

Mad Scramble Gives Hope To Late League Starters

A mad scramble in the Halifax-Warren baseball standings has given hope to the early-season downtrodden and has shaken the early-season leader from its perch atop the loop standings.

Littleton, which was undefeated and sporting a 3-0 record in conference action until last Thursday, has gotten only two hits in its last two outings. And Warrenton, which had absorbed two initial defeats, has bounced back at the expense of the league leaders to move into contention.

The Blue Jays, who had won five games over-all, were victims of Clinton Neal's two-hitter on last Thursday as Warrenton rolled to a 5-0 victory, and on Tuesday the Jays failed to get a hit as they ran into Enfield's Gene Gardner who shut them out, 12-0.

Warrenton saved some of its strength until Tuesday when it brushed aside Davie, 2-1, to leave the Blue Devils with a 3-2 mark in H-W competition.

At Littleton, Coach Preacher Parker's nine found the winning note after getting a boost from Neal, who went the distance on the mound, striking out 13 and walking five.

Warrenton gathered eight hits off Harris and put them with six Littleton errors in gaining the verdict. Billy Mitchiner and Neal each got two safeties to lead the Warrenton attack, aided by Harris' two walks and hindered by his four strikeouts. Bobbitt and Phelps each singled for the losers.

Returning to their home diamond on Tuesday, the Jackets sent sophomore Billy Benson to the mound to face senior Buck Dickens in a pitcher's duel in which each hurler allowed only three hits.

Benson was slipping by the innings with ease until the sixth frame when he began to tire. Carrying a 2-0 margin

into the final stanza, Benson had two men out and two men on base when he gave up three successive walks that pushed across a Davie run. After delivering two straight balls to the next batter, Parker pulled him in favor of Larry Hayes, who threw a ball on his first delivery. Hayes then sent two across the plate and picked up a grounder after the next pitch to retire the side.

Warrenton went into a 1-0 lead in the fifth inning when Wilson Bolton drove Neal home on a sharp single to centerfield. What proved to be the winning run came in the sixth inning as Gordon Haithcock singled, stole second, and scored on Herman Rooker's three-base smash to deep center.

Benson struck out three in going six and two-third innings, and did not walk a man until the sixth inning, when the first of five Davie batters were issued free passes. Dickens whiffed 12 and allowed no walks in going the distance for the losers, who had routed Aurelian Springs, 19-2, on last Thursday behind Dickens' four-hitter.

Norlina, the pride of the league for the past five years, found the going difficult in their last two outings. Coach Bob Price's nine fell below the 500 mark on last Thursday as Enfield lowered their league record to 2-3.

Norlina banged eight hits off junior Gene Gardner, but allowed Enfield to outdo them on the scoreboard, 7-2. Enfield, whose H-W record now stands at 5-1, saw Gardner pick up his fifth win and drive in five runs.

The Waves took a 2-0 lead in the second inning on four singles and a walk, but Enfield knotted the score in the bottom of the inning. The Demons scored the winning run in the fourth and iced the game in the fifth with a four-run uprising.

Tuesday the Waves stepped outside the conference and were defeated by former Blue Wave pitcher Jimmy Overby's Aycock charges, 6-2.

Aycock won the game in the first inning as it overcame a one-run Norlina advantage to push three runs across on three hits, a walk and an error.

Aycock blasted ten hits off Norlina starter Buck Wiggins and John Allen, who came on in the third for Bob Price's

charges. F. T. Adcock started on the mound for the winners and worked one and two-third innings before being relieved by Howard Adcock.

Lee Hicks got three of Norlina's seven hits and Jimmy Burton got a triple for the losers. Howard Adcock was the big gun in the Aycock attack, rapping three singles in four trips.

Yesterday Warrenton was scheduled to travel to Weldon, while Norlina played host to Aurelian Springs and Littleton was at Davie.

Monday Warrenton and Norlina will meet here, and Littleton will be at Norlina being entertained by Littleton.

Afton 4-H Club Holds Meeting

Chuck Pinnell, president of the Afton Junior 4-H Club, presided over the regular meeting held at the school on April 18. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Roberta Evans, followed by the 4H pledge by Karen Cates. Robert Rivers had charge of the devotional and Debbie Joyner, secretary, read the minutes.

