

To the Trading Public Who Patronize The Concord Stores

Meat Markets, Auto Dealers, whose names were not listed among the business houses that will close on Thursday afternoons, as listed in this paper on last Wednesday, July 1st:

We want to tell you, the public, and our patrons, that we appreciate your trade enough to try and serve you to the very best of our ability, by keeping our places of business open as nearly six days of the week as is possible, and at the same time look after the welfare of our employees by letting them have outings and vacations and by carrying insurance on their lives, etc. We business men know that we must have customers to trade with us, or we will not have any business houses nor employees. We know that there are plenty of places of business open on Thursday afternoons so that you can buy anything you want in Dry Goods, Ready-to-Wear, Men's Clothing, Shoes, Hardware, Furniture, Automobile Supplies, Groceries, Meats, etc. Therefore, you, the public, who trade with us, come first, before we need any employees, since without customers we cannot run our places of business.

A Few Reasons Why We Do Not Close Our Store Except on July 4th, November 11th, Armistice Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas: To the Trading Public who patronize the Concord stores:

We have found that by giving one-half day holiday each week that we cannot best serve our customers and close our stores. Our aim is to serve the public to the very best of our ability, and to do this we have found that we must keep our store open as much as possible. As to our employees, we try in every way possible to do everything possible for their comfort and welfare.

We mention a few things that we do for our employees: We carry Life Insurance on each employee that wants it at the firm's expense, from \$1,000.00 to \$2,000.00 each. We carry Accident Insurance on each employee free of charge, in order to protect employees while working for us.

We give each employee that has been with us for any length of time, a week or so vacation with pay.

We serve free Sandwiches, Coffee, Tea, Milk, every Saturday night in order to save employees from walking home when tired, and therefore give better service to our customers.

We headed the list a year or so ago to close at eight or nine o'clock Saturday night, in order that all employees in all stores could get rested for Sunday, as we felt Saturday is a very long and busy day. But some of our fellow merchants who advocate Thursday evening closing would not agree to the Saturday night closing, at eight or nine o'clock—at least they did not stick to this agreement.

We mention these few facts in order that our friends and customers will understand that we want to co-operate in all movements, that are for the good of the largest number of people.

We further want to state that we do not want other places to stay open Thursday afternoon because it does not suit us to close. As they have the same right to close their stores as we have to keep ours open.

We find that our employees would much rather have their vacation all at one time than a few hours each week.

PARKS - BELK CO.

KANNAPOLIS DEPARTMENT

ROCKINGHAM FAILS TO HALT KANNAPOLIS CLUB

Locals Have Won Every Game.—Take Double Header From the Lawrence Charges and Run Total to Six Consecutive Victories.

By JAZZY MOORE

Kannapolis, July 4.—Fresh from two decisive victories over Mooresville the preceding day, the Kannapolis baseball club, strong contenders for state honors, ran its string of won games to six, by taking both ends of a double bill from Rockingham here today, 8 to 4, and 3 to 0.

The Morning Game. The forenoon game was a wild and hectic affair in which the tired business man lost all the recuperation in the eighth inning that he had gained in the other seven, the local talent finally defeating the Rockingham forces 8 to 4, and incidentally they batted Al Thomas, star hurler of the Rocks, all over the lot for ten safe blows. It was Thomas' first loss of the season.

Visitors Support Thomas. Oftentimes spectacular fielding saved the great hurler from other safe blows and held the score down, leaving eight men to perish on the bags. Thomas came near being yanked in the fourth when a galaxy of blows sent a pair of runs across the pan, but he weathered the gale and kept right on pitching. He blew completely up in the eighth frame.

Fink Wrecks the Whole Affair.

It started out like a ball game and it went through seven innings of thrilling play, in which the game often hung by a thread, and when either side looked good to wreck the whole affair with hard drives. But on these occasions some fielding on one side or the other made a sensational play stopped a threatened rally or retired the side without serious damage. But Homer Fink, batting in the cleanup position, did clear the right to the possessor of the encounter when he sent a four-ply knock sailing over men to perch on the bags, that deep left and trailing three men, that were perched on the bags, in ahead of him.

Locals Score First.

The visitors did not score in the first frame, but the Kannapolis did better. Saunders opened the scene with a rippling single. Lapsley sacrificed Saunders to second. Lee popped out, and Fink, the next batsman, was hit by Thomas. Saunders registered home just before Wood made the last put-out of the semester.

Lawrence tied it up in the second when he scored after getting on base on an error. Redfern broke this momentary deadlock, however, by scoring on Ballard's sharp single.

Carolina Captain-Elect Hits.

Again the count was knotted in the fourth. Johnny Johnson, captain-elect of the University of North Carolina since for 1925, and premier collegiate short-fielder of the state, further excelled in home runs. He hit for the circuit with the bases empty, and tied the tally, this being his third home run of a three-game season he has played.

Lee and Wood brought in the third and fourth runs of the game for Kannapolis while Ballard was responsible for the third marker of the Richmond county aggregation.

As stated before, Fink came through and ended the battle in the eighth. The crowd was yelling at the top of several hundred voices.

