

# CAROLINIAN Interviews Dodgers' Charlie Neal

## Hear Tax Difficulties Drove "Sweetpea" Peacock's Mgr. To Take His Life Under Train

LOS ANGELES (AP)—There was much speculation here last week about the ring future of Billy (Sweetpea) Peacock, fourth ranked bantamweight contender, following the death of Joe Stanley, his manager, who reportedly committed suicide because of income tax difficulties.

Stanley, who shared a father-son relationship with Peacock, reportedly flung himself into the path of an oncoming freight train at Sunset and Alameda, after telling a woman friend that "he was going to end it all."

Norma Clarke, the woman, who at first was said to be Stanley's wife, denied that they had been married in Mexico a year ago. She said that Stanley had complained to her of his tax problems and early the morning of the purported suicide called at her home. "He knocked on my door about 5:15 and said he was going to end it all," she recalled. "But I assumed it was just more talk."

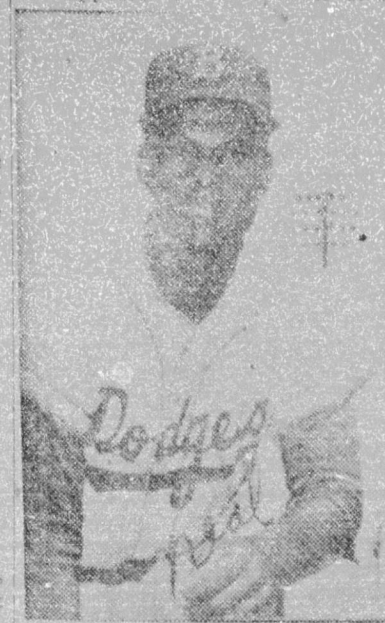


TOP AWARDS—Eddie Favors, left, Greensboro and Walter Parker, right, Suffolk, Va., top athletes among the graduating seniors at A&T College received top awards at the annual All-Sports banquet held there last week. Favors, an outstanding halfback, holds the Jack Gibson Memorial Trophy, named in honor of the late Lt. Gibson, an all-time Aggie "great", presented him as the outstanding football player in the senior class. Parker, a halfback and third baseman on the baseball team, was voted the Philadelphia Alumni Medal for having been the best all-round performer and the Ralph Johns Most Valuable Player award.

## Former Raleigh Tigers Star Recalls Days Spent In The Tar Heel Capital

BY ALEXANDER BARNES

Brooklyn, N. Y.—Charlie Neal, in an exclusive interview here Sunday said it was a long jump from the Raleigh Tigers to the Brooklyn Dodgers. He told of the days he spent in the North Carolina capital, getting ready for the chance to don a major league uniform.



CHARLOTTE NEAL

He appears to be over the strain of a first-year man and is taking his baseball in stride. He has played at intervals this season. He feels that it is only a matter of time before he will be back at one of the spots in the middle of the diamond. Walt Alston has had him on the bench for almost two weeks, but he expects to see much action during the westward tour.

## "Big Bob" Thurman Now A Star Player With Redlegs

CINCINNATI (AP)—In 1954, Bob Thurman made a profitable investment. He paid the Charleston team of the American Association \$4,000 to purchase his own contract and then he signed with the Cincinnati Redlegs.

Neither Thurman nor the team performed mainly as a pinch-hitter in 1955, batting only .217, with 7 home runs and 22 RBIs.

"That big boy gets off the bench good and cold, and he just gets hot by waiting up to the plate. He is a good outfielder, too." The 6-1, 252-pound, 34-year-old Thurman has hit five home runs in 23 times at bat and knocked in 11 runs this season. He has also collected a double and four singles in the 17 games in which he has appeared.

The big outfielder had been in organized baseball since 1949 when he had been signed to the New York Yankees chain system, and didn't seem to be making much headway toward the majors. He received a lucrative offer to play in the Dominican Republic League and forsook Organized Baseball.

But more recently Tebbetts had a stronger endorsement. "He's one of the best pinch-hitters I have seen in my nearly 71 years in baseball," said the talkative Birdie.

Thurman was a pitcher when he broke into professional baseball, but when he proved to be quite a slugger and was shifted to the outfield.

## Reidsville High Wins State Baseball Title

REIDSVILLE — The Washington High School baseball team of Reidsville defeated the E. E. Smith High School of Fayetteville 5-4 for the N. C. N. H. S. A. A. State Baseball Championship May 31st in Reidsville.

Charlie Sheridan, Fayetteville's lead off hitter in the first inning greeted Reidsville's starting and winning pitcher, Hassell Mitchell, with a homerun into the left-field stands. The Bulldogs of Washington High bounced back in their half of the first with a triple by third baseman Henry Lane, who is a 500 hitter. Lane scored on Dillard's sacrificed fly.

