

THE TOWN CRIER

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Back home again and pleased to see the smiles of welcome greeting us on every hand.

Take it from me folks—it takes a couple of weeks away from the old home town to make one appreciate what a swell place we have to live in down in Carolina.

And we note the enthusiasm in soft ball games is on the increase—judge from the crowds that are turning out. Too bad we could not get the lights this year—but let's hope for better luck another season.

And we hear that Harry F. Sinclair, learning of the prowess of the Sinclair team in the Camden Softball League sent the laddies a check for \$25.

Getting around to horse racing and the like—did you know that "Bubber," our own Charley DuBose, was a judge at the big horse show at Greenville last week. Those folks up there picked Charley two years in succession which shows they recognize a good horse show judge.

Had a fine time up in the midwest and met many of the old gang on newspaper row. Lots of swell big time baseball and getting a big kick out of it all. But on top of the fun was a mean cold that laid me up for a few days in the feathers. Which wasn't so nice.

Well, the softball league first half closes on July 1, and then the teams swing into the final period. Looks like a race between the Sinclairs, Estes and Kendalls for first half honors.

We cannot pass up this week's "wake" without mentioning that battle up in New York the other night. It came out just as we doped it, only a round sooner than our forecast.

Some time when there is plenty of space I'll tell the gang the inside dope about that first battle between Maxie and Joe. Its mighty interesting and was told me by some of the leading port scribers of the nation.

In a hotel up in Kentucky the fans were talking about this Vander Meer, sensational Cincy hurler, and old Rufe Hawkins, who is the town oracle said Shucks, I once seen Cy Young in a jam with the bases loaded, one down and a count of two and two on the latter. Well, sir, old Cy struck out the batter with a terrific, sharp breaking curve that caught the runner leading off first base flat-footed, retiring the side."

"They laughed when I left for Europe to straighten out the political situation. They didn't know I was a cabinet maker.—The Cassett Kid.

Our thought for this week. Success comes in cans and never in pants.

The Wolves, a top notch outfit of the city league, rattled over to Columbia last week to battle the Eau Claire team of the Columbia league. It be it from us to offer any alibi for the 7 to 6 defeat that the Camden group suffered in an extra inning fracas, but we would like to suggest that the arbiters of the state capitol port group discard the home stuff. Some of the decisions were so ridiculous that they were funny.

Dick Floyd, captain of the Camden polo club, is out of summer play because of a broken collar bone, sustained in a game at Cleveland, where Dick had played on playing this summer.

Life Magazine, giving this resume of what South Carolina offers the tourist, "South Carolina is best in the spring when plain people visit the magnificent Magnolia Gardens near Charleston and rich folk drive horses around Aiken."

We note that the barbers in New York have gone on a strike for better pay. Someone suggests as a slogan, "A razor, else."

If any of the baseball bugs were at the softball game last Friday between the Sinclairs and the Merchants, we want to explain to you what happened in the fourth inning, which resulted in managers and players crowding on to the field to make vociferous remarks to umpires and other.

"Shot" Gregory poled a drive between first and second and one of the merchant infielders going after the ball in a futile effort threw his glove at it. The Sinclairs insisted that Gregory was entitled to take second because of the glove hurling stunt. The Merchants claimed otherwise. The umpire ruled Gregory was entitled to second base. As a matter of fact, umpires were wrong. The rule provides that if a fielder stops a batted ball or a thrown ball with his cap,

glove or part of his uniform while detached from its proper place on his person, the runner or runners shall be entitled to three bases if a batted ball or two bases if a thrown ball, and in either case a runner may advance further at his own risk.

As a matter of fact the infielder's glove did not touch the ball and consequently the above rule did not apply, so Gregory should have been held at first.

The June issue of Ken propounds the following query: "How solid would the 'Solid South' be if the majority of eligibles voted?" In 1936 only 14.1 per cent of eligibles voted in South Carolina. Figures for other southern states: Alabama 20.4 per cent, Georgia 19.6 per cent, Louisiana 29.0 per cent, Mississippi 16.2 per cent, North Carolina 54.5 per cent, Tennessee 33.5 per cent, Texas 26.2 per cent, Virginia 25.7 per cent, Flori-

da 38.8 per cent. All other states of the union averaged well over 50 per cent.

We agree with the editorial writer of the Charlotte News, who under the caption "Drat It All" says that David Selznick has let "Gone With The Wind" down hard in his selection of Norma Shearer to appear in the role of Scarlett. Scarlett was a wild rose who could cling wherever it suited her mood and her purpose, as it frequently didn't. Norma Shearer grows on a trellis. Scarlett, when she had to, pitched in and ran the farm and all the poor creatures on it with a ruthlessness and quiet fury that raised her to heroic proportions. Miss Sharer couldn't run a tractor. Scarlett was a devil and Miss Shearer is utterly wholesome. Bette Davis—well, there is a Scarlett for you.

Of course, it is none of our business who takes the role of Scarlett but with several million other people, we have always felt a sort of proprietary interest in the movies, gave up many hours to the reading of "Gone With the Wind" and came to look upon its

characters as acquaintances of ours. The selection of Clark Gable as Rhett Butler is splendid, as millions will agree.

First Baptist Church
The following services are announced for the week beginning July 3: Sunday school at 10 o'clock with V. J. Rector, superintendent in charge. Public worship at 11:15 a. m. and at 8:30 p. m. B. T. U. Sunday evening at 7:15. The picture for next Sunday evening is "Abraham." It is the fifth of the Bible series. A Sunday school enlargement campaign begins next Sunday, July 3. On Sunday afternoon a religious census will be secured. Baptist and prospective Baptist are urged to remain at home, as far as possible, until a member of the census committee has called. The public is cordially invited to attend all services of this church.

The Pennsylvania supreme court has refused the request of Governor Earle to prohibit a Dauphin county grand jury investigation of criminal charges against him and thirteen others of his administration or identified with the Democratic party.

Camden Wins Over Rock Hill Team

What a game folks, what a game! Tense and full of thrills right up to the final out with Camden winning by a nose—3 to 2. Several hundred fans—a swell crowd for a Tuesday fracas—went berserk with joy when that clever little backstop, Cox, pulled a foul fly out of the ether to retire the Rock Hill side in the ninth frame.

By the victory the Camden Junior Legion team, under the tutelage of Coach Smith, assured themselves of entry in the district finals. The game Tuesday was a hurler's battle between Williams of Camden and Lyle of Rock Hill. Williams, while a bit wobbly at intervals, proved himself a mound star by tightening up in the pinches and retiring the visitors with the sacks either fully loaded or with two on.

The game looked all Rock Hill in the earlier part of the afternoon pastime, Williams forcing in a run in an early inning by issuing a walk with the sacks loaded. Rock Hill later added a second run on a combi-

nation of wild poggng on the part of the locals.

But Camden kept plugging away and by adding a run through an error and later by some lousy clouting, closed the gap. Then followed a series of rounds in which the crowd was kept in a fever of excitement by the fast heady way offered by both sides to pull out of seemingly impossible situations.


It was anybody's game until Cox drove out a long triple, which he stretched into a homer when the visitors started to throw the apple recklessly.

Camden really turned out fine for this game, the fans giving a concrete stamp of approval to the brand of baseball that the Camden lads are turning out.

The score R H E
Camden 3 6 4
Rock Hill 2 6 2
Batteries: Camden, Williams and Cox; Rock Hill, Lyle and Estridge.

Senator Borah suggests that holders of railroad bonds take a drastic cut in interest rates in order to help the railroads through present financial difficulties.

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