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Mouth of the South

Bouton's Boo-Boo

Keyhole peepers, eavesdroppers, mail snoopers and people who use personally acquired information to write books of the so-called expose type are all barnacles on the hull of humanity and ought to be scraped off into a rubbish pile forthwith.

Long ago it became politically stylish for persons close to the great and near great to publish books when their terms of employment came to an end.

The result was always the same — the exalted were humbled by the simple expedient of showing that everybody acts just about the same when drunk, in the bathroom or in bed. But we as the great unwashed herd of followers hate to admit even to ourselves that the big wheels of the world are not better than we.

With Jim Bouton's book on his baseball teammates such a success, you may be certain that others will follow. Of course Jim is now back in the minor leagues where he can play all the dirty pool he wants to and nobody will notice or mind.

The frightening thing is that the books which follow will have to be more obscene than his or they won't sell. As the budding, ghost-written authors seek greater sensationalism they will play faster and looser with the truth.

Sports Figures Esteem

This comes at a time when sports figures are sinking in the public estimation and esteem. Of course, many of the leading lights in the jock world are, and deserve to be, widely applauded and highly acclaimed, but there is an increasing number who sicken the public with their childish and ill bred behavior.

By this I certainly do not refer to some of the colorful stunts and wild escapades which are becoming to certain athletes. But what one man can do and get away with another cannot.

For instance, Babe Ruth might slurp up a fifth of booze a day. But then he hit more home runs, too. So his tipping was not only tolerated, but a bemused public chose largely to ignore his excesses.

However, when a wet-eared rookie kid like Pistol Pete Maravich is thrown into the pokey for driving drunk it is unsettling. He is not the greatest home run hitter of all time. He is an arrogant boy who needs his ears pinned back. When one considers the influence that a guy like Maravich exerts on youngsters the nation over, his gross behavior is ridiculous.

In fact, it is stupid compounded to the Nth degree. Certainly it would not be fitting for me to make a sanctimonious pitch on sobriety, but there is no excuse on earth for anyone as prominent as a nationally known athlete to be drunk in public.

Private Books For Birds

Books written on the private lives of well known people are for the birds, and the fact that the public clamors for this drivel is an indication of the low taste of too many people.

What Jackie Kennedy does in the privacy of her own house is about as interesting to me as the habits of a rooting hog in the barn lot. And the same thing applies to Leo Durocher, Mickey Mantle, or anyone else you may think of. How empty is the American mind that it has to fill itself with the boudoir and toilet habits of the famous.

There is no legal way that muckrakers like Bouton can be restrained. Sewer sifters have always been with us and will continue to be. The one way to discourage books on the intimacies of the locker room is to spurn them on the sales counters. Of course it might not hurt for some of those attacked in the tell-it-all books to feed the author a big meal of knuckleburger.

Closes Aug. 30

Twin Cedars Four-Ball Golf Qualifying Opens This Week

Qualifying for the Twin Cedars Golf Course third annual 4-Ball Tournament got underway this week and will run from August 15 through August 30. Play off will be from August 31 thru Sept. 27.

Benson To Play In CGA Tourney

Robin Benson will play in the third annual C.G.A. North Carolina Jr. Championship Tournament to be held at Pine Brook Country Club at Winston Salem, N. C. on August 18 thru 21.

Davie Republican Executive Comm. To Meet Monday

The Davie County Republican Executive Committee will meet Monday August 17, 1970, at 8:00 p.m. at the Davie County Court House.

All Precinct Chairmen, candidates for office, executive committee members and interested Republicans are urged to attend. This is an important meeting as plans will have to be made to get the fall campaign under way.

This popular 4-Ball Tournament promises to be the most exciting tournament held at Twin Cedars. Over 100 golfers played in last years tournament and the field is expected to be even larger this year.

This tournament is open to all golfers in Davie and adjoining counties. The defending team will be comprised of Bob Shelton and Von Shelton.

24 Local Golfers To Participate In CGA Tourney

Local golfers will participate in the one day C.G.A. Handicap tournament at Mimosa Hills Golf Club at Morganton, N.C. on August 16.

From Twin Cedars Golf Course will be 24 players. They are: Von Shelton, Bob Shelton, Garland Anderson, Jimmy Carter, Ronnie Shoaf, Jerry Shore, Bob Benson, Jerry C. Hendricks, Jim Ellenburg, George Daywalt, Harold Wilson, Robin Benson, Don Marklin, Dickey Nail, Otis Penninger, Coy Robbins, Jim Brown, Craig Snead, Gene Stiller, Mickey Adams, Ronnie Smith, Grady Foster and Jerry Hendrix.

All golfers wishing to participate are urged to get a partner and sign up early. Trophies will be awarded.

Indianapolis Clowns To Play Here August 28

Baseball's greatest comedy show team, the Indianapolis Clowns, are celebrating their 41st season. They will cross bats with the Winston-Salem Pond Giants in Rich Park in Mocksville at 8:00 p. m. on Friday, August 28th.

Every inning has something going on. If Bob Small, the funniest lefthander to ever wind up on a mound, isn't cutting his comedy capers, Midget Dero Austin, just 31 inches tall, will be giving the umpire a rough time.

"Ambidextrous" Morris, who pitches with both hands and from between his legs, will see action during the game.

After the final score, the team will go into their famous shadow ball game, and the midget with his championship dance partner, will dance the latest....The Thing.

This is their second appearance here this year.

Hickory Hill Course Opens

The front nine holes of the golf course of the Hickory Hill Golf and Country Club were officially open for play last Saturday morning with a brief ceremony at 10 a.m.

Dr. Henry Sprinkle, club president, presided over the ceremony held on the first tee and introduced special guests that included R. T. Burney, architect of course; John Bailey, chairman of the board of commissioners, and members of the board of directors of the club.

Rain began to fall immediately following the prayer of dedication. Dr. Sprinkle hit the first ball of the tee. Dr.

Sprinkle was followed in play by other members of the board of directors and club officials.

It was estimated that between 60 and 80 played Saturday in spite of the rainy weather. Some also braved the rain and played Sunday.

The front nine will be open for play daily, weather and conditions permitting. The back nine is expected to open in the near future.

Fifteen Cushman gasoline carts are now available for rental at the club. Pull carts are also available.

Bob Hensley, club pro, is stocking his pro shop with a full line of golfing equipment

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