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Baseball Fans Here Have Three Varieties Offered

May Choose Between Professional Team In Four-City League, Local League With Professional Playing Coaches and Hired Umpire, And Baseball Like That of Last Year

Elizabeth City fans are offered the choice of three varieties of baseball this summer. With Plymouth heard from favorably last week and Edenton fans reporting this week that they are anxious to include their city in the proposed four-city Northeastern Carolina league, the formation of such a league, if Elizabeth City wants it, is dependent only upon the decision of the Hertford fans, who are believed to be favorably inclined toward it.

The factor of expense, it appears from conversations with local business men, is the biggest obstacle to the formation and maintenance of an Elizabeth City team in the league suggested. The team would necessarily be made up mainly, and perhaps entirely, of professional players, and just now it seems that serious difficulty would be encountered in securing the \$3,000 to \$5,000 in pledges necessary to meet the cost involved.

Appreciating the financial difficulty involved in professional baseball here, many fans who want better baseball for Elizabeth City this summer have already expressed opinions favorable to a second plan that is suggested. Under it, three professional or semi-professional playing coaches would be secured to train and manage three teams of Elizabeth City baseball players organized under the general plan of the Twilight League. These coaches would be in the lineup of the games and to each would be entrusted the responsibility of developing his team to the greatest possible effectiveness. There are many who believe that in this way Elizabeth City may have the best type of amateur baseball at a cost that would not be prohibitive, and that might reasonably be met by the gate receipts of the games.

Then, too, there is considerable agitation here for the employment of a professional umpire to serve at the games. Baseball at Elizabeth City ever since the Twilight League was formed, has been marred by disputes between contending teams, and there are those who feel that a hired umpire qualified to hold his job would be worth his salary many times over.

As yet, there is nothing settled as to the kind of baseball that the Elizabeth City public will be permitted to enjoy this season. An indication is seen, however, that the playing coach scheme will be adopted, in the fact that a number of representative business men of the city who are members of the Merchants' Association voted at a recent Association meeting in favor of this latter plan.

Meanwhile, as a third eventually plans for the re-organization of the Twilight League for the 1922 baseball season are being carried into effect. The Red Men met the other day and elected Kennedy Davis captain and J. E. Buflap manager, and are already practicing for the games to come. The Elks and Cubs are about to perfect their organizations and, should both the more ambitious baseball schemes under consideration by local business men fall through Elizabeth City will have Twilight Baseball similar to that of last year through the spring and early summer months anyway.

IRISH FREE STATE BILL IS NOW LAW

London, March 31 (By The Associated Press) — The Irish Free State bill became law today when King George gave his assent to the measure. The House of Lords decided not to insist on the amendments it had not adopted.

London, March 31 (By The Associated Press) — The Free State party in Ireland was enormously strengthened by the agreement for the pacification of Ireland signed here last night. The House of Commons was told here today by Winston Spencer Churchill, secretary of colonies.

Mrs. W. C. Harris and two children, of Greenville, are visiting Mrs. Harris' parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Berry, on East Cypress street.

Medical Men Held Get-Together Meet

Banquet At Southern Attended By Doctors Of First District Resulted in Organization

The forming of a compact and closely knit organization of the doctors of this part of the State was the leading thing accomplished at the banquet given by the members of the medical profession in the city in honor of the doctors of the First District at the Southern Hotel Friday night. Twenty-five of the leading doctors of the section were present, manager T. T. Nelson, of the Southern, served a turkey dinner that all found most pleasing, and the occasion is described by those attending as one of the finest get-together events of the kind ever held here.

Dr. Hubert Royster, president of the North Carolina Medical Society, and Dr. Ben Halsey, councillor of the First District, were the honor guests. Dr. John Saliba, president of the Pasquotank-Camden-Dare Medical Society, was toastmaster. The attending doctors passed a resolution to attend in a body the annual convention of the State Medical Society at Winston-Salem April 25-27.

The opening speech of the evening was made by the toastmaster, whose topic was the relation of the medical man to humanity in general. He closed by introducing Dr. Royster, whom he characterized as "a man we admire and a friend we love." "Carolina for Carolinians" was the keynote of Dr. Royster's address. He declared that the medical profession should encourage the young men in it to pay much attention to scientific research in order that the State may not be too dependent upon outside medical men for the development of that branch of the profession. He urged the publication of a monthly Journal by the State Medical Society setting forth the advances in medicine and surgery and assisting to bring about a closer spirit of co-operation among the doctors themselves.

Dr. Royster advocated the organization of an efficient district medical society and, immediately proceeded to carry the idea into effect. At his suggestion an election was held; in the course of which Dr. I. Fearing of this city was made president and Dr. G. E. Newby of Hertford was elected secretary of a district society. These two were directed to co-operate with Dr. Halsey, district councillor, as an executive board for the district.

