

**CIVIC GROUPS BACK PLAN FOR RECREATIONAL CENTER**

Some three weeks ago a new organization among the young people of the county was created, The Christian Youth Council. So far this youth organization has grown beyond any expectations.

One of their first endeavors to come to light is their stand on the question of a recreational center for the young people of this community.

It has been mentioned in this column on several occasions, the dire need for some place for the young boys and girls to spend their spare time. It is not at all impossible for such a place as a Y. M. C. A. or its equivalent, to be built in Waynesville.

Not long ago I talked with a member and active worker in the Y. M. C. A. in Canton. As the subject of clean recreation was brought up I asked him what effect the "Y" had on the morale of the youth of that city. His answer was one that was wholly expected when he said: "If it were not for the Champion 'Y' I am sure Canton would be one of the most corrupt towns in North Carolina." If a clean recreational center can do so much for one community, it can do the same for another.

Elsewhere on this page will be found the stand that is taken by the Youth Council, and which should have the support of every civic minded citizen of this community.

The first of the week was the beginning of spring, which brings forcefully to the minds of sport fans the loved game of baseball.

The Industrial League will soon have their schedule completed and action will soon start.

Manager Bischoff still has in mind two teams for the Manufacturers—that is if two teams can be financed. The idea is to train some young players to take the place of older ones as they drop out.

Last year, at practically all the games played on the home town diamond, a record crowd was on hand. Now the Hazelwood club does not believe in putting a fence around their playing field and they want everyone that can possibly do so to attend the games and give their support to their team. At each game last year, a hat was passed around to get money to help finance the team.

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**Youth Council Presents Plans To Groups Here**

**Leaders In Movement Seek Place For Wholesome Recreation And Entertainment**

The Youth Council was organized here some three weeks ago. The members have rolled up their sleeves, and with a grin of determination on their faces, are going after a recreational center for this community.

Through their leaders tentative plans are that a center to correspond to a combination Y. M. C. A. and a Y. W. C. A. be made available here for the young people, in order that they may enjoy wholesome entertainment and recreation under the supervision of a highly trained and responsible person.

The plans call for a committee from representative churches to supervise the recreational center.

The churches, civic clubs and patriotic groups of the community have been visited, and the matter presented. All are enthusiastic, and the leaders in the movement are sure little or no trouble will be experienced in getting the project through.

The sole purpose of the organization is to help the young people of the community in their problems.

Other projects now being worked on by the council include a back-to-church movement. Some social activities are also being arranged for an early date.

Last Thursday afternoon, the following talk, along with further explanations of the project to get a recreational center for Waynesville, was presented at the meeting of the Woman's Club. The club was responsive and voted to help the Youth Council in every way possible to complete this project. The project has been a dream of many public spirited citizens of Waynesville for many years.

Most of the directors of the Rotary Club have been approached on the subject and it is certain that this club will vote an acceptance of the project plans and will back the council in all possible ways.

"The young people are going to the devil, I don't know what will become of this generation of young fools. Why they go flying down the highways at breakneck speed. It surely is a wonder they haven't all been killed. And the way they 'park' around on these side roads is a disgrace. Why it's got to be the place a decent 'taxpayer' can't even use the roads he pays for. Only the Lord knows what is going to become of them. Why I told my Jane—!" Such a conversation may be heard many times every day.

"There must be some solution to this situation. We admit many of our younger class do these things, but we don't admit that we are all going to the devil. Not all of us even do the things we are accused of—but we know as well as you that many things are happening that should not. Let us stop and think this thing through a few minutes. There are many things back of this bad situation. The key to the whole situation is that these youngsters have much time on their hands and have nothing to do with it. A newspaper reporter looking at the situation said: 'I'm sure there is a close relationship between too much leisure time and too much nonsense and crime. With time on their hands people resort to booze, dope, gambling, anything for a thrill. The reason the rich and 'Four Hundred' seem to set the pace for fast living is not because they are basically more wicked than anyone else, but because they have too much spare time on their hands.'

"In an eastern state a large young people's conference representing a wide range of youth organizations, frankly listed five chief criticisms of the older generations. One of these statements was: 'Young people today have not been taught a proper use of their leisure time.'

"Formerly people had little leisure. Boys and girls had work to do on the farm or in the homes. Today machinery has lessened the work and working hours until the young don't know what to do with it. You adults have clubs, civic and church organizations and can take care of yourselves and your time. The young people take care of themselves, too—but in the wrong way many times. We feel that the adults owe it to the young of our community to give the correct kind of entertainment and places of entertainment. The forces of evil in our community have prepared beer joints, pool rooms, and such to entertain the young people. Will you citizens and people of Council."

**Promising Crop of Rookies Now Making Bid for Place in Majors**

**Baseball Managers Are Testing Yearlings Hoping to Find Another Joe Di Maggio Among Candidates**



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ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.—Is there another Joe DiMaggio in the house? Or, if not, is there a Lou Fette, a Bob Feller, a Jim Turner? Major league managers are asking that as they send their squads through calisthenics, batting practice and inter-squad games in the various southern and coastal training camps.

And all are looking for one thing—a prize rookie.

