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News And Views On Sports

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The Lumberton High School Pirates have returned from their football training trip at Brevard Junior College. The team was there for a period of two weeks.

The City of Lumberton has finally gotten someone to raise the interest of the local citizens in model airplane contests. Yesterday the Lumberton Recreational Commission in co-operation with Firestone's store sponsored a contest. The contest was limited strictly to rubber band models. I think that if there are going to be contests that they should not have a restriction on them, such as entering gas models.

There is very much interest in gas models in Lumberton and the modelers want a chance to enter in contests. The gasoline fans have already more or less made the airport their own model runway on Sunday afternoons. But the first step has already been made in the direction of promoting model interest in Lumberton and let's keep it up.

Baseball Commissioner A. B. Chandler has ordered the Lumberton Auctioneers to settle contract differences with its discharged manager, Red Lucas.

Lucas was released by the officials of the club after the season started because the officials termed "the club is not going well." He was released on June 13.

Chandler warned leagues and clubs at the same time "that in the future they are to exercise greater care and consideration in releasing managers of clubs in the middle of the season without making satis-

factory settlement of their contracts."

Lucas explained to Chandler that before the season he had received in writing, a stipulation that said that he was to remain as the club's manager for the entire season.

The commissioner's decision for the Lumberton officials to settle with Lucas at the rate specified in his contract for the remainder of the 1949 season.

AUK STATISTICS

In the last report of the Howe News Bureau, long departed Hal Walther is still leading the Lumberton Auctioneers in batting with a .340 average. Lee Bohlender is currently leading the active Auk players with a .316 mark with Turkey Tyson hot on his heels with .311. Jimmy Guinn with .293, Harry Spaine with .297, and Joe Stern with .296 round out the top five Auk batters.

Lumberton has three players that lead the league in certain departments. Harry Spaine leads the league in runs batted in with 110. Jimmy Guinn with 106 runs scored leads in that department, and Gordon McDonald leads the league pitchers with a 14 won, 4 lost record for percentages, but he is tied with the Auk's Gus Viera for the most victories of any pitcher on the Auk's staff with 14 each.

Fireballer Jack Malloy is second in the Tobacco State League in strikeouts. Jack has struck out 170, and is headed only by Clancy Condit, who has 200. But Malloy does lead the league in bases on balls with a total of 139, just one more than Condit has. The Auk's are in fourth place in team batting and third place in team fielding.

Robin Statistics
Warfield is the unofficial Robin batting leader with a .397 average. Warfield's is not official because he has only been to bat 63 times. Simmons is the official leader with .331

and Peanut Doak following up with .327. Parnell, Wood, and Brockman round out the top five hitters with .302, .268, and .262 respectively.

Harrington leads the pitching staff with 14 wins and 10 losses, with Phieffer second with a 10-7 record. The Robins are deep in the cellar in team hitting with .255, 12 points lower than seventh place Sanford. But the Red Springs team is making up for battling in fielding where they hold third position in league fielding.

Tomorrow is the last day that Lumberton baseball fans can vote for the most valuable Auctioneer player. The voting ends on Sept. 3, and a \$25 gift will be given to the winner at the last home game played by the Auk's. Edk's store is sponsoring the contest and they will also give \$25 prizes to players in several departments such as leading hitter, runs batted in leader, best pitcher, etc.

Gus Purcell, who earned his University of North Carolina monogram last year by adroitly holding the ball for Bob Cox's extra point kicks, frequently is a baby sitter without compensation for his friends, the Charlie Justices . . . Joe Gustis, a war time letterman who was in only one game last year when he intercepted a pass and ran 23 yards, will be one of the outstanding fullback candidates on the 1949 North Carolina football squad . . . Wake Forest's football team will make only six appearances in North Carolina this season . . . Wake Forest will travel approximately 6,000 miles this fall in its ten-game schedule. The longest will be a 3,000 mile round trip to Dallas Texas where they will meet Southern Methodist . . . This season's schedule is one of the toughest to have ever been taken on by a Wake Forest team. They will meet six teams that played in major football bowls last New Year's day.

These auditions will be open to children (under 17 years of age), adults and choral groups. Choruses will be eligible to participate in the auditions for the first time this year.

