Softball Players and Managers Hope for Better Playing Fields

Diamonds Now In Poor Condition Participants Say

The Birmingham softball league is off to a fine start, but players and managers alike are hoping that something will be done soon to improve the playing fields, which are in poor condition.

Grass needs cutting in the outfields; foul lines should be marked; and holes filled before games can be played with any measure of satisfaction, the teams declare.

Dayner's Win 8 to 5

Tuesday night, Dayner's, in first place, trimmed Babcock-Salisbury 8 to 5 in one of the important games of the season, for Babcock's is a strong contender. The lopers got off to a three-run lead in the first inning but Dayner's came back and never relinquished their lead. LaCharity hurled for Dayner's; Rondeau did a good job for the losers.

Also, on Tuesday evening, Bell's overwhelmed MSCP by a 19-2 score.

Managers were to meet last night to consider Dayner's protest over the game last Thursday evening with Bell's. Ostensibly, Bell's won 7-4, but Dayner's charge "slow playing."

Game Called

With Bell's leading 7-5 going into the seventh inning, it was decided to continue the game. In their half of the seventh Dayner's scored twice to take the lead 8-7. The game was then called, however, and the score reverted back to the sixth inning, the last inning completed, giving Bell's the "victory" 7-6.

Bell's took over second place from Babcock-Salisbury, who were idle most of the week, chalking up its seventh victory against two losses over unlucky Franklin 5-4. Bell's scored all five of its runs in the last inning.

Monday, Babcock had undisputed hold on third place, a half game behind Bell's and but one-half game ahead of the rejuvenated Mortimer team.

Mortimer's defeated Ladd's Service, MSCP 13-1, and Franklin 8-5 to pull up within one game of the top.

Of the other four teams, Franklin, Steven's Service, MSCP and Ladd's Service, Franklin is given the best chance of gaining a first division and playoff berth.

Tonight Dayner's should add another victory to its string when it plays Steven's Service and the MSCP-Ladd's Service game is a toss-up.

On Wednesday, Mortimer's will play Bell's at Hill field in the feature tilt of the evening and MSCP will play host to Steven's Service at Barnum.

Thursday evening Ladd's Service will meet Babcock-Salisbury and Dayner's meets MSCP.

Michigan pioneered in the use of roadside tables for the convenience of the tourist. The first was installed in 1929 and now more than 3,000 are in use along the highways.

Gardeners' Corner

Doris T. Patten, Editor

Summer Hot Spell

"Hoe, hoe, hoe your row,
Through the summer heat,"
Merrily stick to it, cheerily do
your bit."

And now that the heat is with us, it takes something to stick to it at all, let alone doing it "cheerily" or "merrily." If there is any pleasure in dragging dirty hoses or hoeing rows of vegetables at any time, the whole thing looks pretty black with the thermometer at 95. But zero hours of gardening are more apt to arrive in July than January. Keep cultivating, water thoroughly, and spray when necessary. Cut off dead flower heads as they fade, not after the plant has gone to the trouble of setting seeds. Continue to disbud dahlias and remove the suckers from your tomato plants for better fruit. Pinch back fall blooming chrysanthemums for a time. Don't try to sow grass seed until the fall. Water newly planted shrubs and trees.

Delphiniums

June is the month when the stately spikes of the delphiniums in their full glory dominate the garden from every vista. All other flowers pale in comparison. To the gardener, the blooming of his delphinium is perhaps the high point of the garden year. Where is the true flower lover who has not stood in awe before the modern hybrid delphinium—its enormous florettes—up to four inches in diameter—its solid spikes of bloom—the bloom alone four to five feet tall—the variety of color from royal purple through all shades of blue and mauve to purest white? Besides the modern aristocrat, the older types look like stepchildren.

Unfortunately, relatively few people undertake to grow these newer types and fewer still to raise them from seed. There is a current impression that delphiniums are difficult and the troubles that surround growing them, insurmountable. On the contrary, the possibility of success is greater, than with many another plant and even though one gets only a handful of perfect spikes, they will leave their mark on a whole garden.

Americans to the Fore

For years the English hybridizers, Blackmore and Langdon and Watkin Samuel (Wrexham Strain) were the source of the finest delphinium seeds. Now, however, it is generally conceded that the American hybridizers have surpassed them in the purity and strength of their strains. The roster of delphinium hybridizers includes Vetterle and Reinelt (Pacific Hybrids), Leonian (Lyondell), Wheeler-croft, Hoodacres, pudor. Of these the first two are outstanding. When buying seeds, it is advisable to buy directly from the hybridizer. These hand pollinated seeds seem expensive, but when one considers the labor and care involved in pollinating, the number of plants rejected in the selection of plants of high enough standard to use for seeds (Reinelt rejects about 90%), it is understandable. One's own labor is worth the price of excellent seeds.

Sow the seeds when first available in August, or if you have facilities for sowing indoors in February, place the seeds in the ice box until you want to use them. In either case you will have first bloom next fall, when you will be able to judge quality, color, and type and so transplant accordingly. Individual plants that please especially can be reproduced by making cuttings of the side shoots.