The Afternoon Game.

The local scored a three to nothing victory over the Lawrence satellites in the final contest. The superb twirling of Herman Holsouser, the Carolina product whom the New York Giants are sending daily telegrams and scouts to confer with him to come to terms, was too much for the claimants of the state title. His work on the mound overshadowed everything else, yielding but five badly scattered hits. For the couple of games he has pitched this season he has given up but five bingles, and held his opponents completely scoreless.

Johnson saved himself from an error by a beautiful retrieve and magnificent throw. He handled eight chances at short, committing only one fumble.

Taylor, of the Anderson club of the Carolina League, joined the Rockingham team Friday night and pitched a fairly good game for them this afternoon.

McCain, Helms and Holsouser did the scoring.

Box scores and summaries, morning game:

Rockingham	Ab.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Ellis, 3b.	5	0	2	1	2	0
Herron, lf.	3	0	0	4	0	0
D. Redfern, c.	3	0	0	4	0	0
Lawrence, lb.	5	1	7	0	0	0
E. Redfern, ss.	3	1	1	2	2	0
Thompson, rf.	3	0	0	1	0	0
Liske, cf.	1	0	0	0	0	0
McDowell, cf.	4	0	0	5	0	0
Ballard, 2b.	3	1	1	2	1	0
Thomas, p.	4	1	1	1	1	0
Totals:	35	4	8	24	6	2

Kannapolis	Ab.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Saunders, 3b.	4	2	3	0	3	1
Lapsley, lb.	4	0	0	11	0	0
Lee, rf.-c.	3	2	0	1	0	0
Fink, cf.-2b.	4	1	1	2	2	0
Wood, lf.	5	1	2	2	0	0
Johnson, ss.	3	1	2	3	0	0
McCain, c.	3	0	0	6	0	0
Lindsay, 2b.	1	0	0	1	3	0
Helms, rf.	3	0	0	1	0	0
Champion, p.	4	1	2	0	1	0
Totals:	34	8	10	27	12	2

Two base hit, Johnson. Home runs: Johnson and Fink. Sacrifices: Lapsley, McCain, D. Redfern. Double plays: Saunders, Lindsay and Lapsley; Fink and Johnson; Thomas, D. Redfern and Lawrence. Base on balls: Of Thomas, 3; Champion, 3. Struck out: By Thomas, 1; Champion, 5. Hit by pitcher: Fink, Johnson. Stolen bases: Saunders (2), Lapsley, Wood, McDowell, Ellis. Left on bases: Kannapolis, 8; Rockingham, 6. Umpire: Roberts. Official score: Metehens. Time, 2:10. Attendance, 1,000.

Afternoon game:

Rockingham	Ab.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Ellis, 3b.	3	0	0	1	2	0
Herron, lf.	3	0	0	0	0	0
D. Redfern, c.	4	0	0	7	1	0
Lawrence, lb.	4	0	2	7	2	0
E. Redfern, ss.	4	0	0	1	3	1
Liske, rf.	3	0	1	1	0	0
Barkins, cf.	3	0	1	3	0	0
Ballard, 2b.	3	0	0	4	3	0
Taylor, p.	3	0	1	0	1	1
Totals:	30	0	5	24	12	2

Kannapolis	Ab.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Saunders 3b.	2	0	1	2	4	0
Lapsley, lb.	3	0	1	3	0	0
Lee, cf.	3	0	0	3	0	0
Fink, 2b.	4	0	1	0	0	0
Wood, lf.	3	0	0	2	0	0
Johnson, ss.	3	1	1	5	0	0
McCain, c.	3	1	1	0	0	0
Helms, cf.	3	1	1	0	0	0
Holsouser, p.	2	1	1	0	2	0
Totals:	26	3	7	27	11	1

Summary: Two base hit: Lawrence.

Sacrifices: Lapsley and Lee. Stolen bases: Johnson (2), McCain, Helms, Fink and Saunders. Double plays: Saunders to Lapsley, Johnson to Lapsley. Struck out: By Taylor, 6; by Holsouser, 5. Base on balls: Of Taylor, 3; Holsouser, 1. Left on bases: Rockingham, 6; Kannapolis, 5. Wild pitch, Taylor. Earned runs: Kannapolis 3. Time of game 1:35. Umpire: Robert. Official score: Metehens. Attendance, 900.

JACKSON GIVEN LONG SENTENCE

Both Defendants in Flogging Case Arr to Serve Time.

Fayetteville, July 4.—After counsel had pleaded for an hour for the setting aside of the verdict which a superior court jury had returned here yesterday against Walter Jackson and Thomas Skipper, convicting them of flogging Rudolph Willard, Judge Henry Grady sentenced Jackson to a period of confinement in state prison for a period of five to eight years at hard labor, and gave Skipper 18 months in the county roads.

Cotton Mill Leaders Praise McLean.

Ashville, July 4.—Commending Governor McLean for his marked ability as chief executive, placing themselves on record as opposed to any increase in taxes, and paying tribute to J. B. Duke for his many acts in behalf of his native state, members of the Cotton Manufacturers Association of North Carolina held the closing session of the 9th annual convention here this morning.

