

SLANTS ON SPORTS

MARION BRIDGES

Golfers that have yielded to the urges of the out-of-doors, and trekked out to the Country Club, have been pleasantly surprised to find the course beyond all hoped-for condition.

For the past year, J. M. Long has had a crew of men working on the course, and to the average golfer the many improvements will mean a decided change in score. To the professional golfer, the improved course will enable them to determine more accurately their ability as an expert.

A welcomed change on the course, is the covering of the creek. While it was narrow, and not deep, it did cause considerable concern to many players, and has on hundreds of occasions swallowed up balls.

Workmen dug from the bed of the creek, something like a bushel of golf balls.

A decided asset to the Country Club this year, is the acquiring of the Belle Meade pool. Now, golfers can take a plunge after a round, instead of hitting the showers. Of course, the showers are still available, but a plunge into the cool, and pure spring water in the pool, will just add more sport to the day's recreation. And if you ask us, it is an ideal set up—in fact, a sportsman's paradise.

More than one fisherman has already felt the urge to seek members of the finny tribe, and have taken stock of their equipment. The season for trout opens the 15th, and scores of fishermen have already spotted their favorite falls, or hole for the first day of the season.

Local stores are offering a larger assortment of fishing equipment this season, and already sales are reported above the average, which indicates a good season.

Other lines of sporting goods are being displayed in larger quantities this year than in the past. And there is nothing that can create more enthusiasm on any sport than to see all the necessary equipment neatly displayed in a store.

Take tennis, for instance. More tennis fans have been started by just swinging a racket in the store than on the court. And by the way, unless some changes are made mighty soon, we will be without tennis courts here again this year . . . sad, sad, sad.

Just wonder what became of the cycling fad that was so popular two summers ago. Certainly, no sport calls for more exercise than pushing a bicycle up these hills. But just like other sport fads—here today and gone tomorrow.

Three years ago, shuffle boards were all the go. They could not be built fast enough . . . now, they are completely forgotten, except by a few who sunk a lot of money in them.

But isn't the passing of these sport fads due to the one's back of the games? As a rule, the public is not encouraged to continue. Take baseball. Hundreds and thousands of dollars are spent to keep the interest up. The same is true of football, or any other sport.

Merely building a court, a shuffle board, or putting up bicycles for rent is not sufficient to assure continued good business.

News was received this week that Gordon Hendricks, former writer for this column, and now at the Naval training school at Norfolk, Va., has been given the assignment as sports writer for his department in school. Gordon is to report the baseball games of his team. More power to you Gordon.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 1938

Slugging Senator, And Slurring Senators

Two Different Kinds Of Senators In Washington—Playing Two Games

Knowing that the house over which he presides now has its full quota of ninety-six Senators, Vice President Garner was momentarily startled last week to receive this telegram: "Remember, you got your wish. I am a Senator now." It was from Zeke Bonura, ball player. Mr. Garner once told Bonura that he would like to see him in a Washington Senator's uniform. Bonura, who last season as first baseman for the Chicago White Sox did some of his most effective home-run hitting against Washington pitchers, has been traded this season into the enemy camp.

The Washington nine, although its "official" nickname is "Nationals," has long been known to sports writers and fans by the name of the August ninety-six. The word "Senator" derives from the Latin root for "old." Mr. Bonura is young enough to be a Washington Senator, old enough to be a United States Senator; he recently reached the constitutional age of 30. Behind him are eight years of minor and major league competition.

TRANSACTIONS IN Real Estate (As Recorded to Monday Noon of this Week)

Beaverdam Township
H. B. Tate, et ux, to B. M. Stuart.
G. L. Merchant, et ux, to L. L. Merchant and B. H. Harris.

Gertrude Shipman to Sanford B. McCracken.
D. G. Wilson, et ux, to Fred Pardue, et ux.

P. G. Smathers, et ux, to F. N. Pressley, et ux.

M. R. Arrington, et ux, to H. Stanbridge, et ux.

F. N. Pressley, et ux, to Jessie Smathers.

East Fork Township
E. B. Rickman, et ux, to Lee Williams.

Jonathan Creek Township
C. D. McIntyre, et ux, to Woods Messer.

J. R. Davis, et ux, to Glenn Messer.
Woodrow Messer, et ux, to Frank McIntyre.

Pigeon Township
John H. Jackson, et ux, to Carl G. Lambert, et ux.