Like Heavy Soil

Delphiniums do best in heavy soil, well fertilized with manure and bonemeal. Discard at once weak plants. If any plants have crown rot, remove the soil with the roots and sterilize the surrounding soil with mercuric chloride. Lime sulphur prevents mildew and nematode worms infest. Do not cut back spikes to the ground or the plant will be too weakened. It is sufficient to cut the central spike as the laterals (side spikes) come into bloom, and then cut them as they finish blooming leaving the leaves. It is also important not to cut the first bloom too low.

N. B.—If you do not wish to try to raise these modern giants from seed it is possible to buy year-old seedlings from the hybridizer.

Anyone interested in delphinium should join the American Delphinium Society, address, R. F. H. Hinsdale, Ill.; dues two dollars a year. The yearbook is worth more than the price of membership alone. (Incidentally, The Eccentric has been chosen to print the new yearbook and it has just been completed.)

New Typewriters For High School

Requisitions for supplies for the next school year were held up by the Board of Education last Tuesday evening. The board asked Supt. Howard D. Crull and Business Manager Randall to reconsider several of the requisitions and "pare them to the bone."

Among the equipment which will be ordered will be 11 new Royal typewriters, 4d machines will be traded in and the total cost will be $842.50.

Canoe Trip

Troop B-1 is leaving Friday, July 4, on its annual canoe trip. This year they will start at Stirling and follow the Big Manistee River down to Mesick. The trip is expected to take ten days. The town of Mesick is about one mile from the river. Scoutmaster Zoellin says, "When you reach the seventh bridge you're at Mesick." It sounds somewhat indefinite to me, but a group of about 8 Boy Scouts such as these should have no trouble.

Scouts who are going are Dave Cole, Gordon Cole, Jack Starr, Charles Maertz, Jack O'Donnell, Bill O'Donnell, Ted Mansfield, Bob Williams, Don Flynn, Fletcher Plant, Ray Bell, Tom Zoellin, Clayton Gordon, Fred Zoellin and Mr. Zoellin. They will be driven to Graying by Mr. Cole, Mr. Mansfield, Mr. Bell, Mr. Plant, and Mr. R. D. Young is planning a one-half ton truck to carry all food and equipment. The Presbyterian Men's Club will furnish the transportation from Mesick to Birmingham.

—JOHN GILLESPIE

Knocking on Wood

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probably have a tendency to weaken morale.

So, as Nazi and Red fight it out, it is not just man-against-man, but men imbued with hatred for each other to the point of religious fervor. It is a propaganda hate, however, and one which can wear off. Deep down under, I doubt whether the average man really hates anybody.

To Win the War

The war has already demonstrated that clear superiority in the air is likely to be decisive. Other factors become the decisive ones when air power is about equal.

In the Battle over Britain, the Germans have held the advantage but it has not been large. For instance, Herr Goering soon discontinued daylight attacks last fall when too many of his airmen failed to come back.

I believe that within a year or so, Britian will be able to fly more planes than Germany; that they will be better and replaced easier. Eventually, we will develop longer-ranged fighters that will provide escorts for daylight raids right into Germany, and when that time comes on a big scale, the tide will have turned definitely against Germany. Mass bombings in daylight will result in smashing the Nazi industrial machine.

It would seem that since the outbreak of the war, Germany has been devoting more time to fighting than to research. Reports indicate that her best artificial machinery is nothing to brag about.

STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 26th day of June, A. D. 1941.

Present: Hon. Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Mary Hughes Lamb, Deceased.

Agnes S. Ross, executrix of said estate, having filed in said court a petition praying that the time for the presentation of claims against said estate be limited and that a time and place be appointed to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands against said deceased by and before said court.

It is Ordered that two months from this date be allowed for creditors to present claims against said estate.

It is Further Ordered, that the ninth day of September, 1941, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims against said deceased.

ARTHUR E. MOORE,
Judge of Probate.

(A true Copy.)
FLORENCE POTTY,
Register of Probate.
OLIVER H. KIRK,
Attorney at Law,
Birmingham, Michigan.
13-14-15

What Your City Commission Is Doing—

June 30, 1941

Bills were approved totalling $10,659.82 and including a bi-weekly payroll in the amount of $7,766.74.

Manager was authorized to purchase 306 ft. of 16-inch pipe and 180 ft. of 12-inch pipe for connections to the new water tank.

Sewer and water service connections were authorized for property owned by Otto E. Bailey, adjoining annexation to the city.

Taxicab driver's license issued to Roy Brown.

IRENE E. HANLEY
City Clerk

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SOFTBALL LEAGUE STANDINGS
(As of Monday Evening)

Team	W	L	Pct.
Dayner's Market	6	1	.857
Bell's Funeral Home	7	2	.778
Babcock-Salisbury	6	2	.750
Mortimer's	6	2	.667
Franklin	3	3	.500
Steven's Service	3	4	.429
MSCP	2	5	.286
Ladd's Service	0	3	.000

WEEKLY SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

Tonight:
Ladd's Service v. MSCP, at Barnum.
Steven's Service v. Dayner, at Barnum.

