

The Carteret Junior Baseball League gets its season under way Monday night in Beaufort with a game between the Smyrna Blue Devils and the Beaufort Fire Department team.

The league is for players in the 13, 14 and 15-year-old age group and will play a complete schedule throughout the summer. Teams are the Black Hawks, sponsored by the Morehead City Civitan club; the Rockets, sponsored by the Morehead City Rotary club; the Tigers, sponsored by Hamilton's furniture store; the BFD's sponsored by the Beaufort fire department; The Comets, sponsored by the Newport merchants and the Blue Devils, sponsored by Elmer Willis.

The Junior League is the only league in the county playing all of its games at night. This is being done not only because more adults have time to help with the program at night but also because night games during the summer are more pleasant for both spectators and players.

Heading the league in its first year is president Frank Cassiano and vice-president William Roy Hamilton. Jack Gardner is the league's secretary-treasurer and Charles Hassell will serve as player-agent. Bobby Martin and Jim Fodrie will fill the positions of chief umpire and scorekeeper, respectively.

The managers in the league include Joe Nolen of the Black Hawks, William Harrell of the Rockets, Ray Ransom and Mac McClinton of the Tigers, Tommy Piner and Jack Gardner of the BFD's, Tom Dickinson and Joe Minatel of the Comets and Jim Parkins of the Blue Devils.

All of the games will start at 7 p.m. at the Beaufort high school baseball field. It is hoped that an All-Star game can be staged some time in July.

The league has gotten a lot of help and support from individuals and businesses alike and appears set for a successful season. Contributors to the program include the Morehead City Rotary club, the Rex, Samuel R. Claproll, Sunshine laundry, Morehead City Drug Co., the city of Newport, E. Mann, Newport Tractor Co., Allen and Bell Hardware, Augustine Piner, George Lore, Adler's, Parker Motors, Beaufort fire department, Hardesty Motors, Leslie Moore, W. B. Chalk, Elvin D. Willis and Elmer Willis.

Monday night's game will be preceded by ceremonies starting at 6:30. Mayor W. H. (Piggie) Potter, Mayor George Dill, Mayor Leon Mann and Elmer Willis are among invited guests. The invocation will be given by the Rev. Alec F. Thompson.

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