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TOURISTS OPEN HERE TODAY

ROTARY CLUB WILL STAGE STREET PARADE TO BASE BALL PARK TODAY

Twenty or More Automobiles Will Be in Procession Headed by Brass Band—Line of March is Announced.

WHERE THEY PLAY TODAY. Charlotte at ASHEVILLE. Durham at Winston-Salem. Greensboro at Raleigh.

Headed by a large brass band, Asheville's Rotary club, generally conceded to be one of the liveliest of the several in North Carolina, will form the body of a gigantic street parade or procession that is to inaugurate the opening of the 1917 baseball season this afternoon.

Following the parade, which is to end at the ball park right around 4 o'clock, there will be a band concert, this to continue until the umpire calls play ball for the first time of the year.

The plans of the Rotary club are to have at least twenty cars in the line of march containing members of the club and their wives or lady friends. The twenty cars carrying club members will follow directly in the wake of the band wagon, which will lead the procession.

Permit has been obtained from the chief of police to park the automobiles participating in the parade on Biltmore avenue, beginning at Willow street and extending back to Pack square. Rotarians are requested to have their cars on Biltmore avenue by 1:30 at the latest, so that the line may be formed and the parade begin not later than 2:35 o'clock. This

will allow twenty-five minutes for the automobiles to traverse the route to the ball park.

The line of march is as follows: Up Willow street to Church, up Church to Patton avenue, up Patton avenue to Pack square, around L. S. square, down Broadway to West College, out West Street, which has had charge of the College Government street, down Government to Ashland avenue and down the avenue to the ball park. Here the parade will disband.

Baseball interest is at fever heat in Asheville. If this continues throughout the day, the Tourists will have no reason to kick on the welcome accorded them, for if indications point to a win, it will be one solid mass of humanity from 3 to 6 o'clock this afternoon until some time between 5:30 and 6 o'clock, when the long but happy movement homeward will be begun, in all likelihood with an Asheville triumph on the tip of every tongue.

Clerks and others employed in the city hall are to start work at 9 o'clock, this permission having been granted at a recent meeting of the commissioners. Doubtless many business houses will be closed in order that the employees may attend the initial clash, while the several labor unions of the city will stop work in time to buy a ticket and get into the grounds before Mayor Rankin takes an elaborate wind-up, and shoots a "fast" one straight at the head of the diminutive "Rabbit" Bradshaw.

As is stated in another column on this page, Ferris and his men are ready and waiting for the start of hostilities. Earl Mack and his Hornets are expected early this morning, fresh from a trio of wins over the Twins, while the unlucky gent, whose calling is to call, will be in the park to start the game promptly at 4 o'clock. It bids fair to be a great day for Asheville.

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LECTURE ON CURRENT EVENTS, KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING

Commissioner of Public Safety D. Hiden Ramsey will lecture tonight at 7:30 o'clock at the Y. W. C. A. on Church street on "Current Events." The public is invited.

The next entertainment given by the Knights of Columbus will be on the night of May 2. There will be the usual dance and card party. Refreshments will be served.

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SEE WHAT FERRIS SAYS OF TOURISTS

Asheville Will Have No Cause to Be Disappointed in Team, Says Manager Ferris.

"Don't worry about that ball club," said Manager Doc Ferris, of the Tourists yesterday afternoon. "The boys are in good shape now and are getting better every day. Asheville will have no cause to feel disappointed in the club once the players get into their best condition."



ERNEST (DOC) FERRIS, Manager of the Asheville Tourists. Manager Ferris led his proteges into Asheville at 3 o'clock Sunday morning from Greensboro, where they met Laval's Goats in the season's first four encounters. The series was divided 50-50, each club winning two games.

The majority of the men are quartered at the Swannanoa-Berkley hotel, pending the selection of rooms in private families. Several, however, engaged rooms in advance and went directly to them on arrival yesterday morning. Most of the men are eating at the Western hotel. When questioned yesterday afternoon, Manager Ferris stated that he was more than pleased with the looks of the team. He declared that he was not a bit disappointed over the two games dropped to Greensboro for, he said, the Tourists got only one break in both games. "The team looked good even when it was losing," said Doc, "and I didn't lose faith in the bunch for a minute. There are a lot of mighty good ball players on the club this year," added the manager.

Ferris was especially loud in his praise of Harry Allison, who pitched Saturday's game. Allison looked fifty per cent better than he did last season and his work this year is expected to show a great improvement. All he needs to make him one of the leading moundmen in the circuit, is a little more control. Chenault, Moorefield, Wickham, Kelly and in fact, every man on the team came in for a good word from the leader. All have been working hard to win and were in there scrapping for all they were worth, even if they were several runs in the rear in the first two games with Greensboro. "They'll come," concluded Ferris. "Watch 'em."

Y. M. I. NOTES. (Contributed.) The meeting at the Y. M. I. yesterday afternoon was exceptionally well-attended, the auditorium being filled to capacity. A special offering for the curtain fund, amounting to \$18.01 was raised. The Parent-Teachers' association of Catholic Hill school will hold a special meeting tomorrow night at the Y. M. I. The meeting is an important one and a full attendance is requested.

STANDING OF CLUBS

Table showing standings for North Carolina League, National League, American League, and Southern League with columns for Won, Lost, and Percentage.

