

"Red" Ormand Is Named New Vet Manager



ARTIST AT WORK—Shown above is J. L. Settlemire, Kings Mountain artist, as he was nearing completion of the painting of Buck Smith, young son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Brandon Smith, Jr., of Anderson, S. C. In the background is the portrait of Mrs. Smith, which Mr. Settlemire had just completed.

Artist Completes Two Portraits

J. L. Settlemire, well-known Kings Mountain artist, has recently completed portraits of Mrs. F. Brandon Smith, Jr., prominent Anderson, S. C., socialite, and her son, Buck. Mr. Settlemire returned here over the weekend after spending several weeks in the South Carolina city. Mrs. Smith, wife of a prominent textile executive, is to hang the picture above the mantle of Harrietta, the plantation in the South Carolina low country recently purchased by Mrs. Smith's mother, according to Betty Horton Scruggs, columnist for the Anderson Daily Mail.

Further discussing the plantation, Miss Scruggs wrote: "Harrietta, incidentally, is one of the famous plantations illustrated in the book Plantations of the Carolina Low Country by Samuel Galliard Stoney.

"Architecturally it is of the republican period, and was built in 1797 by Mrs. Horry of Hampton for her daughter, Harriott, who married Frederick Rutledge. It was never lived in until 1858 as some unforeseen circumstances prevented the heirs from making it a home, and later the only son of the Horry family married a niece of Lafayette, and moved to France. The house has had few changes since it was first built. Unusual feature of the house is the grouping of three doors at the garden side, the center of which is a false door, placed there only to preserve balance. The dining room contains a dumb waiter built to resemble a door which swings on a vertical pivot, providing an easy way to transport dishes to the pantry."

In July, Mr. and Mrs. Settlemire are to be entertained at Harrietta. Mr. Settlemire has returned here to complete the portrait of Mrs. Paul Webb of Shelby, and later expects to return to Anderson to paint portraits of Mrs. Katherine Jones and twin daughters.

Holland Awarded Driving Badge

With the Eighth Army in Yokohama, Honshu, Japan—Private First Class Ralph Holland, son of Gracie Holland of route 3, Kings Mountain, N. C., was awarded the Driver's Badge at a retreat review and medal presentation ceremony held recently by units of Second Major Port. The badge was presented by Major General Harry F. Hazelett, Commanding General of Second Major Port, for passing both written and practical aptitude tests and performance of duty without traffic violation.

Private Holland, a veteran of more than four years of service, re-enlisted in the army in November 1945, and was sent overseas in Aug. 1946.

He is now assigned as a truck driver for the 3443 Transportation Corp Truck Company, a unit of Second Major Port. Through this port, the largest in Japan, pass all incoming and outgoing supplies and personnel for Japan.

The value of North Carolina's farms (land and buildings) in 1945

The first known turkey chain in North Carolina has been started in Chatham county.

Cattle should not be turned into a pasture until a good growth of the pasture mixture has been made.

"Big A" Hartsoe Retained On Club; Move Designed To Strengthen Team

Hugh "Red" Ormand, former Class AA player and veteran baseball manager, has been named to succeed Aaron "Big A" Hartsoe as manager of the Kings Mountain Veterans baseball club. It was announced by local baseball officials this week.

The surprise move came with the season only seven games old and with the Vets on top-side of the percentage, 4 wins and 3 losses for .571 percentage.

Hartsoe, valuable hitter and infielder, is to continue with the team. It was announced, the move designed to strengthen the club with the addition of a playing manager and the addition of a non-playing manager, Mr. Ormand, to give the team a full league quota of 16 players plus a manager.

Manager Ormand is scheduled to take over reins of the club immediately, with his first appearance to be tonight (Friday) against the league leading Forest City entry.

Hartsoe will continue play with the team as field captain. He was named manager of the Vets on April 1, guiding the team in its initial games in the WC loop.

"Red" Ormand came back into the local baseball picture last summer as coach of the "American Legion Junior baseball club. He had been out of the game for some time after a varied career both as an organized baseball player and manager and in semi-pro circles.

He has nine year Class AA playing to his record and five years as a semi-pro manager.

Captain of the Duke University team of 1923, "Red" led the team to the conference crown after burning up the conference with his powerful hitting in 1922-23.