Monday, July 7:
Bell's v. Steven's Service, at Hill.
Ladd's Service v. Franklin, at Hill.

Tuesday, July 8:
Babcock-Salisbury v. Mortimer, at Barnum.
Dayner's at Torrey.

Wednesday, July 9:
MSCP v. Steven's Service, at Barnum.
Mortimer's v. Bell's, at Hill.

Thursday, July 10:
Ladd's Service v. Babcock-Salisbury, at Torrey.
MSCP v. Dayner's, at Hill.

Buried City

Site of the buried city of Stabia, near Naples, is being uncovered a ton of wind-blown sand is now a popular garden colony.

Softball Shorts

By JOHN RIGDEN

The team formerly known as the Holy Name Ushers Club has been replaced by Ladd's Service, a team captained by Farwell Ladd, who formerly played for Sherman's Market two years ago—the team is deeply embedded in the cellar now but perhaps the addition of several new players will bring an upward trend.

The Tigers aren't the only team with ground keepers: Neal Conway and stone-faced Jack Bell, with its Duke Potter and Tiny Forestbr who evaporate around the mound and home plate each time they play a game.

This year's league seems to be going much better with only eight teams—last year a league started out with twelve teams, Buick, McManus, White Cruiser, Dayner's, Mortimer's, Post Office, Eccentric, Dixie Diner, Wade's, Fisher's Market, Birmingham Fruit and North End A. C.

Last year through July 1 games there were two undefeated teams in the league, McManus had five victories and White Cruiser had four triumphs without a defeat.

George LaCharity claims this is his last year as an actual softball player—somehow we doubt this because George has been around a long time and when that soft ball bug bites you it is hard to retire.

One of the warmest games seen around here for some time was the 16-11 beating handed Steven's Service by Franklin the other night.

The league seems to be getting good local larger crowds this year—at Bell's game at Hill field the other night was largest crowd in some time.

According to Mr. Chapman another donkey softball game is scheduled for the near future—as yet we have not heard whether an all-star softball squad is to be chosen for one of the games or not.

Lenny Rabinski is now playing ball for Dayner's after having been a member of Bell team the first few games this year.

We will publish a different team roster each week—last week we have chosen Babcock-Salisbury: Forward, Art Rondeau; Richard Johnson, Carl Thompson, Derek Bolton, Charley Adams, Paul Kelley, Moose Webb, Don Thurman and Norm Allan.

Brooksie was named Czar of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce softball league.

Barnum School Has Membership Drop

Attendance in the Birmingham Public Schools averaged 87.8 per cent, it was revealed in a report to the Board of Education last week by Supt. Howard D. Crull. That figure was slightly better than last year, when the average attendance was 87.7 per cent.

Barnum School had the best attendance last semester, scoring 91 per cent, compared with 87.7 last year. Baldwin High scored 90.3, compared with 89.5 last year. Pierce School, 88.1 this year; last year, Quarton, 85; this year, 85.4 last year; Adams, 88.1 this year, 85.3 last year.

Barnum Drops 43

Drop in membership in Baldwin, Pierce and Quarton Schools showed a small increase, while Barnum dropped 43 pupils. Adams showed the same.

The school census this year totaled 3,124 persons, or 10 more than last year. There were 1,569 boys and 1,555 girls.

At the dental clinic, Supt. Crull reported, supported by the Parent Teachers Study Club, operating half days and treated 1,155 children.

The child center psychological clinic, which is supported largely by the Oaklands Children's Fund of Michigan, 38 children were sent for counsel.

In NYA work, 54 students were on jobs and the Federal Government paid them $1,469.8.

Seal Sale Results

The Girls' Club at Baldwin High conducted the Christmas Seal sale and sold $54.41 in seals. The Eastern Seal Sale for crippled children netted $35.95.

Thirteen children were aided in the Lions Club vision clinic.

During the various club and school bank accounts, it was reported that $6,047.85 was spent during the past year, leaving a balance of $2,176.17.

In adult education, it was reported that, with the cooperation of WPA, classes were offered in a variety of subjects, with an enrollment of 108 students. In the U. of M. correspondence work, 13 men and 17 women were enrolled.

Classes in religious education were successful, with 158 pupils participating. The teacher, Mrs. George Large, was paid by the Birmingham Council of Church Women.

Car Stolen and Completely Stripped

A brand-new 1941 Plymouth, fully-equipped even to Fishing equipment and camera, was stripped by car thieves last week. The machine, owned by J. B. Goodwin, 2343 East Maple, was stolen last Wednesday from South Woodward avenue, and was recovered in Southfield Township Saturday afternoon. Wheels, tires, and all other removable equipment was taken from the machine.

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