REIDSVILLE WINS STATE CROWN — Shown are members of Reidsville's Washington High School who won the State Baseball Crown Friday.



MISGUIDED MUSCLE — Paul Andrews of Buffalo (right) launches an uppercut into outer space, and the Bronx's Wayne Bethea appears to be knocked off balance by the breeze during their 10-round heavyweight bout, May 27, at St. Nicholas Arena in New York. Bethea won by a split decision. Referee is Pete Della. (UNITED PRESS PHOTO).

## Mahalia Jackson, Gospel Singers To Jazz Festival

NEW YORK (AP)—For the first time, gospel singing will have its day at a jazz fest when Mahalia Jackson tops the program at the Newport Jazz Festival on Sunday afternoon, July 7. Clara Ward and Her Ward Singers will hold forth on the same bill.

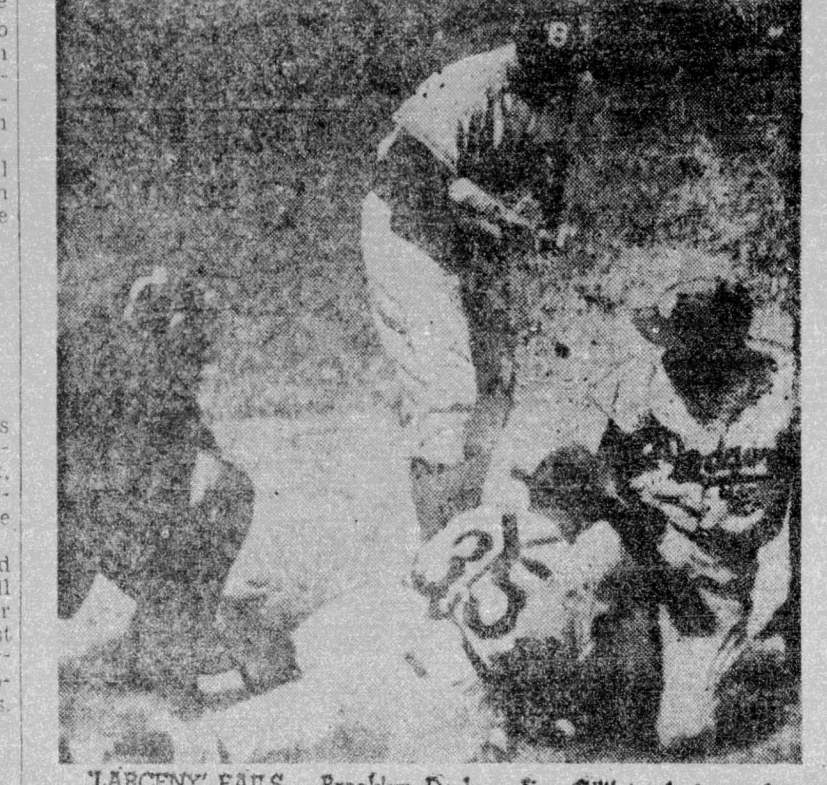
The festival, which presents jazz artists of every school, is set to run for four days beginning on the evening of Thursday, July 4th with a mammoth birthday celebration for Louis Armstrong. George Wein is director of the non-profit organization sponsoring the annual event.

Mahalia Jackson, who is the acknowledged "queen of the gospel singers," has introduced millions to her music which has been described as one of the most basic forms of jazz. The six Ward Singers are America's best-known gospel group. Both Miss Jackson and the Ward Singers have sold millions of records, and performed throughout the world.

Starring on Sunday evening, the closing night of the festival, will be Sarah Vaughan and Count Basie's big band. Sarah and the Count will be on their night-off from their engagement at the Waldorf-Astoria's Starlight Roof.

## East-West Baseball Classic Set For July 28 At Chicago's Comiskey Pk.

CHICAGO (AP)—The 25th or silver anniversary game of the annual East versus West Negro Baseball Classic will be played on Sunday, July 28. It has been announced by Dr. J. B. Martin, president of the sponsoring six-team American League.



"LARCENY" FAILS — Brooklyn Dodger Jim Gilliam is tagged out at the plate on his attempt to steal home in the seventh inning of a recent game with the Phillies at Philadelphia. Catcher Joe Lonnett makes tag after receiving peg, while umpire Stan Landis calls play. Dodger captain PeeWee Reese stands at the plate with a bat. (Newspress Photo).

The other four teams holdovers from last season, are such mainstays as the Memphis Red Sox, Kansas City Monarchs, the Birmingham Black Barons and the Detroit Stars.

The West leads in this long series, 15 victories to nine for the East. The East won last year, 11-5, before a crowd in excess of 10,000.

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