

SPORTS

BY MARTIN HARMON

SPORTIN' with MARTIN

Softball still takes the sports head lines, but Kings Mountain tennis players should begin getting in shape for Skimp Stowe, tournament

announce final plans for the annual city-wide tennis tournament within a week of two. Tennis players here have always been handicapped by the lack of suitable playing facilities but this year, thanks to Skimp and "some of the boys", there will be three well-groomed clay courts for tournament play. If present plans materialize, there will be a trophy for the winner, as well as runner-up awards.

Both Charlie Moss and Toby Williams are looking for a little red hound. In the first inning of the Stag Margrace game last week, Red Layton led off with an infield scratch, and Shortop Humphries lined a scorer over third base. It looked like a trop, but the ball hit an errant hound pup near the foul line, enabling Shortfielder Stowe to throw Red out. Carl Moss followed with a hit, which would have tied up the ball game, and might have turned the 4-3 defeat into a Margrace win. Charlie has turned dog-catcher — his gas chamber ready, but Toby has an invitation to a Stag steak supper.

Furthermore, the Margrace manager would like very much for the absent-minded gentleman to return his catcher's mask. After the same melee, the mask got away. "No question will be asked," Charlie says, "all we want is our mask!"

As the fifty-odd witnesses at the Pauline-Old Mill vs. Coza match will attest, softball for the women is a scream. However, the lassies really move around with pep and dash, and any lack of playing skill is compensated by an overdose of enthusiasm.

The City Softball League swings into the second half on Monday, with each club planning to come out on top. As it stands now, Grover, of course, is the team to beat, closely pushed by the Pauline and Margrace. The Stags are hunting a catcher and possibly another outfielder, and the Bonnie has strengthened. With one or two players, Monk Mauney could have a really dangerous ball club at the Mauney, and Clyde Dettmar has added two or three at the Old Mill. Just who will replace the Post Office is unknown, but Shorty Edens will probably enter a team, using some of the Post Office and others he has lined up in the past few days.

Of the business to be attend to in the league meeting tonight is details for an all-star benefit game, for Smyre Williams, who broke his leg while playing softball early in the season. According to present plans, the league will be divided into a North and South districts, with team members representing each club in the league. As all other all-star games, this one will not be a test of the strength of the two districts, but, nevertheless, it should be a good game, well worth the few cents admission fee.

Grover Takes First Half Pennant

Softball Mags Meet Tonight

MEET AT MARGRACE CLUB HOUSE

Managers of the City Softball League will meet tonight at 7 o'clock in the Margrace Club House to discuss plans for the next half, as well as plans for an all-star benefit game to be played next week for Smyre Williams.

Among the business to come before the group is admitting another club to replace the Post Office, which announced last week that it was giving up its franchise.

Rumors have it that Shorty Edens will manage a club he has assembled in the last week, which consists of some of the Post Office players, as well as outsiders. However, it is also reported that Wood Jackson and others have organized a second at the Margrace. Edens, it is thought, holds the inside track for the Post Office berth.

The all-star game will be played for Smyre Williams, who broke his leg in an exhibition game early in the season. According to present plans, the league will be divided into North and South districts with Grover's S. A. Crisp managing the South and Red Fulkerson, the North Player will be selected by the managers tonight, with the probable qualification that each club in the league must be represented by at least two player on a thirteen-man team, including the manager.

Another item to be discussed is officiating. When the league was organized, the only rule regarding umpires was that the competing managers should agree before the game on who should umpire. The official rules forbid the removal of an umpire from the game. More often than not, the officiating has been ultra-often, and league President H. E. Lynch has received many protests resulting from bad decisions by inept umpires. What plan will be offered is unknown, though some suggest an umpire from each club attend a meeting to study and agree on interpretation of the rules.

Personals

(Cont'd from Society page) This week for a visit to relatives in Kings Mountain and Charlotte. The family are attending the Barber family reunion at Tryon, N. C., today.

Mrs. T. A. Pollock and Mrs. Gene Smith were weekend visitors at the Veterans' Hospital, Columbia, S. C., where Mr. Pollock and Mr. Mathis have been patients for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Ware had as their guests on Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Frank Thomason, Mr. Bill Elliott, Mrs. Mike Michael, Mrs. Paul Monty and children, all of Charlotte.

Mrs. Grady King, Mrs. J. C. Nickels, Miss Nancy Nickels and Jimmy Nickels of Kings Mountain and Ben Willeford, Jr., of Charlotte, left Wednesday or Swansboro, where they have taken a cottage for a two-week's stay.

Among the out-of-town visitors entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Glenn White at their home this week-end were: Mr. and Mrs. Earle Sills and son, Earle, Jr., Mrs. L. C. Goodnight of Landis, N. C., and Mr. and Mrs.

STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct
Grover	12	2	.857
Pauline	10	4	.714
Stags	9	5	.643
Bonnie	7	7	.500
Mauney	6	8	.429
Old Mill	1	13	.071
Post Office	1	13	.071

RESULTS

Monday:
Old Mill 3; Pauline 12.
Margrace 1; Bonnie 4.
Stags 4; Grover 8.
Post Office 3; Mauney 7.
Wednesday:
Old Mill 2; Mauney 6.
Bonnie 4; Stags 5.
Pauline 1; Grover 10.
Post Office 5; Margrace 9.

John Ed. Queen of Shelby.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Baldwin of Asheville, N. C., Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Herndon and little son, Darrell and Miss Aquilla Herndon of Graham, N. C., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Ratterree Monday. The party came especially to attend the Herndon reunion at Bethlehem Sunday.

Mrs. Y. F. Throneburg and sons, James and Billy, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Murray and baby son spent Sunday in Concord, guest of Rev. C. E. Murray and family. Rev. Mr. Murray is a brother of Mrs. Throneburg and M. Murray and is pastor of Kerr Street Methodist church.

