

Sturgis Hedrick's On Target

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I hasten to add that his role of "Money-Bags" refers only to the fact that Joe-Boy handles some of the routine financial affairs of the Blues. Matters like paying the umpires, for example, when Manager Wilson Davis' leaders play as the home team.

Anyway, Joe beamed a friendly smile on the indigent reporter, right after the finish of Friday's 8-2 Blues' victory over the Salter Path Braves.

"Just a moment, please, chum. My money is in my car," said Mr. Willis. He thought the request a loan and was willing to give till it hurt. Generous Joe has a heart the size of a watermelon.

Actually, the embarrassed writer was merely seeking his handsome, opulent fee as official scorer.

SHELLS FROM THE SEASHORE:

Important hits have been booming from the bat of Blues' center-fielder Dale Lewis, ever since he shaved his moustache. He has crashed 2 home runs for 7 runs-batted-in, 8 runs-scored and 5 stolen-bases to tie him with Craig Weber of the Newport Red Sox for the league lead at 9 . . . And jolly Paul Damren of the Blues now leads the Seashore circuit all by himself with 5 homers. And he's fast closing in on Chuck Lewis of the

Carteret Tides for the top batting average. Paul keeps smashing away at a .468 clip and leads the league in RBIs with 18.

Havelock's Babe Ruth entry thrilled the baseball-canny crowd that witnessed the 16-18-year-old tournament in Swinson Park with its huge clean-up hitter and first-baseman, Nui Togia. He's just a growing boy of 6 feet 230 pounds, who'll be a high school senior next year. He hit .330 during the schoolboy season with 5 home runs. But his most impressive skill was his fancy-dan agility around first base. And, most overwhelming of all: his reputation as something of a

human war-tank as an offensive football tackle. He's a native of Samoa.

The island of Hawaii contributed perhaps Carteret County's outstanding surfer in Jay Ellingsworth, also once an outstanding baseball player, a ceramic-tile expert from Atlantic Beach. He comes from Royal Blood with a 92-year-old grandmother still living on the island of Oahu . . . One of my all-time favorite Hawaiian ball players — Prince Henry Kamehameha Oana of the old Philadelphia Athletics, Buffalo Bisons and Dallas Texans — died an untimely death the other day at age 66.