

# Sport Shots

BY CHARLES CARPENTER

George Wilson, Crowders Mountain baseball player now with the Louisville Colonels of the American Association, has really been powdering that apple. On a recent road trip Wilson recorded 20 basehits in 36 trips. He was hitting .365 through games of May 12-19 games, 74 at bats, 10 runs, 27 hits, and 8 runs batted in. One stretch Wilson got on base in eight straight plate appearances. Tom Wright, of Shelby, also with the Colonels, was hitting a lusty .342 with 25 for 73. Looking for some help up in Boston, Marse Joe?

Jake Early, who completed over 10 years major league service when released by the Washington Senators in April, has been tough on Southern Association pitchers since joining the Chattanooga Lookouts of the

Dixie loop. Jake was perched on top of the hitting average column with a healthy .481 in 11 games. Jake had been to bat 27 times, scored 5 runs and knocked in 9 with 13 hits. Jake got 4 for 4, including a homer, on May 10 against Little Rock and went on to catch the second half of the double header, getting 1 for 2. The Lookout won both ends.

Sixty-nine American Legion junior baseball teams, representing 71 Legion posts in the state have been entered in the 1949 program according to Dr. D. R. Perry, of Durham, state chairman.

Area commissioners are to hold meetings this month to arrange schedules.

Kings Mountain's entry every year for the past four has represented somewhat of a financial struggle. And interest here is not at all what it should be, judging by gate receipts. Could be the poor park situation that keeps fans away.

Junior baseball has done and is doing wonders for Organized Baseball. And the game is putting money behind the Legion program because it realizes the need for a new crop of players all the time.

If you will note rosters of the majors and top-flight minor teams you might be surprised with the declining number of top-flight players from this section of the country.

Junior baseball has "grown" quite a crop of players for the big time and plenty of them have come from sections of the country that didn't used to produce many players.

We need to give the junior baseball program more attention in Kings Mountain.

Boyce Stone let us know last week that he was not suspended from Organized Baseball for a year as we had reported hearing. He said he was just suspended until he got situated. Stone is still property of the Washington Senators and might wind up with Contord of the N. C. State league if he doesn't, as previously ordered, go to Hagerstown, Md. . . . Buck Mauney, owner of the Lincolnton Cards, pennant and playoff winners of the 1948 Western Carolina race, wants a professional team in Kings Mountain. Says Kings Mountain will draw better in Lincolnton than some league members do, he contends. . . . Don't forget the "Crow Shoor" Saturday morning. Help the Wildlife club help the farmer by killing the "Black Robbers."



## A Task for Truman

President Truman has before him one of the greatest opportunities that any president has had during the first half of our century. Oddly enough, this chance of the century comes to the President through the foresight and statesmanship of the 80th Congress that last year absorbed so much punishment, politically, from Mr. Truman. It was the 80th Congress that set up the Hoover Commission on government reorganization.

**Nobody's Fault**  
Our only living ex-president gladly accepted the job of guiding the "task force" of experts through some 19 months of detailed investigation. Mr. Hoover has played well the role of public servant in past crises. This time he accepted the task as chairman of the Commission, believing it to be his last opportunity for important public service. At this writing, 13 "task force" reports have been sent to Congress. Only the final summary report remains to be made.

The work of the Commission is so important that it must be placed above all politics. Like Mr. Hoover says, it's nobody's fault that our government has got itself all tied up in knots, with inefficiency the general rule. Government "just grows" that way. Topsy-like. It is definitely not a political, not a party, question.

**Support Needed**  
Every one of us will be to blame, though, if we fail to get squarely behind both President Truman and the Congress and stay there pushing until this job of reorganization is done.

The tendency, naturally, is to let it go. Yet, right now, when the nation is faced with such tremendous expenditures of public money at home and abroad, it is downright foolish not to practice economy. Estimates show that recommendations of the Hoover Commission would mean a yearly saving to taxpayers of more than 3 billion dollars. I feel confident the savings could be larger than that. If real efficiency and economy is to become the rule of the federal government, the people will have to support it.

**Way to Survival**  
Time is running short. Our sprawling bureaucracy will not of itself change its habits. Instead, if left alone to grow, expand, and mushroom as it will, our financial burdens will never cease. The latest report of the Hoover Commission deals with government agencies that are engaged in business enterprise. It catalogs more than 100 concerns of substantial size that are owned or controlled by the government. Large sums could be saved, according to the Commission, by cutting this number by almost one-third.

It is evident that unless we do put our government house in order, there is no way for this republic to survive. As burdens of supporting huge and wasteful government grow in magnitude, we endanger the whole financial structure of the nation. Moreover, with continued growth of big government, we can arrive at state socialism some day without ever having voted for it. It's hard to believe, but already one of every six adult Americans receives regular checks from Uncle Sam!

Have you heard Dr. Benson and the radio drama "Land of the Free"? Check your local station for time.