Mrs. N. F. Watterson, Mrs. Charles Goforth and Charles A. Jr., have been on a visit to relatives in Norfolk, Va. They returned home Monday in company with Mr. and Mrs. Lester Hoke who have been on a trip to Manteo, Williamsburg, Va., and Virginia Beach. While at Manteo Mr. and Mrs. Hoke attended the pageant, "The Lost Colony."

Miss Bessie, Sarah, and Dr. W. L. Ramsey, all of the city, and Miss Alda Phifer of Bessemer City motored to Atlanta, Ga., last week to visit Miss Lois Dexter of Bessemer City who is in a hospital in Atlanta suffering from injuries received in an automobile accident there sometime ago. Miss Dexter is a student at Georgia Tech College. Her condition is serious and her injuries such that she is given little hope to ever walk again. Miss Dexter is a cousin to the Ramseys.

Gladden Is Only Pauline Hitter

Smashing out fifteen hits off the combined offerings of Red Fulkerson and Emma Hord, the hard-hitting Grover team copped the first half pennant yesterday afternoon by licking the Pauline outfit 10-1.

John Gold was in fine fettle as he limited Pauline to one hit, an infield scratch by lead-off man, Frank Gladden. In the first inning, Gladden also scored the lone Pauline run when he reached second as Gold threw the ball away and J. B. Royster missed Yates fly to center.

Grover tallied three in the third, and after that it was their ball game. Once started, it was an easy matter as they added two in the fourth, four in the fifth, and one in the sixth.

Only one argument enlivened the festivities. In the second, the field was crowded with players and spectators as base umpire Bus Oates called Garner out for interfering with Fulkerson's attempt to field the Grover shortfielder's bunt.

The win enabled Grover to cop the first half flag with twelve wins and two defeats, and dropped Pauline in to a second place tie with Margrace. A Pauline triumph would have left the race in a tie between the two clubs.

After erring ten times in losing to Grover on Monday 8-4, the Stage returned to form with a 6-4 win over the Bonnie to hold undisputed possession of fourth, while the Mauney added two over the Post Office and Old Mill, who ended in a tie for seventh.

The Bonnie removed any fears of a three-way tie for first place by licking the Margrace Monday afternoon 4-1.

Farmers Treat Seed To Increase Yields

North Carolina farmers are fast ridding their cotton fields of damping off disease, the scourge that has been cutting heavy inroads into the Tar Heel cotton crop in recent years. In 1934, Carolina farmers planted 2,000 acres with seed that had been treated with 2 percent Ceresan, which kills the organisms causing damping off disease, said Dr. Luth-

er Shaw, extension plant pathologist at State College.

The results were good and the next year more treated seed were planted on a larger acreage. Last year the acreage planted to treated seed jumped to 200,000 acres, and this year 400,000 acres of cotton were planted with treated seed.

Dr. Shaw and O. P. Owens, another extension plant pathologist, report that in a recent survey of piedmont and coastal plain counties they found that farmers who planted treated seed had almost twice as many plants per 100 feet of rows as were growing on fields where the seed had not been dusted with Ceresan.

There were 431 plants per 100 feet of row from treated seed and only 280 plants per 100 feet of row

growing from untreated seed. Moreover, they found that 72 per cent of the plants from untreated seed had more than one insect, while only 20 percent of the plants from treated seed were affected.

Treating cotton seed cost about 25 cents per acre to be planted, and the increase in yield and quality of the lint bring growers from \$11 to \$13 or more per acre, depending upon price, weather conditions, and other factors.

Farmers continue to be enthusiastic about the cooperative marketing of swine in eastern Carolina, report all county agents. The Duplin-Sampson Association shipped four car loads last week at \$8.95 a hundred pounds.

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ASSETS	
Loans and discounts	\$279,509.32
United States Government obligations, direct and fully guaranteed	60,485.95
Other bonds, stocks, and securities	121,331.00
Banking house, \$14,941. Furniture and fixtures, \$3,446	19,387.00
Real estate owned other than banking house	4,500.00
Reserve with Federal Reserve bank	51,024.76
Cash, balances with other banks, and cash items in process of collection	139,236.60
Cash items not in process of collection	1,351.96
Others assets	52.45
TOTAL ASSETS	\$676,879.04
LIABILITIES	
Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	\$265,047.40
Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	183,356.46
State, county, and municipal deposits	72,017.36
United States Government and postal savings deposits	593.66
Deposits of other banks, including certified and cashier's checks outstanding	13,331.80
Deposits secured by pledge of loans and—or investments	\$ 82,302.75
Deposits not secured by pledge of loans and—or investments	452,043.93
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$534,346.68
Interest, taxes, and other expenses accrued and unpaid	5,461.30
Other liabilities	1,800.00
Capital account:	
Common stock, 1000 shares, par \$100 per share	\$100,000.00
Surplus	27,500.00
Undivided profits—net	2,771.06
Reserves for contingencies	5,000.00
TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNT	135,271.06
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$676,879.04
Memorandum: Loans and investments pledged to secure Liabilities	
U. S. Government obligations, direct and fully guaranteed	49,985.95
Other bonds, stocks, and securities	32,316.80
TOTAL PLEDGED (excluding rediscounts)	82,302.75
Pledged—Against State, county, and municipal deposits	82,302.75
TOTAL PLEDGED	\$82,302.75
State of North Carolina, County of Cleveland:	
I, B. S. Neill, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.	
B. S. Neill, Cashier.	
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8th day of July, 1938.	
L. G. Hord, Notary Public.	
My Com. Ex. July 10, 1938.	
Correct—Attest:	
D. M. Baker	
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F. R. Summers	
Directors.	