Jean West, Sidney Fleming, Bob Rideout, Janice Ayscue, Nettie Elam, Wayne Short, Danny Peoples, Joan O'Neal, Carol Hobgood and Raymond Seaman had charge of the program. Mr. Hardage gave an interesting talk, followed by two short talks by Chuck Pinnell and Bonnie Carter. The group joined in unison to sing two songs, "American" and "The Old North State."

A dress revue and talent show followed the business meeting. — Karen Cates, Reporter

Garden Club To Have Public Meet

On Sunday, April 29, at 3 p. m., the members of the Town 'N' Country Garden Club will hold its first public meeting at the Community Center in Warrenton. Mrs. Joshua W. Levister, Guidance Counselor at Riverside High School, Louisburg, will be the guest speaker.

The public is cordially invited. Mr. and Mrs. James H. Stallings and family of Charlotte visited relatives here over the weekend.



Miss Patricia Carter poses with her escort, McKinley Bert, following her election as May Queen.

May Queen Selected At Vaughan Elem. School

Attired in her royal robe and tara, Miss Patricia Carter, an eighth grade student, will reign as May Queen over the May Day festivities at the Vaughan Elementary School at Vaughan on Saturday, May 5, it was announced by the school yesterday. Her escort, McKinley Bert, a classmate, formally attired, will reign as King.

The announcement stated that Miss Carter was chosen to run for May Queen because of her outstanding personality and academic ability. She competed and was victorious in competition with nineteen others vie-

ing for this coveted title. The Queen and her court, amid a garden of roses will be highly entertained with the "Dance of the Roses," "Waltz of the Flowers," "Tulip Time," —creative dances, tuneful music, precise marching, high stepping majorettes, and the grand finale, the planting of the May Pole.

Guest schools participating in this gala affair will be the John R. Hawkins High School of Warrenton, Melver High School of Littleton and the Squire Elementary School of Gaston.

Visitors From Africa N. W. Program Guests

Jediel Nyagah, Joseph N. Nthuga and Stephen Nthiga, visitors from Kenya, Africa, accompanied by L. C. Cooper, Negro County Agent, and I. W.

Murfree, Assistant Agent, were guests at the annual local NFA contest elimination program held in the auditorium of the North Warren High School on Wednesday of last week.

After the program, which included public speaking, parliamentary procedure and talent eliminations, each visitor from Africa was given an opportunity to address the student body. Nthuga spoke on agriculture in Kenya. Nthiga described the National Park and Mt. Kilimanjara, and Nyagah described the educational system of Kenya. They all expressed amazement over the educational opportunities offered in America and encouraged students to study hard, join the Peace Corps and come to Kenya.

After the program, they were taken on a tour of the school facilities and given yearbooks by the principal, G. H. Washington.

Washington said they were highly impressed with what was going on and expressed the possibility of sending a student to the North Warren High School from Kenya. They

were told that this matter would be taken up with the proper authorities and that they would be given an answer.

The N. F. A. team, composed mostly of freshmen, traveled to the Federation Contest at the Little River High School of Durham County on Thursday, April 19, and won the following placements: second place, livestock judging; second place, parliamentary procedure, third place, public speaking and third place in the Supervised Farming Contest.

Adult Classes To Be Conducted

A series of adult classes in foods—"Preparing Simple and Quick Meals"—will be taught by Emily B. Person in the Home Economics Buildings at John Graham High School on May 1, 3, and 8, from 7:00 until 9:00 p. m.

These classes are free and any interested adult is invited to attend.

Baptist WMU Meets At Wise

The general meeting of the WMU of the Wise Baptist Church was held at the home of Mrs. W. G. Thacker on April 19 at 7:30 with Mrs. Mildred Felter in charge of the devotions.

The Rev. A. T. Ayscue, pastor, gave an interesting talk on, "Witnessing". He stated that he would be glad to type the same helps for witnessing for the WMU members that he was planning to use for the Brotherhood in their visitation program. The need for such a program was seen in

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the recent survey made by the church, it was stated.

