



F. T. DeVyer Speaks at Erwin High Graduation

Commencement exercises of the Erwin High School were held on Monday evening, June 4, in the high school auditorium. One of the highlights of the evening was the impressive candle-light procession of the sophomores who formed a guard of honor through which the seniors, accompanied by the class mascots, little Miss Wanda Matthews and Master Bob Bost, passed to the stage. The sophomores then sang "It's Dear Old Seniors" and the seniors responded with the school song. The Rev. A. M. Keith made the invocation. Mr. E. H. Bost introduced the speaker of the evening, Dr. Frank T. de Vyver, who made a most interesting and instructive talk. In his talk he stressed the importance of the seniors taking four points of character with them on their trip through life. These four were: the ability to put first things first; the power to see the invisible; having a high opinion of yourself; and the power to see it through. At the conclusion of the address, Mr. W. H. Miley, Jr., presented the diplomas to the thirty members of the graduating class.

Mrs. Frank Bolton presented the Community Cup, which is given for general excellence, to Anne Raeford. Mr. J. R. Cathey presented the Grace Bost Book Club Cup to Richard C. Leonard. This cup is given to the boy who excels in scholarship, athletic prowess, and general excellence. Mr. Cathey also presented a cash reward

Wildcats Defeat Coca-Cola to Make Seventh Win

Sparked by Odell Cole and Pitcher Doc Mitchell, Erwin Auditorium remained undefeated in the City Baseball League June 16 by defeating Coca-Cola 11 to 3, at Durham Athletic Park. This was the seventh consecutive league triumph for Cocky Bennett's Wildcats.

Cole, leftfielder, slapped out a single, double and a pair of triplets while Mitchell pounded out a two bagger and two singles to walk off with willow honors.

The winners scored a lone marker in the initial frame and came back in the third to tally three runs and put the game on ice.

Mitchell toiled seven innings for the winners before he was relieved by Pilot Bennett. While he worked, Mitchell fanned 13 batters and was touched for only four safeties.

Mitchell Allen started for the Bottlers but was shelled from the mound in the sixth act after Erwin had banded out nine safeties.

Leading Doodle Wilkie's Bottlers was Junis Beck, who collected two singles and a double in four tries.

The box:

ERWIN					
	ab.	r.	h.	e.	a.
Fields, rf, 2b	5	3	1	1	0
E. King, cf	3	1	0	0	0
Clark, c	5	2	2	16	0
Cole, lf	5	1	4	1	0
Whitaker, lf	0	0	0	0	0
Talcott, ss	5	0	1	3	2
Carden, 3b	5	0	0	0	3
Hawkins, 1b	5	0	1	4	0
Brown, 2b	4	1	1	1	0
Bennett, p	1	0	0	0	1
D. Mitchell, p, rf	3	3	3	1	0
Totals	41	11	13	27	6

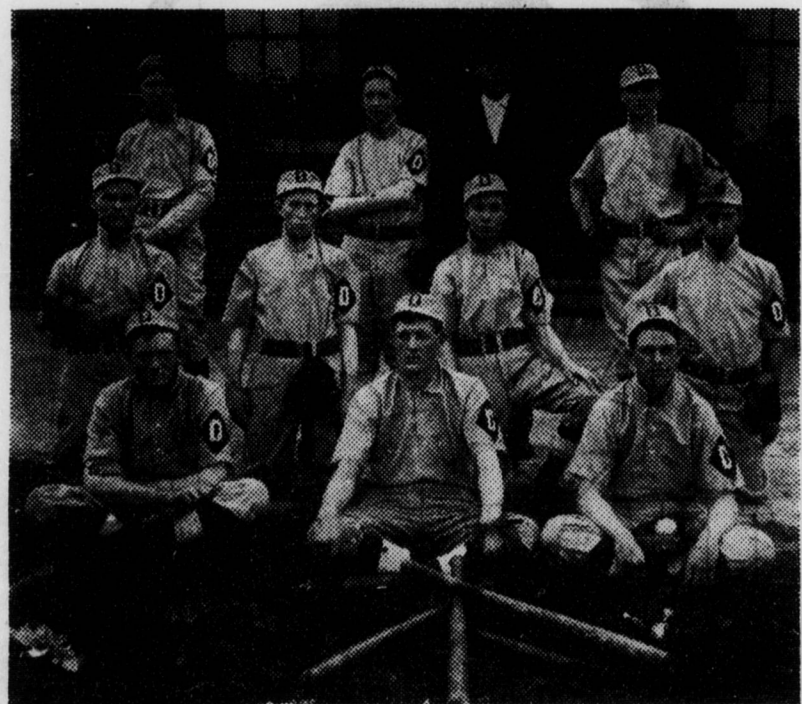
COCA-COLA					
	ab.	r.	h.	e.	a.
A. King, lf	5	0	0	0	0
Roberts, cf	4	0	0	6	0
Wilkie, ss	4	0	1	3	1
Beck, 2b, 1b	4	1	3	2	1
Ward, 1b, p	4	0	0	6	2
E. Mitchell, rf, 2b	3	1	0	1	0
Brosnell, c	4	1	0	6	0
Gates, 3b	3	0	0	2	0
Allen, p, rf	4	0	2	1	1
Totals	34	3	6	27	5