Here's Your Chance To Join Orchestra

Chapel Hill—North Carolinians will have the opportunity to audition for their State Symphony Orchestra as Orchestral musicians or soloists on Sept. 17, when the annual fall auditions for the North Carolina Symphony Orchestra will be held.

The auditions, a regular part of the Symphony Society's program, will be held at Meredith College, Raleigh, on Saturday, September 17, from 2:30 until 5 o'clock.

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Don't Make This Mistake, Veterans

Veterans bent on getting their GI insurance refunds as quickly as possible were warned of a possible stumbling block yesterday by J. M. Caldwell, director of the N. C. Veterans Commission.

"On filling out Item 4 of the application for dividend, preliminary Veterans Administration test cases show this glaring error," the director said. "That item asks for the veteran's service serial numbers. Under the caption 'Service Serial No. (s)', there are three sections labeled 'enlisted,' 'officer' and 'other,' all referring to possible serial numbers the veteran may have held."

"The word 'enlisted' caused the misunderstanding," Caldwell explained. "Tested veterans thought that meant the date of their enlistment and they entered that date under 'enlisted.' Without the veteran's serial number, the Veterans Administration cannot process the application."

Caldwell added that the application blank nowhere calls for date of entry into service, for date of entry into service is not necessary in connection with this application.

The director again told veterans not to write to the VA offices for their insurance policy numbers or claims numbers, if any.

"Those numbers are not essential to the processing of the application," he stated. "Writing for them only delays action on the refunds."

The director advised veterans to wait until August 29, the date the applications will be available at all district and county veterans service offices and from post offices of all veterans organizations in North Carolina.



In the above photo Doc Blanchard and Bob Allen, business manager of the Charlotte Football Clippers, are discussing Blanchard's possibilities on playing with the Clippers this fall.

Bob Allen has gone to Washington, D. C., to see if he can get permission for Blanchard to play. The final decision of the Army Air Force Headquarters in Washington was that Blanchard could definitely not play.

Three Youths Held In Theft Of Auto

WINDSOR — Three teen-age boys of Portsmouth, Va., were arrested here by police in an auto allegedly stolen there.

Police said the three boys admitted they were responsible for several robberies in recent weeks in Virginia. They were identified as Eugene Lee, 16, 207 East Broadmore Street, Portsmouth; Johnny Baggett, 15, 108 Washington St., Portsmouth, and Fred C. Roper, Jr., 15.

State Highway Patrolman C. E. Whitfield halted the 1949 Mercury in which the boys were riding on a routine check. Subsequently the boys said they had stolen the car at Portsmouth. Broken locks on the car attracted Whitfield's attention to the car.

Portsmouth police identified the boys in a telephone conversation. The trio admitted breaking into several Portsmouth business places, and stealing cigarettes and candy which they sold.

The boys said several other youths were "working with them," and that they had previously stolen a 1948 Dodge and given it to another boy.

When they were arrested, all of the three boys were barefooted and without funds. They obtained gas for the trip, they told Whitfield, by having the gas tank filled, then driving off quickly without paying for it.

An Indiana farmer, J. S. Andrew, has purchased a farm near Hendersonville where he is setting up a large poultry enterprise. He expects to have 2,000 laying hens and 10,000 broilers when he gets in full swing.

Winners in the soloist division will be heard in concert with the Symphony next season. Last season nine children and four adults appeared with the Symphony.

Members of the Symphony Society Music Committee are judges for the event. Further information about the musical requirements for the auditions may be obtained from the North Carolina Symphony Society in Chapel Hill.



CONGRATULATIONS . . . Charlie Keller of the New York Yankees congratulates Joseph Petruzzu, winner of the Charlie Keller scholarship to the University of Maryland. Joseph, who lives in Mamaroneck, N. Y., is 18 years of age, stands five feet, 11 inches tall, and batted a clear .500 in his last year of high school baseball competition.

The wild pigs found on some Bahama Islands are not strictly land-based animals. They often go to sea as well. They swim from island to island in search of food or to escape the dogs of huntsmen or natives.

The tomato is legally a vegetable, botanically a fruit. In 1893, the U. S. Supreme Court ruled that it is a vegetable. But by botanical definition, the tomato, snap or green beans, garden pepper and many others are fruits.

OWNERS BIRTHDAY SPECIAL

To celebrate his birthday next month William X. Oxendine is reversing the usual order of things and is giving a gift to his customers during the month of August.

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