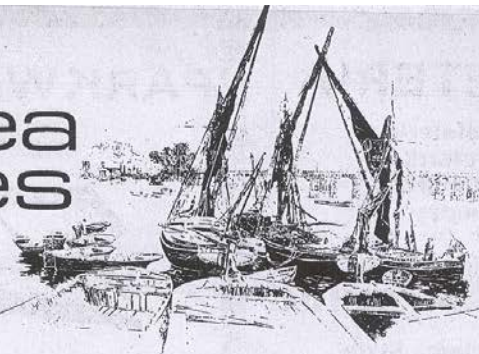


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# sea scapes



By Sturgis Hedrick

IT TURNED OUT TO BE quite an interesting meeting. Seashore Baseball League President Wade Bell presided in the County Recreation Commission, Courthouse Annex, Beaufort. The agenda concerned itself with the League All-Star Game.

Four teams sent representatives. They were: George Gilbert, Carteret Tides; Donnie Aycock, manager of the Newport Red Sox; Wilson Davis, skipper of the Eastern Blues, and Otis Pittman, manager of the Salter Path Braves. Davis also carried the proxy vote of Sterling Hancock, pilot of the Beaufort Sea Dogs.

PEACE REIGNED for the first half-hour. The team representatives, directors of the league, voted to stage a charity game, with the winners of the championship playoffs to meet an All-Star team selected from all the other teams in the league. The directors voted that baseball should benefit from baseball.

Hence, this All-Star Classic will be played in Swinson Park Saturday evening, Sept. 27, at 8 p.m., with all profits to go to the County Babe Ruth League base ball teams. This Babe Ruth League competition consists of two divisions, the 13-15-year age group and the 16-18-year oldsters.

Peace had enjoyed its inning. Now it was time for an interruption in the harmony.

WILSON DAVIS LAUNCHED the first dissenting rocket. "Our Eastern Blues do not intend to participate in any All-Star Game," pronounced Wilson. About 30 seconds of shocked surprise greeted this statement.

"Why, Wilson, why?" inquired League President Wade Bell. "Well, we just figure on playing our own games Down East, just as long as the fans will support us," replied the manager of the Blues. "We had an interesting game last Sunday, when we beat the Beaufort County All-Stars, 6-1."

EVEN SUCH UNEXPECTED tidings lose their impact after a minute or so. The meeting resumed and tranquility reigned once again.

President Bell, Gilbert, Aycock, and Pittman continued their exploratory discussion and Davis remained in attendance as a non-participating assistant. Incidentally, Jack Daughtrey contributed many valuable suggestions as a representative of the Recreation Commission.

Harmony reigned once again and the directors voted to make this Sept. 27 All-Star Game a major-league production every inch of the way.

KEN NEWSOM, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, will throw out the first ball. His catcher will be no less than Wade Bell and this will be no token toss from the World Series box.

Both Ken and Wade are former ball players and the fans will recognize the latent talent of these dignitaries when the first pitch is fired from the pitcher's mound across home plate. This will follow baseball's best old tradition.

The Rev. Howard Knight, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Morehead City, was invited to deliver the invocation. He, too, exemplifies the best in athletic bearing. The splendidly articulate Laurier (Bud) Paulson, extremely popular Country and Wester disc jockey of WMBL-FM in Morehead City-Beaufort, will serve as the Master of Ceremonies.

Big league. Everything. All the way.

BUT PRIDE GOETH before a fall and shame cometh after. I was just congratulating myself on the thrill of sitting in on such a distinguished gathering. Then came the hour for my past sins to

catch up with me.

I was banished--pleasantly enough--but still banished from the meeting. Mere words cannot express my shame. I hung my head in abject humility, as I waited in the corridor, contemplating which of my past misdeeds had caught up with my destiny.

Oh, the shame of it all.

After an interminable wait, the inscrutable smile of Jack Daughtrey summoned me back to the hearing, appropriately being conducted in the Courthouse Annex.

I HEARD my sentence.

"You will manage the Seashore League All-Stars against the league's playoff champions." Daughtrey had been selected as the kindly spokesman to explain my duly-considered judgment.

"The game will go nine innings or more, if needed, to a finish," said Jack. "Other league managers will assist you as coaches." (Wardens, custodians?)

Coaches to assist me. The Manager!

FROM THE EASTERN BLUES: Dale Lewis, George Zurenko and Milton Scott.

Salter Path Braves: Ronnie Willis, Craig Weber, Bobby McIntosh ("Recover from that flu, Bobby. That's a direct order."), Jack Daughtrey and Neal Smith.

Beaufort Sea Dogs: Louis Fulcher, Tony Hancock, Lester Beacham and John LaChance.

And, men, keep rigid training. This is your leader speaking.

## FINAL SEASHORE LEADERS

[.300 hitters with minimum of 40 times at bat]

PLAYER	AB	R	H	2b	3b	HR	SB	RBI	AVE
Kenny Lewis, E.									
Blues	50	13	22	7	1	3	2	20	.440
Fletcher Pouk, Tides	72	18	31	5	0	0	11	9	.431
Chuck Lewis, Tides	75	22	32	6	0	4	3	29	.427
Bob McIntosh, Braves	56	17	23	3	2	2	5	20	.411
Ronnie Willis, Braves	70	11	28	1	2	3	3	22	.400
Craig Weber, Braves	73	21	29	5	3	1	25	10	.397
Alex Fox, Red Sox	66	22	26	4	0	7	12	25	.394
Ronnie Fulcher, E. Blues	70	17	25	4	2	1	7	14	.357
Donald Leatherman, Tides	48	9	17	3	1	0	2	11	.354
Tony Hancock, Sea Dogs	68	10	24	4	1	2	5	11	.353
George Gilbert, Tides	64	18	22	3	0	2	4	10	.344
George Biereck, Braves	67	21	23	4	2	1	3	19	.343
Randy Grady, E. Blues	58	19	19	4	0	3	5	10	.328
Richard Collins, Red Sox	65	23	21	1	3	1	24	10	.323
Manley Gaskill, E. Blues	62	19	20	4	1	1	7	10	.323
Joe Willis, E. Blues	47	20	15	0	0	2	7	12	.319
John LaChance, Sea Dogs	51	10	16	2	1	0	5	8	.314
Tom Mann, Red Sox	63	15	19	5	0	1	1	12	.302