It's the time of year for the makings, or perhaps breakings of the young ball player. If he makes the grade he may turn into another DiMaggio, rapidly taking Babe Ruth's place as a crowd pleaser, gate magnet and ball player with the Yanks. And then again, he may turn out to be a Fette or Turner, or Feller, the prize rookies of 1937.

Fette came to the Boston Bees from St. Paul of the American association. He had been in the

pro game since 1928. He turned in 20 wins against 10 defeats for the Bees last season. That was something for a rookie.

Turner's case was even more surprising. He began his ball career in 1925 and at the age of 31 was attempting to break into the majors. He came through with 20 wins against 11 defeats.

**New Rookies Promising**

But major league managers don't find a DiMaggio, a Turner, a Fette every year, although one or two generally stand out among the crowd of first-year men when the season begins to age near October.

No less than 150 young and old rookies are attempting to make the grade right now. Very few will come through this year. Some have been up before and are trying again.

Included among the group are college men and color men. Probably the outstanding example of the new trend is Slingin' Sam Baugh, the football passer de luxe from the campus of Texas Chris-

tian university and from the pro fields of the Washington Redskins. Sam has been signed by the St. Louis Cardinals.

In the American league, the most promising rookies at the moment appear to be Joe Gordon from Newark, Yank infielder Spurgeon Chandler, recalled from Newark, Yank pitcher, George Dickey, from Minneapolis, with Boston Red Sox; Oscar Grimes, from New Orleans, with the Indians; Harry Eisenstat, from Louisville, with the Tigers, and Stan Sperry, from Oklahoma City, with the Athletics.

Turning to the National loop, the class seems to be among Johnny Riddle, from Columbus and Indianapolis, with Boston; Steve Messer, from Los Angeles, with Chicago; Willard Herahberger, from Newark, with Cincinnati; Bill Lohrmann and Hy Vandenberg, both from Baltimore, and with the Giants; Johnny Rizzo, from Kansas City, and up with Pittsburgh; Enos Slaughter, from Columbus, who is with the Cardinals.

**Manufacturers Hold Initial Practice**

**30 Candidates Expected To Report Within Few Days To Manager Bischoff**

The Manufacturers started practicing last week for the 1938 baseball season. The Hazelwood team is a member of the Industrial League of Western North Carolina.

When the full squad is assembled Manager Bischoff expects between 25 and 30 players. Due to the bad weather last week only 15 players were at hand.

The Manufacturers lost two of their first string players last season, Clark and Ewing. This year Frank Robinson will again be back with the Hazelwood nine to cover the first base position. Robinson has been selected by some of the leading baseball fans of this section to be one of the best first sackers to play in the Industrial League. He did not play last year.

So far the squad only has Putnam to fill the pitchers' mound, with the hopes that several pitchers can be developed. Putnam, a southpaw, is a veteran on the mound, having coached the local high school and then several years on the Hazelwood team.

The officials of the Industrial League have not made out the schedule for the season.

The sale of season tickets to the games played on the Hazelwood diamond are expected to be on sale the first of this week. The tickets will be good for at least half of the games in the Manufacturers schedule which probably be around ten.

**Fines Creek Boys Win F.F.A. Tourney**

The Fines Creek chapter of Future Farmers of America won the annual basketball tournament sponsored by the Smoky Mountains Federation of Future Farmers of America. The tournament was held on the gymnasium last Saturday.

Teams from Bryson City, Franklin, Waynesville, Bethel, Fines Creek, and Clyde took part in the tournament. The Fines Creek team came out on top by defeating Bryson City, Bethel and Clyde.

The Fines Creek team was presented a basketball trophy after the tournament, and this makes the second consecutive year that they have won the honor.

**Water Power**

"Crying," says a beauty expert, "brightens the eyes and freshens the complexion." We have also known a few tears to give a woman a more appealing appearance sartorially.

**Rejuvenation**

A young man took his girl for an automobile ride and the car broke down. While waiting for help the young man began to make love to her. She said: "My kisses will put new life into you."

"Then, for goodness sake," she responded, "kiss the car and let it get home."

**Tourists To Have Many Youngsters On 1938 Team**

**Peppy Players, With Speed And Punch, Predicted For Asheville Tourists**

The advance information being sent out about the Asheville Tourists, reveals that the club will be built around young men. These players, while young in age, are reported to be good throwers, good fielders and runners. Little is said of their batting in this week's dops sheet from McCormick Field.

The bosses of the Tourists, expect great things from Eddie Nowak and Hank Gornicki, both having pitching qualities that now are causing smiles to wreath the faces of Manager Anderson. Gornicki is said to be the fastest of the two, although Nowak has a knuckle ball that is hard to hit, and gives catchers trouble in holding.

Dave Bartosch, a former St. Louis sandlot star, together with Manager Anderson and Bill Shewey right now compose the outfield of the 1938 Tourist combination.

The Tourists open their season with an exhibition game with Philadelphia on April 11.

**He Knew Her**

Hobbs (visiting)—I see by this paper that the doctors have discovered a new disease.

Dobs—For the love of Pete, throw the paper away before my wife sees it.

**Now or Never**

Hub—I can't eat this stuff.  
Young Bride—Never mind, dear, I have some lovely recipes for making up left-overs.  
Hub—In that case I'll eat it.

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