Waynesville Township
J. L. Robinson to J. R. Morgan.

been delayed in their practice this season due to adverse weather conditions, but supporters of the team and those who have witnessed the few practices are optimistic about the team. Prospects are that the team will far surpass the team of last year.

Weds Ex-Wife of His Coach



Frankie Parker and his bride, Mrs. Beasley

Frankie Parker, 22-year-old Milwaukee tennis star and Davis Cup member, weds the former wife of his coach and friend, Mrs. Katherine Audrey Browne Beasley of New York, in Reno, Nev., climaxing a strange tale. Parker was picked up by Mrs. Beasley's ex-mate, Mercer Beasley, internationally-famous tennis coach, in Milwaukee several years ago. Beasley took Parker into his home and made him a tennis star. Mrs. Beasley is the mother of two children, one 21 and the other 14.

Purol Dealers Discuss Safety

Thirteen Purol dealers of the country, met at a dinner meeting at the Hotel LeFaine Friday evening, and heard Frank Harrison, of Chicago, explain better methods of serving the trade.

Mr. Harrison also showed pictures of oil field scenes, and better service methods.

The safety crusade, which is being staged this month by the company, was explained by W. J. Campbell, local distributor.

W. T. Lee, et ux, to Valla Patterson.
A. S. Nichols et ux, to W. A. Cade.
Olive H. Stubbs to LeRoy Davis.

J. R. Hyatt, to Ester Wyatt.
Lawrence Winchester, et ux, to F. Porter McClure, et ux.

J. R. Morgan, et ux, et al, to C. Moody.

J. R. Morgan to Elbert J. Moody.

J. R. Morgan to F. M. Bolin, et ux.

Thos. J. Moody, et ux, to Earl Byrd, et ux.

Earl Byrd, et ux, to Thos. J. Moody.

C. N. Allen to Fannie Welch.

B. F. Smathers, et ux, to Theodore Muse, et ux.

Joe Louis Slated To Win Friday Night's Bout

Fight With Harry Thomas Rated As Tune-Up For Brown Bomber For June Go

Toping the boxing card for this week is the titanic bout between the Brown Bomber, Joe Louis and Harry Thomas in a fifteen round bout in Chicago Friday night with the odds greatly in favor of the negro.

The bout is one of many that Louis has had to participate in to hold his crown. The Brown Bomber has been idle the least of any champion in the history of the prize ring. Some fighter is always ready to tackle the champion for the title.

It is not expected that Thomas will win, and it is expressed by some that the bout is only a tune-up match to get Joe in shape for the bout of the season on June 22 when Louis will meet Max Schmeling. Max is the only fighter that has put the Bomber out for the count.

Although the fight is not expected to go the full fifteen rounds, Thomas has a right that has plenty of punch and he may get the chance to use it.

Manufacturers Hindered By Bad Weather

Plan To Get Down To Work Saturday, With Practice Game Among Prospective Players

The Hazelwood Manufacturers have been practicing as often as possible with weather permitting. According to Manager Bischoff they will be in shape for a practice game between themselves Saturday.

The regular lineup for the season has not been selected and probably will not be until just before the first game is played.

The game to be played Saturday will be a starting point in the active training for the 1938 baseball program. To bring out the good points as well as the bad, players must be in action, and this is the purpose of the practice game Saturday.

The official schedule has as yet not been completed, but will probably be on the order of last year's games.

Manager Bischoff is planning several practice games with other teams before the season officially opens. One of the games will probably be with the W. C. T. C. Catacombs if the game can be arranged.

Junk Man—Any old beer bottles you like to sell, lady?

Old Maid—Do I look as though I drank beer?

Junk Man—Any vinegar bottles you'd like to sell,

First Actress—When I came out the audience simply sat there open-mouthed.

Second Ditto—Oh, come, don't exaggerate, dear. They never yawn all at once.

Clyde Girl On Winning Basketball Class Team

Ruth Rogers, of Clyde, is a member of the junior class basketball team at Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, at Greensboro. This team won the class championship in the basketball finals this week.

The Change
She was the ray of sunshine
That brightened up his life,
That dazzled till he asked her
To be his sunny wife.

So with his ray of sunshine
He said the marriage vow,
But, oh, these quick divorces!
She's just his ex-ray now.

Divided Authority
Who is really boss in you house?
"Well, of course, Maggie assumes
command of the children, the servants,
the dog, the cat and the canary.
But I can say pretty much what I
please to the gold-fish."

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