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Flashers Will Open Exhibition Schedule Saturday

First Game Here Against Shelby On Sunday, At 2:30

Although all the squad has not reported, the North Wilkesboro Flashers got in some good work during the fair weather early this week as spring training opened with 15 men on Memorial Park field.

Early practice was confined entirely to conditioning play with heavier work scheduled for the latter part of the week, Manager Bernie Loman said yesterday.

First exhibition game will be under the lights at Morganton Saturday night and the first home game of the exhibition series will find Shelby Farmers of the Western Carolina league in Memorial Park here Sunday afternoon. Game time will be 2:30. The Flashers will go to Statesville Monday night.

In early practice this week there were only three returning veterans of last year's squad. They were First Baseman Tom Daddino, Pitchers Lee Bentley and Leslie Rhoades. Players from last year's team who had not reported were Pitchers Bob Thompson and Bill Weston, Outfielders Jack Cooper, Jake Jacobson and Gene Caviness.

Here are some facts about the new players in spring training:

David Greene, age 21, catcher; home, Greensboro; height six feet, weight 160; bats right, throws right; played semi-pro last year; single.

James Burchette, 18, pitcher; home Clingman; height six feet, weight 160; throws right, bats left; single, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Burchette.

Bobby Weeks, age 19, catcher; home, Columbia, S. C.; height six



MANAGER BERNIE LOMAN

feet, weight 160, bats right, throws right; single.

Orlyn Carlson, 19, first base and outfield; home, Bryant, Wisconsin; height six feet, weight 165, bats right and throws right; played semi-pro in Wisconsin; single.

Bernard Childress, 21, outfielder; home, Lansing; weight 170, height 6-1, bats right and throws right; played for Lansing

Junior Baseball Looks Forward To Greatest Season

Through a series of area conferences, from coast to coast, The American Legion has geared its nationwide sports machinery for making its 1950 Junior Baseball season the greatest in its history, it is reported by Judge L. J. Phipps of Chapel Hill, chairman of the Legion's Department Athletic Committee.

Area conferences were held at New York City, Atlanta, Ga., Omaha, Neb. and San Francisco, Cal. at which State Junior Baseball chairmen laid their plans for an expanded program during 1950. Judge Phipps met with representatives from twelve southeastern states at Atlanta, Ga.

"In North Carolina we expect a record number of entries for this season," Judge Phipps said. "This is indicated by the great number of entries from the following states: North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee, and West Jefferson; single, son of Policeman Earl Childress.

Jack Hovis, 20, catcher; home, High Shoals; played with Lincoln of Western Carolina league two years, batted 270 last season; height 5-11, weight 175, bats left and throws right; single.

Dewey York, Jr., 22, infielder; home, Ronda; played semi-pro for Dobson and Chatham; height 5-8, weight 135; single.

Grafton Roberts, 21, pitcher; home, Cycle; height 6-1, weight 190; played semi-pro last year; throws right and bats left.

Tom Jackson, 20, pitcher; home, Roland in Robinson county; pitched semi-pro for Kingstree; height 5-11, weight 175, throws right and bats right; single.

Edward Downy, 19, infielder; home, Pittsburgh, Pa.; height 5-9, weight 168, batted 285 in semi-pro play in Pittsburgh last season; bats right and throws right; single.

Lou Floro, 21, infielder; home, Camden, N. J.; weight 148, was with Flashers in early part of 1948 season; single.

Ed Morton, 21, infielder; home, Proctorville; played semi-pro last season; weight 160, height 5-9; bats right and throws right; single.

Troy Stanley, big outfielder who was sold last year to a team in Georgia, to which he refused to report, has been traded to Hickory for two players, who have not reported here.

Carter Lentz, Blowing Rock coach and former Appalachian shortstop, has signed but will not report until later.

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of Legion Posts which have already notified Department Headquarters of their intention to sponsor teams this year." He said that thirty-three teams had already been entered and a total of one hundred is expected before the deadline for entering teams on April 17, 1950.

The North Carolina Department fielded seventy-one teams last year.

Ford Motor Company dealers are again assisting Legion Posts in sponsoring Junior Baseball teams, Judge Phipps reported.

Phipps pointed out that rules governing the competition are essentially unchanged from those of 1949 under which a record breaking total of 15,912 players crossed bats in the pursuit of the national title.

The regional playoffs for Region 4, comprising Kentucky, Virginia, Tennessee and North Carolina, will be held in Gastonia, N. C., beginning on August 21, 1950.

The sectional playoffs for Section B, including twelve southeastern states, will be held in Charlotte, N. C., beginning on August 28, 1950.

The forestry practices of Gordon Grant, Edgecombe County Negro farmer, are based on the philosophy that "found trees here when I came, and I want to leave trees after I've gone." Grant uses selective thinning and other approved practices.

Soil Conservation In Wilkes

By R. E. DUNN and JASPER CHIPMAN

A very good example of farm fish pond construction can be seen on the farm of Mr. Millard Mathis, who lives just off Highway 421 about ten miles southeast of Wilkesboro.

Mr. Clinton Broyhill, who lives near Moravian Falls, has set a fence dividing two fields on his farm. Mr. Broyhill used multiflora Rose for this fence from which he expects to have not only a very effective fence in about two years but also a great help in farm beautification and cover for wildlife.

W. K. Absher, who lives just north of this city, has completed the job of setting 3 acres of his roughest land in white pines. The pine seedlings were furnished him by the Tri-Creek Soil Conservation District.

J. G. Mayberry, of the Hays community had soil samples taken to determine the fertilizer needs for corn. Mr. Mayberry makes all corn needed on his farm on a very small acreage; leaving the rest of his farm to grow good hay and pasture.

Lindy's Kite Flies Long And High Here

Lindolph (Lindy) Parks, kite maker extraordinary, has his kite business going full swing. He had one of his big, four-wing jobs out at the airport Sunday and reports that Aviators Clay Fardue, Cecil Bumgarner and

others had trouble managing his craft. Lindy finally maneuvered the big kite to the ground in a cornfield but it took off again before he could get it well under control.

It is mathematically possible for a pair of rats to have 259,000,000 descendants at the end of three years.

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