

Hopefuls Flood Martins' Training Camp Here This Week

Boys Look Pretty Good But No Definite Assignments Are To Be Expected Just Yet, Parker Says

Man From Alabam Isn't Doing Much Talking Just Now

Young Men Are Comfortable In Temporary Camp in Legion Hut

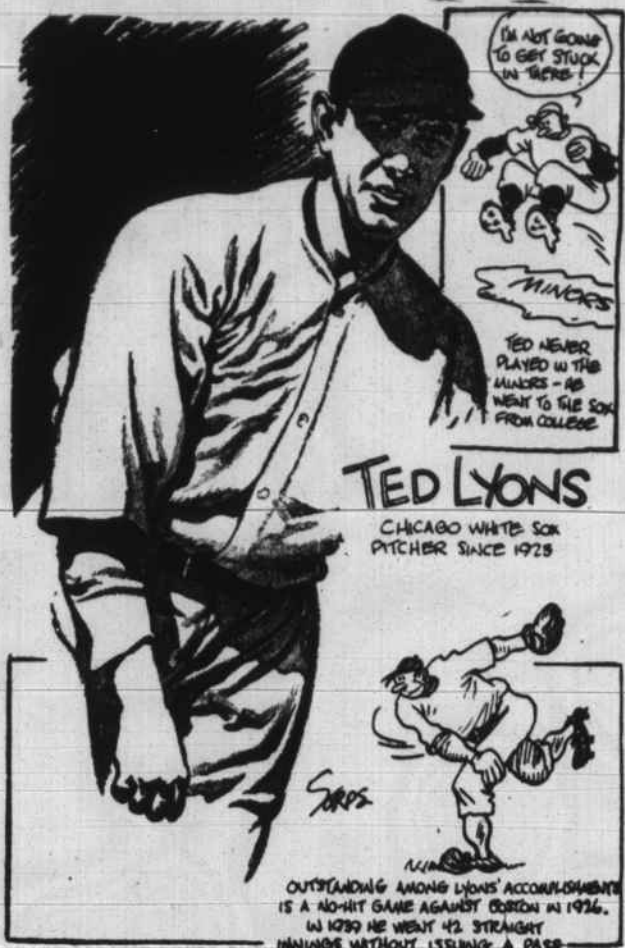
"The boys are showing up good," Dixie Parker said today as the third period of spring training drew to a close at noon today, but it'll be along about week after next before the Martins' new skipper gets down to the business of making definite team assignments. Just now the ball man from Alabam is doing a lot of looking, and some thinking, too, leaving the talk to come later.

While not bragging at all, Manager Parker still maintains that the other teams will know the Martins are in the league before any appreciable part of the season is spent. "It is hard to build up a going organization in a single year, but with the support of the fans and a little encouragement from the side, I think we can make a good showing this season," the skipper said.

Although the main spring training season is not scheduled to get underway until next Wednesday, the camp is being flooded by hopefuls in the baseball world. By the middle of next week, two dozen men with an extra one to spare will be under contract with the Martins. Asked how many he had in camp at the present time, Parker said that the boys were filling up beds about as fast as the manufacturers could deliver them. At first one bed was allotted to each man. The second night, the boys doubled up to make room for the additions. Last night it was fast approaching the three-to-the-bed limit. By next week it'll possibly take an army barracks to care for the boys who want to play ball.

"No, all those boys are not under contract. Quite a few of them are here on their own, bidding for places on the team and paying their own expenses while supporting their bids," Manager Parker said.

Establishing camp in the legion hut, the boys are said to be getting along all right. President J. Eason Lilley has spared no expense to make the young men comfortable, and



TED LYONS
CHICAGO WHITE SOX PITCHER SINCE 1925

OUTFIELDING AMONG LYONS' ACCOMPLISHMENTS IS A NO-HIT GAME AGAINST CLEVELAND IN 1936. IN 1939 HE WENT 45 STRIKEOUTS WITHOUT ISSUING A PASS.

Mrs. Mae Blount, dietitian, is ably handling the special dining room.

There is quite a bit of shifting and changing going on in the camp, but by next Wednesday, Manager Parker says he will have his group pretty well lined up for some hard work on the training field. The activities to date have been centered around the pitching mound, the skipper pinning a great deal of hope in the arms of rookie chunkers, and righthanders at that.

"Tell them we'll be ready to go at certain time in Tarboro on the 25th. During the meantime, everybody is welcome to come out to the park. I might ask some help in picking out the winners," Manager Parker said this morning.

