



One of the 1940 softball rules will be the changing of the pitching distance from forty to forty-three feet—which in my estimation will mean better pitching and less hitting. I'll give reasons later on!

Another new rule: the runner allowed to make first base on a wild pitch the third strike, unless first or first and second base is occupied. This will speed up play on the part of the catcher and will change the score of many a close game.

And what does "Swink" Lee and Russ Deberry think of the new pitching distance? Mr. Swink speaking—"Oh! It's terrible. They had to change it, just when I was developing a dinky. I'm ruined". (Groans.)

Mr. Deberry speaking: "The only fun I get out of it is it will give me three more feet to duck in. Aw well! I found out years ago, life ain't no bowl of cherries". (Squirts a stream of baccy juice at a distant fly and walks off.) My pals!

The Minstrel Revels will close their list of outside engagements on March 1st, at Seaboard High School, where they will be jointly sponsored by the PTA, the Woman's Club and the Lions Club.

And will I be glad when summer comes! The hot sun shining down on you, the crack of many bats, the thud of a ball in a mitt, the yell of an infielder as he digs a hot one from the dirt and wings it across the diamond. Good old summer!

"And how about the summer nights", yells our six minstrel end men. Hush! Boys, it must be the poet in you.

Announcement is made that there will be no Saturday night dance this week. Weekly round dances will be started back on March 2.

The regular weekly square dance will be held as usual on Friday night beginning at 8 p.m., ending at 12 p.m. Music by a popular square dance band and figure calling by P. D. Harris.

The series of table tennis matches between Vepco and Rosemary Recreation Club is now in full swing. The boys have really worked up a red hot rivalry, and go at each other hammer and tongs. And the matches have really worked up a fine spirit between the two clubs.

March 7th and 8th. Mark that in your date book. It's the annual Kiwanis Minstrel, and according to advance dope it's the greatest show—of the many fine shows that Kiwanis has produced. It's a community project as every bit of profit goes into the Kiwanis dental clinic. Rosemary Recreation not only wishes, but will work towards making this one of the greatest of many great shows of the past seven years.

Bill Thompson is making improvements on the tennis courts that will give Rosemary two of the finest courts in the city. Thanks

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Bill!

Attention! Baseball fans! Don't forget University of North Carolina and Wake Forest College baseball teams will play at Simmons Park Saturday, April 6th, at 3 p.m. in the opening of their three game series. It will be jointly sponsored by Kiwanis and Lions.

Jax Have 10 Tilts Booked

Following are 10 baseball games that have been scheduled by the Roanoke Rapids Yellow Jackets for 1940. More games will be added to the list later. The games scheduled thus far are with members of the Northeastern Conference.

- April 2—Roanoke Rapids at Greenville.
- April 5—Goldsboro at Roanoke Rapids.
- April 9—Tarboro at Tarboro.
- April 12—Roanoke Rapids at Washington.
- April 23—Open.
- April 25—Roanoke Rapids at Kinston.
- April 26—Open.
- April 30—Tarboro at Roanoke Rapids.
- May 3—Washington at Roanoke Rapids.
- May 7—Open.
- May 10—Kinston at Roanoke Rapids.
- May 14—Goldsboro at Goldsboro.
- May 17—Greenville at Roanoke Rapids.

Makes Home Here

C. T. Rogers, Jr., formerly of New Bern, is now making his home with his father, Reverend C. T. Rogers, pastor of the Rosemary Methodist Church, in Roanoke Rapids at 800 Jackson Street.

Mr. Rogers is the representative of the Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company. He expects to make Roanoke Rapids his permanent home and will soon be joined here by his wife and two children.

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Celebrates Birthday

Miss Lucy Mae Gardner celebrated her 19th birthday at her home on February 14 by inviting several guests who played bingo and other games throughout the evening. Punch, cake, and peanuts were served to the following: Misses Millie Williams, Irene and Louise Ayres, Argie Dean and Leona Hux of Halifax; Edith Birdsong, Frances Moss, Marion Jordan, Grace Ruth and Elizabeth Satterthwaite of Weldon; Lucille Shaw, and Ann Jenkins of Roanoke Rapids; Lucy and Helen Moseley of Enfield; Christine Warren of Battleboro; and Doris Cox of Four Oaks; Messrs. Marvin Hux, Jack and Clayton Williams, Jesse H. Holdford, Jr., Lonnie Landen, George Gardner, Coffield Clay, Mac Harris, Pope Fleming, Lynwood Twisdale, Frank Staten, and Horace Pittman of Halifax; Cornelius Gums and Arthur Greene of Roanoke Rapids; Forest Wilson of Aurelian Springs; Raymond Keeter, Jack Roberson, and Garland Taylor of Enfield; Paul Hartman and Steve Stewart of Battleboro; Lester Cox of Four Oaks; Mr. and Mrs. Norwood Pittman and Mrs. Alton Gosset of Enfield.

The dining room table was decorated with pink candles and the centerpiece was the birthday cake adorned with 19 lighted candles. Miss Gardner received many lovely gifts.

Millis Sluder of Thomasville was the week-end guest of Miss Ophelia Chambliss.

Negro Falls From Tower In Sand Pit

W. C. Burgess, white, and Dallas Garner, colored, were both injured when a motor broke loose from a crew of workers on a tower at the Raleigh Gravel pit about two miles east of Garysburg last Friday afternoon. The two men, both of Weldon, were admitted to the Roanoke Rapids Hospital where their injuries were not considered serious. Mr. Burgess received treatment for an injured right arm and was dismissed from the hospital

the following day. Garner remained in the hospital several days.

A crew of workers were removing a motor from one of the towers in the gravel pit when the accident occurred. Burgess and the colored man were on top of the tower, helping to hold the motor back by means of a rope as other men below assisted in the lowering process. Suddenly a part of the motor gave way, causing the men below to lose their hold. The heavy object dropped with only the two men on top of the tower holding it. The force of the dropping machine against the rope threw the colored man from the tower, a fall of about 75 feet, it is reported, and badly wrenched the white man's arm. The negro was bruised about the body considerably, but no broken bones were found.

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