RESULTS YESTERDAY

- National League: At Cincinnati 7; Chicago 4. At St. Louis 4; Pittsburg 1. American League: At Cleveland 4; Detroit 3. At Chicago 3; St. Louis 2. Southern Association: At Nashville 2; Little Rock 9. At New Orleans 15; Atlanta 3. At Mobile 9; Birmingham 2. At Memphis 7; Chattanooga 3. International League: At Providence 2; Buffalo 9. At Baltimore 15; Rochester 10. At Newark 10; Montreal 5. American Association: At Toledo 8; Louisville 4. At Columbus 4; Indianapolis 3. At Milwaukee 1; St. Paul 2. At Milwaukee 1; Kansas City 2.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

CLEVELAND WINS. CLEVELAND, Ohio, April 22.—Cleveland made enough runs today off Ehmske in the first inning to win the game from Detroit, 4 to 3. James, who replaced Ehmske, was effective. Klepfer pitched steadily for Cleveland. An error and a passed ball accounted for two of Detroit's runs. R. H. E. Detroit.....011 000 610—3 7 1 Cleveland.....400 000 002—4 7 1 Batteries: Ehmske, James, C. Jones and Spencer; Klepfer and O'Neil.

GROOM WEAKENS

CHICAGO, Ill., April 22.—Pitcher Groom, after holding Chicago to one hit, after relieving Hamilton in the second inning, weakened in the ninth and the locals staged a rally which gave them the final game of the series with St. Louis, 3 to 2. After one man was out Rigberg walked and E. Collins singled and Jackson was passed. Fiesch then singled over second, sending the Rishberg home with the tying run. E. Collins was halfway home and Lavan threw to third, and when Austin turned to catch the Chicago captain, Collins raced home. R. H. E. St. Louis.....000 000 000—2 11 2 Chicago.....010 000 002—3 6 1 Batteries: Hamilton, Groom and Seaver; Danforth and Schalk.

KURFEES TO WORK IN OPENING GAME

SELECTED TO FACE HORNETS IN CLASH TODAY.

Team is Delighted With Asheville and Ferris—Gossip of the Different Players.

Manager Ferris, of the Tourists, stated last night that he would assign Pitcher Kurfees to tame the Charlotte Hornets in the opening encounter of the series at Oates park this afternoon. Kurfees is in good shape and unless he springs a sore arm between now and 4 o'clock, he ought to be able to get in there and give those Hornets the battle of their lives. Kurfees pitched Friday against Greensboro and won the first Asheville victory of the series. It was due to good work on his part, together with bunched hits by his mates, that brought about the initial Greensboro defeat. Kurfees is an experienced pitcher with an awful lot of stuff and is expected to prove one of the mainstays in the box this season.

Willie Kelly, the diminutive shortstop, is the same smiling elf of olden days. Willie is a great little pitcher. He is one of the veterans of the club and takes a pleasure in imparting his store of knowledge to the youngsters, of which there is an abundance on the club. Willie and Casper Morpeth are roommates. And speaking of Morpeth, he just about leads the league when it comes to picking the bases. When Morpeth played with Durham several years ago, he used to be chief pianist for Jim Kelly, whose special delight was singing, "Well we'll row, row row, way up the river." Down at the batting house yesterday afternoon, Morpeth sat down at the piano and banged out the classics of Beethoven, Verdi and Irvin Berlin alike.

"Satch" Moorefield, the lig catcher and outfielder, ought to do good work for Ferris this season. Moorefield, who is one of the natural hitters in the league, looks good either behind the bat or in the outfield. He has a nice disposition and is one of the best-liked men on the club. Few men have changed during the course of a short winter as had Harry Allison, the youthful portlander of the House of Ferris. Allison is much larger than he was last season and has a lot more pep on the ball. He is working hard to master control and when he does this, he will be one of the best pitchers in the league. All of the players were loud in their praise of his work of the club.

Brown, the young right fielder, of the Tourists, sports a gold watch fob of which he is very proud. It is made up of a gold medal and an ivory baseball. Similar fobs were presented to each member of the club winning the pennant in one of the several winter leagues of Mobile. Brown's team won nine straight games and finished in first place.

Ball players soon make friends and the Tourists are no exception to the rule. A bevy of them piled into a Ford driven by a rabid fan yesterday and spent the afternoon giving the scenery around town the D-D. In the party were Willie Kelly, pitcher; Brown and Summerlin, outfielders, and one or two others. Willie Kelly, who has been playing in the North Carolina league since King Kelly was in the grade, is delighting his friends with the deal that sent him to Asheville. "It's the best town in the league," he said. "Doc is a fine fellow, so what more could I want?"

Manager Ferris is in no hurry for routine down to Asheville. On May 12, Doc will have to reduce his squad to twelve men including himself, and this is going to prove a difficult task, for all of the men are showing up so well that Doc will have to scratch his head several times before signing any pink slips. After entertaining Earl Mack's Hornets for four days this week, the Tourists will pack their grips and set sail for a road trip of eight days. The half of this will be spent with the Durham Hoines at Durham and the latter part as guests of Charlie Clancy's Winston-Salem Twins in the best of hard trip for the locals, for both Durham and Winston-Salem boast strong teams. If Ferris and his gang can break even in the eight, after touring the Hornets three out of four Asheville ought to be more than satisfied.

Returning from Twintown on May 6, the Tourists will begin an eight-day stand at Oates park on Monday, May 7, with Raleigh as the visiting team in the first four days, and Greensboro for the last four.

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