

Fishing

By



"The Crappie Catcher"

Hustling Gets Respectable

The Crappie Catcher is taking time off from fishing to enjoy another of his hobbies that reflects a slightly misspent youth. We are getting our kicks at the Stardust Invitational Billiard Tournament, which has drawn the top pool hustlers from all over the nation to compete for \$33,000 in prize money.

The Pool Hustler is now a Professional Billiard Player, and has given a bright new image to the game. He no longer has to dress in shabby clothes and look for unsuspecting suckers around the pool halls. He no longer hustles his trade in shirt sleeves and with his hat on in dingy smoke-filled pool rooms. He now performs in big clean auditoriums, with his hat off, and with his coat on.

The Billiard Pro has gained the same dignity in his art as the golf pro. Just like the professional golfer, the professional pool player can now earn an honest living competing for cash prizes before a paid audience.

The program of the world's richest pool tournament which is now in progress at the Stardust Hotel reads like a list of characters from Damon Runyan. Minnesota Fats, Cornbread Red, the Knoxville Baron, Boston Shorty, Fast Eddy, Daddy Warbucks, and Wimpey are among the listed competitors.

Two of the top players are Negroes. Cisero Murphy from Brooklyn is one of the favorites in Straight Pool, and Marvin Carpenter of Los Angeles, is one of the best bets in the Nine Ball division. Either of the two is capable of winning the tournament.

The Stardust Invitational will run to March 16. Two sessions are held daily, at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

If the fish have not been giving you the thrills you would like, and if you would like to see the world's best pool players shoot their best shots, you won't be disappointed if you attend a few sessions at the Stardust. Go out and root for Cisero and Marvin.

LV VOICE CAGERS WITH PUBLISHER-SPONSOR



VOICE publisher Dr. Chas. I. West is pictured with players on the Las Vegas VOICE sponsored basketball team who finished 4th in their division of City Recreation Department league play with a 6-4 record... VOICE cagers were in the Independent League, top division of the City's basketball league, and qualified for the Recreation Department's basketball tournament which began Tuesday night at K. O. Knudson Jr. High School.

Kneeling, from left, are Richard Gaines, team manager; Gene James, captain; Johnnie L. Hall, and Walter Thomas... Standing, from left, are Julius Jones, Bennie Jones, Dr. West, Chester Johnson, and Lionel Wilbert. Not shown are team coach Thomas Wells, and Sam Jackson.

HOLY INTEGRATION! Prisoners Eat Together

PARCHMAN, Miss. - (NPI)--The Mississippi State penitentiary still has segregated living quarters, but its eating facilities have been integrated, thanks to a subtle plan that worked.

C. E. Breazeale, penitentiary superintendent, described the plan this way:

"We just started feeding them here about four months ago, and we didn't say anything about it.

"If we'd said, 'You guys are all going to mix in together,' we'd have had trouble. Or if we'd said, 'You white folks sit over there, and you colored folks sit over here,' we'd have had trouble. But we didn't say anything, and they just came in and sit like that. You know, I don't think they've even noticed."

Mayor Tries "Gripe-Ins"

CLEVELAND - (NPI)--If Mayor Carl B. Stokes succeeds in keeping tempers cool this summer, his program of "gripe-ins" may be largely responsible.

During the first of his regular municipal complaint sessions, hundreds of Clevelanders came to City Hall to gripe about everything in the book from air pollution to bad bus service.

The mayor gave each person several minutes after studying a card his visitor had filled out. Sometimes he promised action. Other times he promised to look into the situation.

Mayor Stokes was cordial and solicitous to all his visitors--but not to some newsmen, whom he chased out after a visitor showed signs of nervousness about the cameras and microphones.

Many of the gripes were non-racial. One woman complained about the downgrading of mounted policemen. Another brought in a coffee tin filled with Cleveland soot.

Even so, Stokes' "gripe-ins," attended largely by slum residents, could be counted on to help calm racial tensions and misunderstandings, while giving citizens a chance to vent grievances non-violently.

In addition, the mayor's office--open to all Clevelanders--became a little less of a bugaboo. Receptive to residents' demands and concerned about their problems, the mayor was changing the image of the city's "establishment" from that of an insensitive oppressor to the people's friend and public servant.

King Favored By Youths

LOS ANGELES - (NPI)--Whom do Negro youths prefer: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., or Stokely Carmichael?

According to a survey of participants in the Negro Youth Leadership Conference, the answer -- 3 to 1 -- is Dr. King.

Asked whom they thought had been the greatest help to Negroes, 19 per cent of the 140 teenagers chose former SNCC chairman Carmichael, while 61 per cent named the Nobel prize winner.

Malcolm X rated the admiration of only 18 per cent, compared to 69 per cent for the late President John F. Kennedy.

According to County Human Relations Commissioner Director Herbert L. Carter, the study shows that youngsters want "leaders who will tell it like it is and then produce. It doesn't have to be (SNCC Chairman) Rap Brown.

"Young people want to do the right thing--if they can get the kind of leadership they need."

The youths stated their opinions after being taken to Camp Hess Kramer near Malibu for a weekend of discussions.

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