During the business session Mrs. Sol Perkinson, president, suggested the need of a planning committee. This committee would meet in advance of the regular meetings and would

have plans ready to present. Mrs. C. T. Dryden, Mrs. Louise Perkinson, Mrs. A. T. Ayscue and Mrs. Perkinson will comprise this committee.

Delicious pie, with coffee, was served during the social hour.

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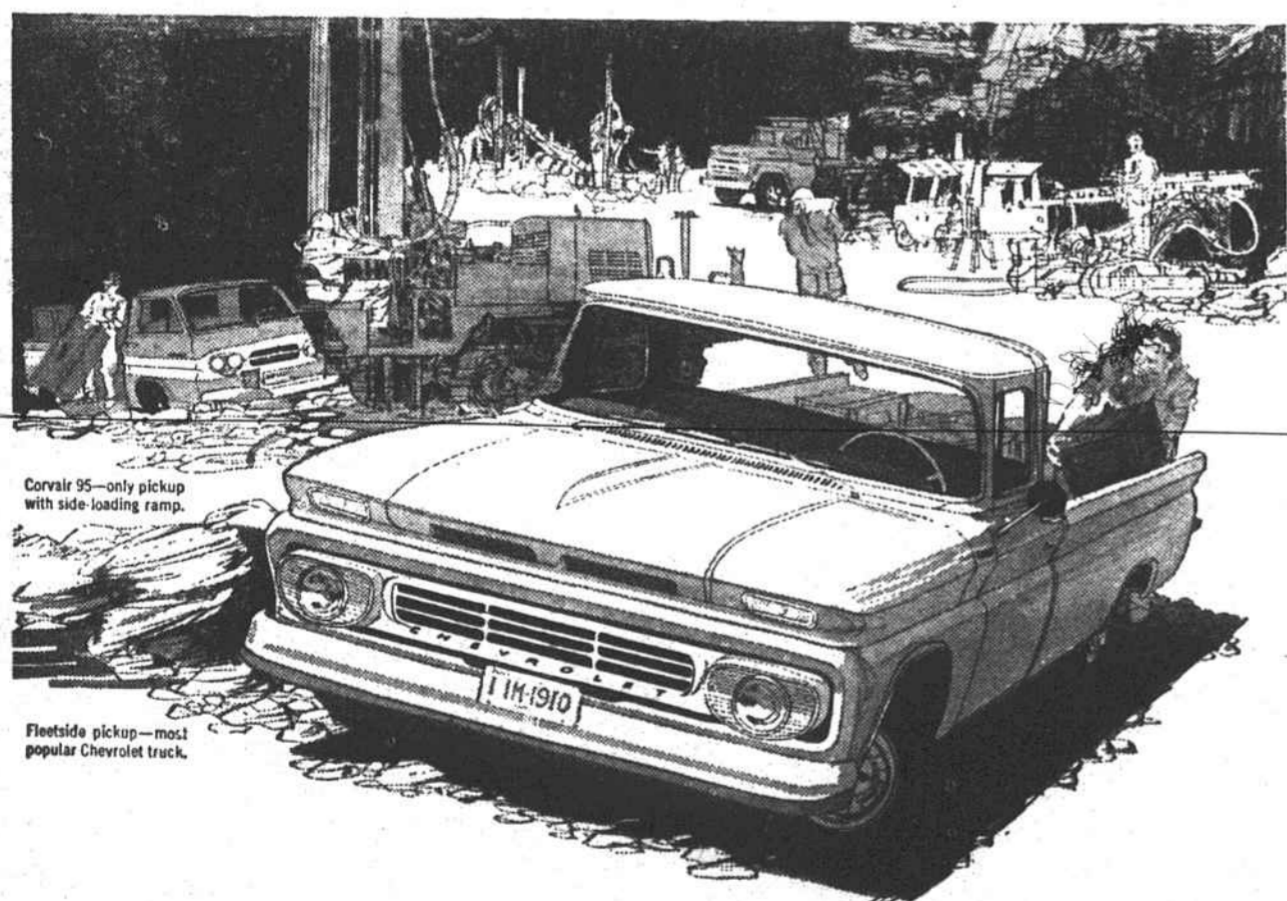
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