H. P. Patterson, of Roanoke Rapids, was elected president of the association, and Hunter Marshall was again named as secretary-treasurer. J. M. Gamewell was elected first vice president; C. G. Hill, second vice president, and T. E. Webb, third vice president.

Mason and Bowman Are Found Chained to Tree

Chattanooga, Tenn., July 5.—Dr. W. D. Mason, veterinary surgeon and Lawrence Bowman, who have been the object of a 10 day's search by a posse of more than 150 men since their mysterious disappearance on Signal mountain the night of June 23, were found handcuffed and chained to a tree this morning by Jim Thomas, mountaineer, at 10:30 o'clock.

Both men were alive but in serious condition due to their long exposure and insufficient nourishment. They were brought to Chattanooga in an ambulance.

Mason and Bowman after being sufficiently revived, stated that they had been set upon the night of their disappearance by five hooded men, carried off from Dr. Mason's automobile and chained to a tree. Each night they were blindfolded and removed to another place, they stated.

As the two men were found on a spot that was previously searched by a posse, it is believed that the men were moved each night to a section of the mountain that was searched on the previous day by the posse, their discovery being thus prevented.

While very thirsty, Bowman was able to talk, according to Thomas, but Mason did not speak. Bowman said that it had been four days since Mason had eaten, having become angry at being held captive and refused to eat or drink on one occasion. The captors then grew angry with Mason, Bowman stated and refused to either feed him or give him water.

Finding of the men occurred when

Thomas, accompanied by his nine-year-old grandson, and a German police dog, were seeking hogs that had escaped from his farm. He was amazed he stated when he saw Bowman, his face covered with a heavy growth of beard, thinking he was an apparition.

"I first asked him if he was thirsty," Thomas stated. He replied, "H—H yes, I always carry water on my horse as it is impossible to secure on the mountain due to the long drought. I fetched him a bottle of water which he grabbed at greedily. I succeeded in twisting it from his frenzied grip, after he had taken about three swallows, as I feared the effects might kill him."

"I then turned my attention to Dr. Mason who was lying in a stupor and Lawrence said he had not spoken all morning. I forced the mouth of the bottle through his lips and allowed the water to go through his teeth."

"Presently he began to show signs of life and began sucking at the bottle. I let him have about three or four spoonfuls but was afraid to give him any

Three Killed When Lightning Strikes

New Kensington, Pa., July 4.—Three persons were killed by lightning here today and two others were injured when a tree under which they had taken shelter in a park during a storm was struck.

The tree was badly shattered but did not fall. The dead are: Andrew P. King, 35, and his wife, and Edith Shearer, 38, years old, of New Kensington. William

10, and Alice Shearer, 4, the other vic-

tims of the bolt were taken to a hospital.

Flies are too glad to welcome us home.

Sometimes everything in the world seems an awful waste of time.

Put confidence in everybody and soon you won't have any in anybody.

BRICKS BY THE BILLION.

Belgian Bricks Are Invading the American Market.

New York, July 6.—Belgian bricks are invading the American market. The high prices of common American bricks are bringing competition from overseas. The first 2,000,000 bricks from Belgium arrived several weeks ago shortly after the latest increase in the price of the American article.

A significant feature of the shipment from overseas was that the bricks were carefully stacked into the hold of the vessel and they were as carefully unloaded, avoiding the usual loss through bumping and making possible a larger load.

The bricks from Belgium or of a size mainly used in the United States, and, according to reports, there are 25,000,000 more of this size awaiting shipment at Antwerp. The bricks are being delivered where needed in New York City and vicinity direct from the ship.

The cargo is part of a quantity of bricks ordered by American contractors who subsequently canceled their orders. The Belgian manufacturers appealed for aid to their Government and the officials joined them in figuring out a profitable way of disposing of the material. The sizes were wrong for use outside of America so they were shipped here. Belgian Government agents aided the movement throughout, and will continue their service until the original 27,000,000 bricks are sold.

There is now a good local demand and builders and manufacturers are waiting with keen interest to see if the success of the Belgian brick sale results in a transatlantic brick trade.

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The United States produces nearly five billion common brick a year, the product selling for something like \$65,000,000. An idea of the cost of some of the large office and business buildings may be gathered from the fact that any fair-sized structure requires as many as a million bricks.

Modern brickmaking is carried on almost entirely by machinery, and as a result the average brickmaker now produces over 40,000 per day compared with a few thousand bricks per day under the old conditions. In the process of manufacture, the bricklay is first ground to powder, passed through screens, and thence into the making machine, which applied a pressure of over 100 tons all over. The pressed bricks are then passed into a kiln, where they remain for some days in a temperature of about 1,100 degrees Fahrenheit. The process differs somewhat in various places, and some of the most modern plants can produce the finished articles in much less than the average time. In many remote parts of the country the old method of making bricks by hand still prevails.

Among many suggestions put forward to help speed-up building operations is one that bricks should be made of a larger size. It is pointed out that it would take very little more time to lay bricks which were, say, half as large again as the usual type, and consequently much more ground would be covered in any given time.