Dr. T. S. McMullan, the next speaker of the evening expressed thanks to Dr. Royster for his suggestions and work, and dwelt upon the need for a spirit of deeper harmony among medical men. Other doctors of this city and among the visitors made brief speeches. Dr. R. L. Kendrick of this city laid stress upon the need of an efficient laboratory worker here, to be employed by the County to hold much the same relation toward the people that the County Agent does toward livestock and farming. He suggested that it is not the best economy to take great pains to raise better swine and other farm animals, and then neglect to meet the great responsibility of similarly bettering the human race.

Great good fellowship was manifested from the beginning to the end of the banquet. Local physicians declare that others will be held on the same plan from time to time.

Bishop Darst Here Sunday

Bishop T. C. Darst of Wilmington, will preach morning and night at Christ Church. Bishop Darst is considered as one of the strongest, most pleasing and helpful of all preachers of the Church. He always has a message for people and congregations after hearing him go away benefited. At the evening service the Junior Choir of the Church will render all the music which is an added attraction. The public is most cordially invited to hear Bishop Darst at both morning and evening services.

It's Going To Happen Here Tuesday Night



Miners Quit Work Today

Strike Formally Begins At Midnight But Practically In Effect Six Hours Earlier

Indianapolis, (By The Associated Press) — The last day of work under present contracts was completed today by the country's half million union coal miners.

Though official suspension of suspension of work was set for midnight, virtually it was to start six hours ahead of that time.

Complete tie up of the union fields in 20 states was predicted by miners' officials, and they asserted that 600,000 non-union workers would also quit.

President Lewis asserted that these 600,000 would join in the walkout and said: "We are ready for the fight forced on us by the coal operators."

Washington, March 31 — Present coal stocks will last fifty one days, according to the Geological Survey estimates.

DRESS-UP PLANS NOW ALL THE RAGE

Preparations for Dress Up Week are going ahead full blast. The newest and most extreme styles in clothing, the like of which have never before been seen here, will be shown by enterprising merchants who will let the people take a look at fashion's latest foibles. There will be remarkably complete showings, too, of the finest of standard, seasonable merchandise.

A \$25 suit of clothes will be given free by D. Walter Harris, city tailor and clothier, on the opening night of Dress Up Week. Mr. Harris says that his offer has absolutely no strings to it. The suit will be given, altered to the requirements of the winner, if necessary, without a single condition or reservation.

The following merchants have signed up to participate in Dress Up Week:

- Rucker & Sheely Company, Owens Shoe Company, Benton & West, H. C. Bright Company, Alben Pharmacy, Spencer Company, Gallop & Toxey, Sharber & White, McCabe & Grace, Louis Selig, Quinn Furniture Company, Spence-Hollowell Company, Buxton White Seed Company, D. M. Jones Company, M. Leigh Sheep, D. Walter Harris, Standard Pharmacy, Mitchell's Department Store, M. P. Gallop, Savings Bank & Trust Company, Apothecary Shop, Carolina Banking & Trust Company, First & Citizens National Bank, Weeks & Sawyer, M. G. Morrisette Company, P. W. Melick Company, Carolina Potato Exchange, Fisher-Morrisette Produce Company, City Drug Store, J. H. Aydtlett Hardware Company, Auto & Gas Engine Works, Coca Cola Bottling Works, T. T. Turner & Company, Southern Gas Improvement Company, J. H. McMullan, Elizabeth City Motor Car Company, North River Line, Duff Piano Company, C. A. Cooke. C. A. Cooke's name was inadvertently omitted yesterday.

Cotton Exchange And Officials Indicted

New York, March 31 — Two indictments against the American Cotton Exchange and against six officials and directors of the exchange were filed in the General Sessions court today, alleging bucketing.

Government May Now Complete Wilson Dam

Washington, March 31 — Commencement of work to complete Wilson dam and construct dam number three at Muscle Shoals under government appropriation and supervision will be proposed in the Senate by Chairman Norris of the Agricultural Committee. It is announced, after the inspection trip that it is estimated that \$7,500,000 will be necessary for the first year's work.

FRANCE REPLIES TO U. S. NOTE

Answer To American Claim For Expenses of Army of Occupation Is As Forecast

Paris, March 31 (By The Associated Press) — France replied today to the note from the United States concerning the payment of the military costs of the American military occupation of the Rhineland, repeating the declaration recently made before the Senate to the effect that France recognizes the rights of the United States in the matter and that the only question at issue is whether the request for reimbursement should be made to the Allies or to Germany.

