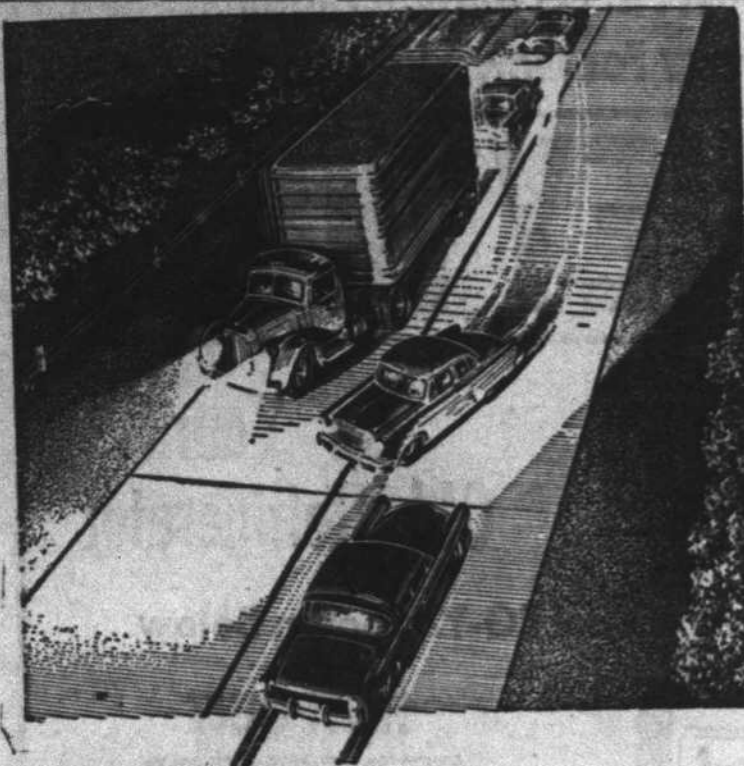


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