

On Target

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LOOK FOR FLETCHER Poulk to go 9 for 9 at bat in next Sunday's opening round of the Seashore League baseball playoffs. Or perhaps, he'll handle 9 straight fielding chances in his own unique brilliance at third base for the Carteret Tides.

Because 9's certainly rank as Fletcher's lucky number. On the 9th day of the 9th month, his beautiful wife, Daryl, presented the league treasurer with their first child, Thomas Fletcher Poulk, weighing 9 pounds, 5 ounces. The sturdy boy arrived at 9:06 a.m. in Carteret General Hospital.

And, come to think of it, just how many innings does the average Seashore baseball game contain?

DON ZAGORSKI HAS his own very special cheering section as he lam-basts home run after home run for the Newport Red Sox.

Mr. and Mrs. Russ Willan and Donald Willis, athletic director at East Carteret High School, qualify, of course, as regulars. But then, lately, Don's father, John Michael Zagorski, has followed the home run king's explosive batting pyrotechnics in Papa Zagorski's role as strong silent rooter.

Don's wonderfully-trained doggie fails to restrain her vocal enthusiasm, however. This aristocratic part-Collie part-Golden Retriever named "Hokie" barked majestically when her master, Don, walloped his 11th and 12th home runs last Wednesday night against the Tides in Swinson Park.

But can we really blame Hokie? She had just enjoyed a yummy milk shake en route to the game. And those circuit smashes traveled a mighty "fur" piece.

GEORGE VIERECK HAS taken

North Brunswick High School by storm. The veteran fans of this Wilmington suburb rate their new head football coach as the greatest, "happening" to the Leland area in a many a moon.

George has wrought miracles in the few short weeks since his resignation from coaching at Havelock High. True, he now coaches in a 2-A conference with a student body of just 850 boys and girls. But you should hear what his legion of parental admirers have to say.

"Coach Viereck is just the greatest," said a Mr. Meeshaw, father of two grid squad members. "First of all, he makes himself a full-time part of the community. George and his beautiful wife, Judy, purchased a home in Olde Towne, Leland, right around the corner from our school.

"THEN COACH VIERECK employs a no-cut system, even though just 48 boys reported for practice," continues Mr. Meeshaw. "You see those same 48 boys out there practicing right now. George works them and works them and works them.

"Any candidate who leaves the squad will have cut himself. He just won't be able to cope with the tough practice standards set by Mr. Viereck.

"Then, too, you'll notice how every boy wears his helmet at all times. In past years, other coaches have been pretty lax about that. But Coach Viereck established himself as a strict disciplinarian right off the bat. He's just the greatest."

Meanwhile, through pure love of the game of baseball, George will commute all the way to Carteret County to holster the Newport Red Sox in their playoff bid for the Seashore League championship.