LEVEE SITUATION CRITICAL

Helena, Ark., March 31 (By The Associated Press) — The situation at Oldtown, Arkansas, where caving in of the first line of levees of the Mississippi River began yesterday, was described as critical today. Two more feet caved in early today and a strong current from the river is said to be eating away under the levee on the Arkansas side.

HORTON FINED TEN DOLLARS

David Horton, colored, was fined ten dollars and costs in recorders court here Friday morning for reckless driving. He entered notice of appeal, and was placed under a bond of \$25 for his appearance at the next term of Superior Court. Horton, driving his mail truck, ran into officer George Smith, Pasquotank County traffic policeman, in front of the postoffice Wednesday, and hurt Smith slightly. A charge of assault with a deadly weapon, namely, an automobile, which was preferred against Horton shortly after the accident was not pressed in court.

READY EXCHANGE NOTES

Washington, March 31 (By The Associated Press) — The readiness of the United States to exchange notifications on the arms conference treaties, final approval of which was given by the Senate yesterday, is expressed in notes going forward today from the State Department to the eight nations which participated in the conference.

SHADOW PARTY TONIGHT

There will be a shadow party tonight at Nixonton school. Everybody is invited.

BRITT NEXT BANK

M. L. Britt, watchmaker, has leased the office formerly occupied by Perry & Twiddy in the Savings Bank building, and will occupy his new quarters beginning Monday of next week.

Rev. R. F. Hall At The Tent Tonight

Rev. R. F. Hall will preach tonight at the tent, and Rev. H. E. Myers on Saturday night.

The large congregation was held spellbound by the powerful evangelistic sermon of Rev. G. F. Hill, rector of Christ Church, on Thursday night. Those who had had the notion that the Episcopal creed is something cold and formal and lacking in warmth and intensity quickly changed their opinion when Mr. Hill, laying aside his ecclesiastical robes and manner, spoke with tremendous earnestness and force, using as his text the 15th chapter of Luke with its theme "The Prodigal Son." Eight confessions followed immediately after he had finished speaking, hearts being touched that had remained adamant, through the weeks of revival services at the tent.

DEAD DOCTOR HAD SUED FOR DIVORCE

Atlanta, March 31 (By The Associated Press) — Mrs. Cora Lou Vinson, who is charged with shooting her husband, Dr. W. D. Vinson, threatened him that she would force him to deed her his property, according to a petition for divorce filed by the doctor which was to have been heard today.

BIG BAHAMA FIRE

Key West, March 31 (By The Associated Press) — The naval station here received a wireless call for help today from Nassau, in the Bahama Islands, where it was reported that a fire of great proportions was raging. A big hotel is said to be burning.

J. M. BRICKHOUSE DEAD

Joseph M. Brickhouse died at Weeekville Friday morning of pneumonia. He is 77 years old and had been ill only a few days. The body was taken on the boat at noon Friday to Columbia, his old home, for interment.

RETURNS FROM INSPECTION

Editor W. O. Saunders, member of the State Fisheries Commission Board, returned Friday morning from a tour with other members of the Commission over the fishing grounds of Northeastern North Carolina. The Commission is studying the shad fishing situation with a view to proposing legislation for the betterment of the industry. Governor Morrison was a member of the party.

Was He Son Of Both Or Only One Twin?

Answer Determines Whether Boy Is Worth \$100,000 Or Only Half Of It

Chicago, March 31 (By The Associated Press) — Cook County probate court must decide whether Frank Blazek is the son of one or both of the Siamese twins, who died yesterday, before the estate can be settled.

If they were one personality the boy will get the hundred thousand dollars they had accumulated. If not he will get only his mother Rosa's share.

A long scientific controversy is believed inevitable. The twins, according to the statement of a physician who attended them in their last illness, had separate respiratory and cardiac organs but common secondary digestive and procreative organs.

BANDIT SHOT DOWN

New York March 31 — One bandit was shot down and three others were captured in a pistol battle with eight detectives here today.

EXTEND LICENSING SYSTEM

Washington, Marc 31 — Provision in the permanent tariff bill for an extension of one year of the licensing system of the present dye embargo was decided upon by the Senate Finance Committee today.

Eleven Million Negroes In America

Newark, N. J., Mar. 31 — There are 11,000,000 Negroes in the United States, Rev. I. Garland Penn, told the members of the Newark conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church here tonight. "Thirty per cent of the population of the South is Negro," he added, "yet over forty per cent of all the persons engaged in agriculture in the South are Negroes. It is here that the Church has its best opportunities for the uplift of the masses of the Negro people."

"Approximately 250,000 young people have been enrolled in our institutions. Only about 18,000 can be classed as graduates, but the fact that they have been enrolled and have had training in our institutions has had marked influence in the uplift of the Negro people along all lines. Many of the under graduates have got into other institutions and graduated."