The Boy Scout Court of Honor held in the City Hall Thursday night opened with prayer and the repeating of the Scout Oath.

Scouts appearing before the Court for advancement in rank are as follows:

Second class rank: Don Blackwell, 1; Chas. Cashion, 5; Ronnie Cole, 5.

First class rank: Gilbert McKelvie, 1; Charles Cooke, 5.  
Merit Badges Awarded:  
Carpentry: Richard Smith, 7;  
Earl Stroupe, 7.  
Cooking: Billy Briggs, 2.  
Bookbinding: Dewitt Blanton, Jr., 2.  
Firemanship: D. J. Caveney, 2.  
Home Repairs: Sammy McCarter, 1; Gilbert McKelvie, 1; Gene Stone, 4; Derek Roper, 4.  
Insect Life: Carl Cole, 5.  
Pathfinding: Johnny Littlejohn, 5.  
Poultry Keeping: A. B. Summitt, Jr., 2.  
Radio: Carl Cole, 5.  
Woodwork: Harold Spears, 7.

Bronze Eagle Scout Palm: Johnny Kiser, 2; Gene Mauney, 2; Charles Mauney, 2.

After awards were presented the meeting adjourned with the repeating of the Scout Benediction.

The first commercial factories to make plywood were erected in Asia in the 1880's.

## Poultry Council Formed In State

A Union County poultryman, H. Bernard Helms of Monroe, has been elected president of the newly organized Poultry Council of North Carolina, according to C. F. Parrish, in charge of poultry extension at State College.

The Council was formed at a meeting held recently on the North Carolina State College campus. Its purpose is to advise with the College's poultry department regarding the problems of the industry.

Next meeting of the group will be held on the State College campus during Farm and Home Week, August 8-11.

Members of the Council, which includes representatives of the poultry producers and closely related enterprises are:

Bundy Belk and Hoyle Griffin of Monroe, Lester Brown of Pilot Mountain, Niles Biggs of Greensboro, James Cameron of Wadesboro, W. B. Crawford of Goldsboro, Morris Emmert of Wilmington, S. A. Horne of Burlington, K. F. Moward of Dunn, B. M. Hancock of Bear Creek, H. C. Kennett and C. W. Tilson of Durham, Ralph Kelley of Garner, M. G. Mann of Raleigh, W. P. Rogers of Randolph Mills, Ward Snarr and J. B. Hood of Siler City, J. V. Whitfield of Burgaw and J. A. Ward of Rose Hill.

## Stocks Set For Whirl On Wilkesboro Track

NORTH WILKESBORO. — The stock car speedsters have made their first complete round of North Carolina tracks and return to North Wilkesboro's famous banked track next Sunday, May 22, for the second racing program of the year.

Forty-five veteran Atlanta driver and winner of the first race held here March 27, will be back to defend his crown against an even stronger field of stars than competed in the first race here last March. In the first thriller here this year, Harold Brockoff, Pottsville, Pa., finished second to Flock in a thrilling race, and there is a possibility that Brockoff may return south to try his luck again.

At least one outstanding star who was missing in the first race is due to be on hand for the Sunday classic, Red Byron, winner of the 1948 national championship and voted



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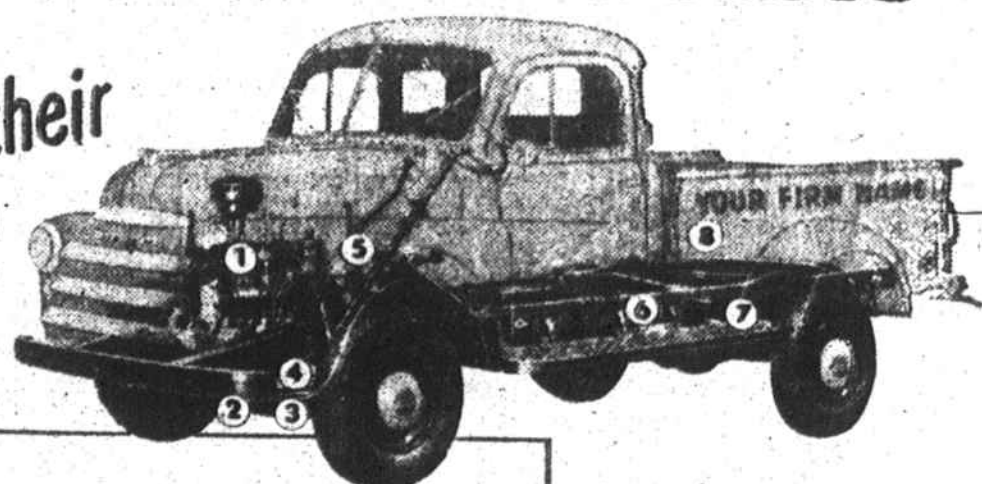


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