Signed by Reading of the International league late in the 1923 season for a healthy bonus, "Red" was tops in the loop for three seasons, and was sold to Beaumont of the Texas league where he played four seasons.

He finished up his Class AA playing in the New-York-Penn. loop and was out of baseball for a few seasons as the result of a serious case of fever.

Getting his start in baseball as a youthful slugger on the Kings Mountain semi-pro team of 1919, he is considered one of the most experienced semi-pro managers in the fledgling Western Carolina semi-pro baseball league, currently in its first year fight to possible Class D status.

In making the announcement of the change in managers, team officials stated "we want to give Kings Mountain a superior ball club and

are very appreciative of the support shown thus far this season; we believe that increasing the playing strength of the team to 16 players with the signing of Mr. Ormand as non-playing manager will give Kings Mountain one of the best and strongest teams in the league."

Officials also announced plans for providing special sections in the stands for colored patrons and members of the "Knott-Hole Gang" in the near future, along with plans to have score cards available at the games soon.

Vets Sock Valdese Nine Monday, 11-4

Kings Mountain's Vets turned in a 11 to 4 pasting of the hapless Valdese nine in a Western Carolina loop game played in the Waldensian city Monday night.

It was the fourth league victory for the Vets against three losses and put them in a three-way deadlock for third place in the loop standings.

Don Parker earned another victory, going out of the game with a 8 to 0 lead after being hit by a pitched ball in the seventh inning.

Cora To Meet Hanover Here Saturday Night

Cora baseball team of the Gaston Textiles league met the strong Hanover nine in a league match in City Stadium Saturday night at 8 o'clock.

Cora swamped Algodon of Bessemer City Tuesday afternoon in a 17 to 8 slug-fest to gain their second league win against two losses.

Continuing their league schedule, Cora plays host to the Long Shoals nine in City Stadium Tuesday afternoon at 4:30 p. m.

Waco Takes Bethware 2 to 1 In Even Series

Waco high school's baseball nine evened things up with the visiting Bethware high school team Monday afternoon on their home diamond taking a 2 to 1 thriller with Bobby Spake on the mound for the winners. It was the first blemish on the Bethware record in high school competition.

Bethware's first and strongest threat came in the first inning when Biddix teed off for a homer. He and Bobby Ware led the Bethware hitting with two hits in three trips. Dover also got two hits for Waco. Pitcher Spake fanned eight batsmen and walked none. Losing pitcher D. C. Allen struck out four men and walked one while giving up four hits.

Juniors Win Initial Go

Kings Mountain's American Legion Juniors won their first start of the season Tuesday afternoon in City Stadium, taking a 9 to 6 victory from Rutherfordton-Spindale Juniors behind the six hit-13 strikeout hurling of Gee Brooks, right-handed hurler of last year's nine.

It was the first of a number of practice games for the Juniors before eliminations begin on Monday, June 9.

Kings Mountain returns the Rutherfordton game on Friday night at 8 o'clock.

Coach Don Parker used only nine men in gaining his first win as the Juniors mentor. Bobby Huffstetler was behind the plate and the infield consisted of Wayne Eaker, Waco high school at first Boyce Huffstetler at second, Joe Ware, Bethware high school, at short, and and Horace Kiser at third.

A. M. Kiser, Waco high school, Jim Cobb, and Phil Harry made up the out field on the team chosen to play in the first game.

With regular practice now underway, the remainder of the some 35-odd candidates for the team will be working hard this week to earn one of the suits to be issued to the permanent 20-man team the later part of the month, Coach Parker said yesterday.

Ralph Carpenter of Waco defeated Grover.

City Stadium Schedule

May 23—Vets vs. Forest City (Western Carolina)—8 p. m.

May 24—Cora vs. Hanover (Gaston Textiles)—8 p. m.

May 26—Vets vs. Morganton (WC)—8 p. m.

May 27—Cora vs. Long Shoals (G.)—4:30 P. M.

Vets vs. Valdese (WC)—8 p. m.

Juniors Plan To Play Bessemer City May 29

Junior baseball officials announced yesterday tentative plans for a practice game with Coach Jud Harmon's Bessemer City Juniors.

The game to be played here next Thursday, May 29, in City Stadium.

If plans materialize, the game will get underway at 4:30 p. m. Return game of the series will be played either on Saturday or during the following week, it was stated.

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