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Coca-Cola 000 000 300—3

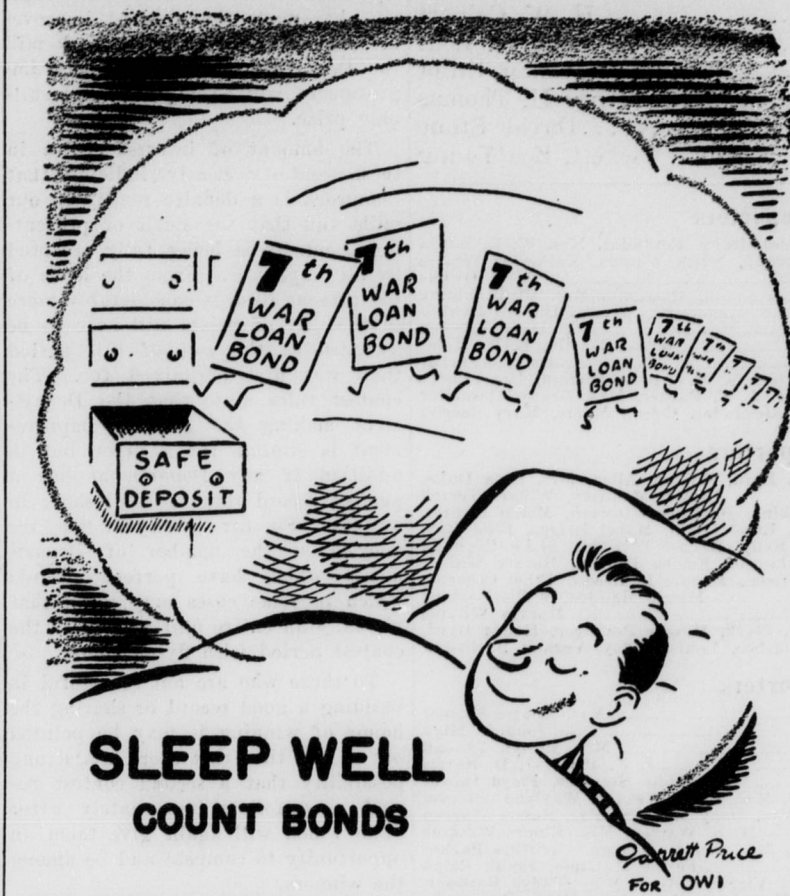
given by the Grace Bost Book Club to the scholar in high school with the highest scholastic average. This reward was won by Anne Raeford for the third year.

The president of the senior class, Donald Gomedella, presented loving cups to the mascots of the senior class, Wanda Matthews and Bob Bost. Donald then presented Mr. Stutts with a sum of money given by the senior class to the school. The program was concluded by the audience singing "The Star Spangled Banner."

EARLY ERWIN BASEBALL TEAM



Front Row, left to right: Arthur Kelly, Will Stephens, Clarence Poe. Second Row, left to right: Johnnie Whittington, George Sewell, Gordon Ratcliffe and Roscoe Sox. Back Row, left to right: Tom Sewell, Tom Harris, E. S. Yarborough, Bob Merritt.



TO ALL READERS

Your editors and reporters wish to express appreciation to all those who have been turning in news and photos. In regard to the photos, an explanation is due as to why these are not always printed upon receipt at the editor-in-chief's office. Some pictures are more timely than others in view of the news items accompanying the pictures. Namely awards, wounded, lost in service, returned, visiting at home, etc. Many pictures are turned in with only the names and parents of the subjects. Still others only give the present address of the serviceman. This calls for postponement of printing with the hope that more news will be forthcoming. It has not been possible to return pictures as quickly as would have been liked, but it now hoped that photos can be returned within ten days or less after they reach the editor's office. Every photo submitted that can possibly be copied is engraved in a size suitable to the size of the photo submitted. Your staffs and your servicemen would like more pictures of local interest rather than so much concentration on the servicemen's news solely. You have been cooperative and patient. Keep up the good work. Hand in your news today and everyday to your reporter. EVERY EMPLOYEE A REPORTER!

I.R.T. Classes Close at Erwin Area

On June 19th the Industrial Relations Training Classes at Erwin will hold the final session after a very successful ten weeks of conferences. The interest in these conferences may be seen from the fact that there has been practically no absences from meetings throughout the whole period and all members have actively participated in discussions.

It is now planned to have a barbecue or dinner for all members of the classes who have attended meetings and discussions. It is hoped that a real evening of good fellowship will culminate the training sessions which are now finished for the summer months. Suggestions from class members for additional training sessions this fall are being considered and some definite fall schedule will be announced by management in the late summer.

