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Friendship Chapel Will Open Defense Of Title Against Hosiery Mill Monday

The Black Mountain Hosiery Mill softball team, the hard luck boys of the 1947 campaign, will meet Friendship Chapel at 7 p. m. on Monday, May 17, in the opening game of the Church softball league. An hour later the Methodists will take the field against Ridgecrest. Friendship Chapel won the title last season.

Mayor J. L. Potter will officially open the season by pitching the first ball from the mound promptly at 7 o'clock. Ronald E. Finch, president of the Lion's club will be the batter, with Alfred Tyson, Jr., vice-president of the junior chamber of commerce, behind the plate. Mr. Tyson will represent Walter H. Styles, president of the Jaycees, who will be away on vacation.

With games scheduled for each Monday, Tuesday, and Friday night the season will run through August 13, with the rest of August being given over to exhibitions, according to the schedule released by Eugene Byrd, league president. A few Friday nights have been left open for makeups. The first half will end on June 25. The championship will be de-

WITH THE LEADERS

Team standings	W	L
V. F. W.	7	1
Flat Creek	6	2
Biltmore	6	2
Hominy Valley	5	2
Marshall	5	3
Valley Springs	4	4
Barnardville	3	5
Weaverville	3	5
Venable	3	5
Black Mountain	2	5
Rockwell-Ballew	2	6
Beacon	2	6
Enka	2	6

termined by the winners of each half meeting in a best two out of three series at the end of the season.

All teams have been materially strengthened since the close of play last year and will be gunning for the crown worn by Everett Stephenson and his Friendship Chapel mates. Doss Kerlee has a strong aggregation lined up for the Methodist, while Cecil Nanney and his Baptist crew will attempt to regain some of the glory lost last year. Doyle Turner's Ridgecrest team may prove to be the darkhorse of the league but will be pushed for the seat of honor by Bill White and his hard driving Presbyterians and the Hosiery mill boys under the direction of Ed Reed.

As this will be the first full season under the lights, President Byrd is expecting a banner season. The big 10 hitters will appear weekly in the NEWS.

After much discussion it was decided not to increase the membership of the league this year. There is one important change in the rules. Any player desiring to play in the league and not being a member, employee, or regular attendant of the church or group he represents must be waived or accepted by the lowest teams in the league standings at the time he applies before he may play with a higher ranking team.

The Black Mountain Junior chamber of commerce assumes financial responsibility of the league. Any profits that may accrue from the league are to be used in the improvements of the athletic field.

The league is organized with Mr. Byrd as president, J. O. Williams, treasurer, and an executive committee composed of Ed Reed, Cecil Nanney, Joe Mackney, Doyle Turner, Everett Stephenson, Doss Kerlee, and Bill White. The complete schedule follows:

Miss Burney Directs May Day Program

May Day festivities are to be held on the afternoon of May 22, at 4 o'clock in Central Park. The processional will be "Pomp and Circumstance" and as the court enters onto the grassy slope down into the park, it will be heralded by voices blended in our May Day Song.

Representatives to the court have previously been named. To these young ladies' names, however, can be added the name of a young gentleman, Billie Burkes, who will act as crownbearer.

Smokey Says:



No need to burn up brush and forest at the same time. Take care and see that only the brush burns.

Wade H. Boggs and Charles B. S. Kraemer To Deliver Addresses

Speakers for the Montreat commencement services were recently announced by Dr. McGregor. Reverend Wade H. Boggs, who is executive secretary of the Committee of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, Louisville, Kentucky, will preach the Baccalaureate sermon at the eleven o'clock service on Sunday morning, May 23. The Reverend Charles E. S. Kraemer, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Charlotte, will deliver the commencement address at the exercises, Monday, May 24.

Chapel exercises on Saturday consist of the presentation of scholarship, athletic, and other

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