

SPORTS PAGE

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Rambling With The Sports Editor

REPORT ON GIL . . . Unquestionably the best big league ball game we have ever seen was last Saturday's at Washington between the Yanks and the Senators. And Gil Coan really gave us hometown fans a spectacular show. His two triples in the sixth inning were "out of this world" and they are a record, too. Only eight other persons since 1916 have equalled this feat. One of Gil's triples was to right field and was handled by the rookie sensation, Mantle, but Gil still got three bases out of what appeared to be a long single or a double. The other triple was over the head of Joe DiMaggio, and it came with the bases loaded. That was the most beautiful thing about it. Incidentally, Gil hit a triple over DiMaggio's head on Friday night with two on and the score tied at 1-1. We want to say publicly that we appreciated the fine box seats that Gil got for us on Saturday . . . They were the seats that the president's party used the day before . . . and nope, we weren't booed. By the way, I believe a cab driver summed up nicely the way Washington fans love Gil. When we caught his cab at the stadium after the game, my wife asked him how he liked the two triples of Coan's. "Prettiest I've ever seen. Boy, that guy can fly and he really can hit . . . he's about the only real long hitter we've got. And you know, he's just as modest as a school kid and as clean as a pin."

ON DOCKET . . . Speaking of baseball, brings to mind all the games that are being played here this week. On Thursday afternoon the Tornados play on the college field and on Friday the Blue Devils take on Ben Lippen on the high school field. Ecusta meets Sylva at Camp Harry H. Straus on Saturday afternoon. So, baseball fans, there are games galore this week for you.

SURE SIGN OF SPRING . . . If the baseball games that are on tap for local fans during the next few days aren't that sure sign, then we give you the Kentucky Derby, better known as the Run for the Roses or Bill Corum's spectacle as a definite sign. This year's derby at this stage appears to be wide open with several of the winter book favorites having been beaten. We saw the Wood Memorial run last Saturday in which Repetoire, the mis-spelled colt showing the way by a head over Battle Morn. It looks to us though as if Battle Morn will have the best of it in the Derby, for he came from way back to almost nip Repetoire at the wire and the Wood is three-sixteenths of a mile shorter than the Derby. We like the chances of Battle Morn against the field.

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Ecusta To Play Sylva At Camp Harry H. Straus On Saturday

Merrell Says Team Should Be In Good Shape For League Affray

Ecusta's WNC Industrial league baseball team will play Sylva at beautiful Camp Harry H. Straus Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. A large crowd is expected to see the game and the affray promises to be a close one. Both Ecusta and Sylva have had difficulties breaking into the winning column consistently, and Ecusta will be out to give the hometown fans a victory.



Athletic Director Fritz Merrell says his men will be in good condition for the game, and he urges the public to come out to the game and cheer the Ecustans on to victory.

Ecusta dropped the first game of the season to Clearwater and then lost the second to Beacon last Saturday.

BLUE DEVILS TO PLAY TWO GAMES HERE THIS WEEK

Ben Lippen Is Friday's Opponent; Tryon Game Is Slated Tuesday

Brevard's Blue Devils will play at home Friday afternoon, and the public is invited to come out to the game on the high school field. Game time is 3:30 o'clock.

Brevard will take on Ben Lippen, and Coach D. G. Dail is expected to start his star hurler, Frank Peterson.

Last week the Blue Devils ran into some stiff competition, losing to Waynesville and Hendersonville, but the coach is predicting a different story this week.

Next Tuesday afternoon Brevard will play another home game, and the opponent will be Tryon.

"We lost, two, now we're out to win two," the coach declared.

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Fishing Notes

By LLOYD BURHANS

Trout fishermen are boasting of somewhat better luck during the past week. Saturday was especially good for some who reported catching their limits or at least a nice creel full.

It is amusing to notice how each fisherman has his opinion as to which fly or lure is most effective. Three anglers can fish along the same stream, each using an entirely different bait, and all may enjoy equally good luck. That is not always true, of course, but it does indicate that "good luck" probably depends more on the ability of the fisherman than it does on the lure he uses.

Of course, the fisherman using underwater baits now are doing better than those trying to catch fish on the surface. Spinners, wet flies, etc., are producing the best results and the small Flatfish have been particularly effective.

The two most popular flies, based on results, seem to be the grey hackle with yellow body and the rabbit hair fly. An interesting feature about the rabbit hair I'd like to pass on to you. Flies tied with soft fur or wool are particularly good with trout because the fibers catch on the fish's teeth and cannot be "spit out" as easily as other flies. This is particularly helpful to an angler who does not set the hook as quickly as the expert, and he probably feels a more definite strike when the trout takes the fly.

Many a fisherman has returned with a long tale about the one that got away and the listeners are usually amused, but it can be pretty disappointing to the angler who loses a tremendous trout as Chan Ashworth did the other day, using light tackle. Chan had played his trout for 8 or 10 long minutes, and had led it to the edge of the river where Leonard Simp-

Junior Mittmen in New York City beat big league professionals to the pitch as they gather for their own opener at an East Side playground. Eleven-year-old Richard Horan smiles encouragement at his lagging brother Bobby, 4, who is having pants trouble. (International)

son tried to get it out with his hands. Twice Leonard had his hands on the fish when, with a mighty lunge, the fish tore loose from the hook and streaked away. Any fisherman who has had a similar experience will sympathize with Chan and Leonard, who say it isn't funny, this story of their fish that got away.