FIGHT INFLATION—KEEP PRICES DOWN!

Popularity of Horseshoes Grows in All Areas as Durham Defeats Wright's

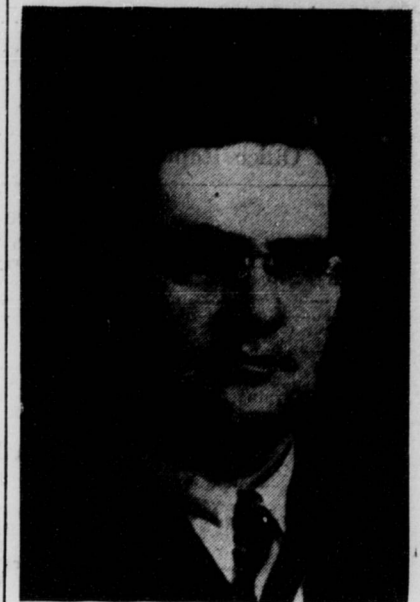
The organization of horseshoe pitching teams in the various units of the Erwin Cotton Mills Company has been continuing with considerable success in the last month with the result that on June 10th No. 4 Mill team played a tournament with Wright's Automatic Machine Company of Durham, defeating Wright's by a total score of 12 games to 2.

A good gallery was on hand to watch this contest which consisted of play between the two seven-man teams playing the best two out of three singles matches.

During the contest the teams pitched a total of 946 shoes. Team averages for all games were, Wright's Automatic 11% Ringers, Erwin Cotton Mills Company 17% Ringers.

Highest ringer percentage for individual games by Wright's Automatic went to Farrell with 22% ringers. Cole of Erwin Cotton Mills pitched the best game at 25 1/2% ringers.

The formation of other teams in both Cooleemee, Durham, and Erwin is expected to bring about a good Inter-Plant League for the late summer months and the fall because all mills now have regulation horseshoe court facilities either completed or under construction. It appears that



Ratledge Presents Davidson College with Ney Relics

Latta B. Ratledge, Plant No. 3 Weave Room employee, was the principal luncheon speaker on May 25th at the Davidson College commencement exercises. Mr. Ratledge has for twenty-five years been interested in the collection of information and relics of Peter Stuart Ney who many believed to be Marshal Ney of France.

The speaker was reared in the community of Davie County where Peter Stuart Ney lived many years as a country school teacher and presented to the Ney Room of the Davidson College Library a compass holder and an applewood flute, properties of Ney purchased in Charleston in 1816. The gifts were accepted by Dr. Frontis Johnson of the Davidson History Department.

Mr. Ratledge has become a member of a permanent organization to foster interest in the collection of many remaining Ney relics and plans to continue his research on this subject.

This official insignia of the 7th War Loan is adapted from the now famous photograph of the raising of Old Glory by U. S. Marines on Mt. Surabachi, Iwo Jima. Some Erwin boys were there. LEST WE FORGET—only three of the original six Marines who raised the flag are now alive. THEY GAVE THEIR ALL.

Bennett's Durham Team Leads City League; Cole and Mitchell Stars

The Wildcats of Erwin Auditorium under the coaching of "Cocky" Bennett have been setting a hot pace for the local league in Durham this season. The Herald-Sun gives the team a record of eight games played and none lost. Bennett's tabulation for THE CHATTER lists seven games with scores showing all wins:

Date	Erwin-Visitors	Score	Series
May 9	.....24-8	.....	V-8's
May 12	.....8-7	.....	Wright's
May 21	.....8-2	.....	Coca-Cola
May 22	.....10-8	.....	V-8's
June 1	.....16-3	.....	Coca-Cola
June 7	.....9-7	.....	V-8's
June 16	.....11-3	.....	Coca-Cola

The batting averages for the Wildcats through June 16th are as follows: Cole (.531), Crutchfield (.500), King (.464), Fields (.451), Clark (.393), Mitchell (.384), Carden (.333), Pierce (.285), Brown (.269), Hawkins (.257), Talcott (.200), Whitaker (.166), Bennett (.091), McArthur (.000), James (.000), Lynch (.000). The team average is .346.

the success of this one phase of our sports program is assured.

Your local team captain, or supervisor, will be glad to have all possible entrants who may wish to play regardless of their skill, and from the present indication all participating players are developing considerable skill and deriving much personal satisfaction from this sport.

Individual scores were as follows:

ERWIN				
Team Member	R%	Won	Lost	
Cole	25 1/2	2	0	
Marks	25	2	0	
Pearce	21	2	0	
Williamson	17	0	2	
Sullivan	15	2	0	
Thompson	13	2	0	
Gunter	9	2	0	
Team Record	17%	12	2	

WRIGHT'S				
Team Member	R%	Won	Lost	
Wallace	16	0	2	
Aldridge	8	0	2	
Henson	17	0	2	
Farrell	22	2	0	
Griffin	9	0	2	
Byrd	9	0	2	
Tong	2	0	2	
Team Record	11%	2	12	