Quite a few local sportsmen headed for bass waters during the past week and moderate catches of bass and bream were reported by several. They were attracted to lakes as far away as Fontana and Buzzard's Roost.

Brevard Model Plane Club Is Organized, Chambers President

Other Officers Are Named; Group Will Meet Tonight At Hobby Shop

The Brevard Model Plane club has been officially organized and it succeeds the Sapphire Model Plane club.

The organizational meeting was held in the Hobby and Sport shop with the following persons attending: Tom Conley, Dr. Harry Bobst, Charlie Freck, L. T. Chambers, Lloyd Burhans, Harlow Mahaney, Bryan Combs and D. C. Dills.

Policies of the old Sapphire club were adopted and the following officers were elected:

L. T. Chambers, president; D. C. Dills, vice president; and Charlie Freck, secretary and treasurer.

A committee, headed by Tom Conley, was named to look over available flying fields.

Members present expressed the desire to have the club available particularly to youngsters, and plans were discussed to make it as easy as possible for school children to belong.

The Brevard Model Plane club will meet again Thursday night, April 26, at 7:30 o'clock at the Hobby and Sport shop.

TORNADOES WILL PLAY TWIN-BILL

Gardner-Webb To Be Here This Thursday Afternoon At 3:30

A large crowd is expected to attend the doubleheader between Brevard college and Gardner-Webb Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock on the college diamond.

With baseball weather in the offing, the Tornados are expected to be primed for the twin bill, and Coach Bob Andrews urges all sports fans to come out to the game.

A couple of deacons were out hunting Sunday morning when one of them said: "What would our pastor think if he knew we were out hunting this morning?"

"I don't know," said the other, "but I couldn't have been at church anyway. My wife is sick."

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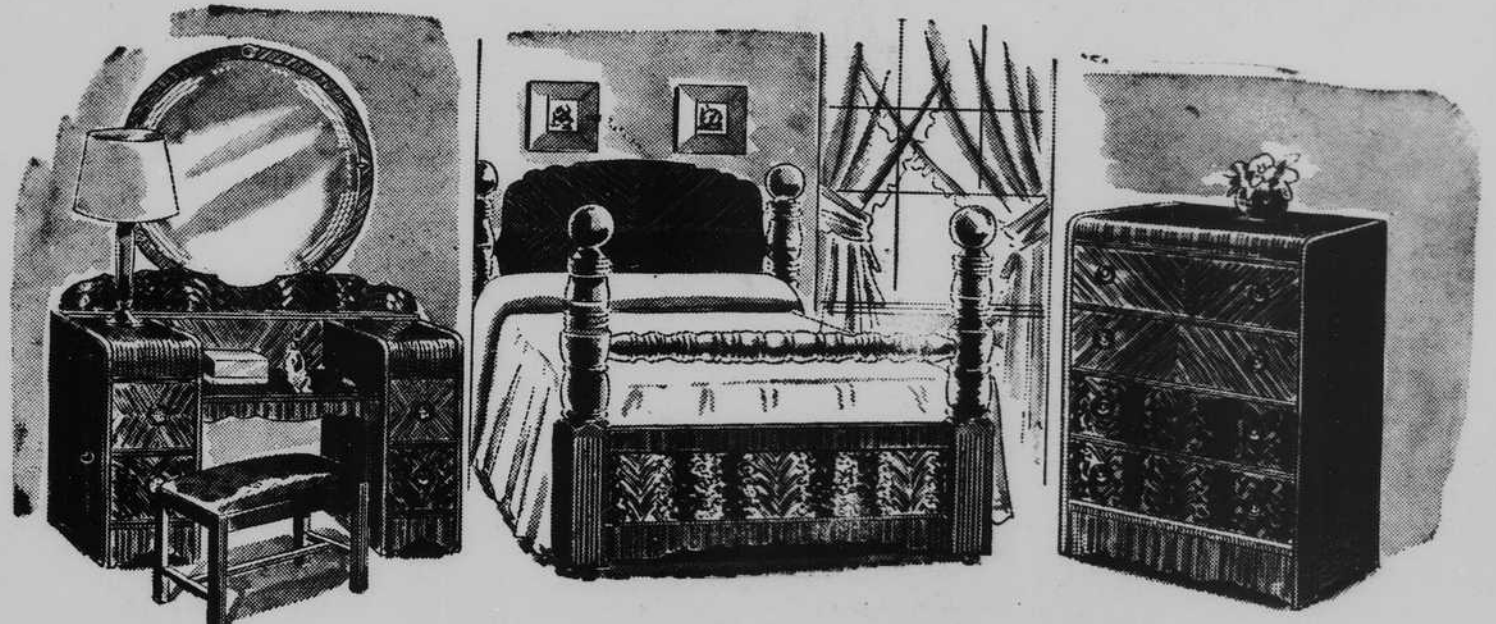
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