Twenty Players In Martins' Training Camp Ready To Go

Miller, Bertie Young Man, Attracts Keen Eye of The Skipper

Registrations in the Martins' training camp were boosted to nineteen late last night as Johnnie Rand, right-hand pitcher, of Portsmouth, reported to Dixie Parker's camp in the American Legion hut. And the main training season does not open until next Wednesday, Manager Dixie Parker stating that he was looking for eight or ten more team candidates about Tuesday. It is possible that the camp personnel will undergo a marked change prior to that time, and that the main training season will not find more than 25 to 28 regular candidates in camp.

Going over his list early today, Manager Parker stated that Ted Miller, Perrytown pitcher from Bertie, looked mighty good to him. "If he holds up as well as he shows up in practice, he'll have a job on the mound here this season," Parker declared.

Jimmie Mundo, succeeding Solly Myers at second, hit two or three over the barn as Dixie would call the gymnasium and two went over the fence in practice yesterday.

Ace Villepique, who with Red Swain comes over from last season, showed up well before the skipper yesterday.

Tucker Jones, the young man from Albany, entered a strong bid yesterday for a job as utility man. Garland Wilmer, who hit .320 in the Skyline circuit last season, looks pretty good in the outfield. Ed Bartnick, also from the New York capital, was impressive on the mound yesterday.

The skipper is shifting his attention to other spots today and there'll be more reports later. Parker briefly reviewed the roster as it stood at noon today, as follows:

John Cuprik, Lamira, Ohio; rookie pitcher.

Louis Odorizzi, Flushing, Ohio; rookie pitcher.

Michael DeLuca, Bronx, N. Y.; rookie pitcher, who won four and lost five during his short stay with the Martins last season.

Archie Lee Myers, Scotland Neck; rookie pitcher.

Harry "Red" Swain, the man from Johnstown, Pa., who is well remembered in the league for his effective work last season. The veteran won

STAR OUTFIELDER OF CLEVELAND INDIANS



Ben Chapman

Ben Chapman, star outfielder of the Cleveland Indians, American League team, will be seen in action by fans of this section

when the Indians play the New York Giants in an exhibition game in Tarboro, Wednesday, April 10.

21 and lost 9 during the playing season and turned in four victories in the series.

Jack Burns, Albany, N. Y.; rookie pitcher.

Ed Bartnick, Albany, N. Y.; rookie

pitcher.

Fred Buchman, Cincinnati, rookie pitcher.

Charles Munjar, Bellair, Ohio;

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Big League Teams To Play In Tarboro

Tarboro — Managers Oscar Vitt, of the Cleveland Indians, and Bill Terry, of the New York Giants, have released the tentative line-ups for the exhibition game in Tarboro, Wednesday, April 10th, when the Indians play the Giants in Bryan Park, Tarboro.

The Giant line-up carried Burgess Whitehead, of Woodland, formerly a Tarboro boy, with number 24, at third base. This is coming as a surprise to local fans who watched Whitehead recover from illness at home last year, but hoped that Whitehead could make the grade.

During the Giant-Cleveland game here in Tarboro, gifts for Whitehead, Campbell and Humphries will be given to the boys by their friends and fans when they appear at the home plate. During the afternoon fans from Macesfield and Tarboro will present a gift to Johnnie Humphries, former Macesfield-Tarboro baseball player, now with Cleveland.

Later a group of fans from Williamston and Tarboro will present a gift to Clarence "Soup" Campbell, outfielder with Tarboro and Williamston, now with Cleveland, and a group of admirers, relatives and friends of Lewiston and vicinity will present a gift to Burgess Whitehead, of Lewiston, playing third base for the Giants.

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EXHIBITIONS

Dixie Parker and his Martins will strut their stuff officially for the first time here Tuesday, April 16 at 3 o'clock when they meet the Reading, Pa. (Class B club) in the first of a series of exhibition games on the home grounds. The locals will return the game on the 18th in Edenton.

On Saturday and Sunday, April 20 and 21, the Martins will meet the Sunbury, N. Y., club here.

An inter-squad game is being considered for Sunday afternoon, April 14th.

Local Skipper Has Quite A Record As Hustling Receiver

Dixie Parker Is Also A Proven Philosopher of High Degree

The veteran Dixie Parker has been catching pro baseball on and off since 1918, when he started at Petersburg up in the old Virginia loop. There never has been a better hustler back of the plate, and that includes the fiery Red O'Malley, whom Parker succeeds as manager of the Williamston Martins.

Dixie can still work around 50 games a year for his club if the occasion demands, and that's a testimonial to his hustling nature, for most veterans of his long service would have hung up the tools long ago.

Parker is a homespun philosopher. He'll tell you there is no such thing as a smart catcher.

"When a man puts on those tools of torture," he says, "and squats down back of the plate he admits right then and there he's dumb as they come. No one with average mentality would think of being a catcher. In all the years I've been catching, I have envied outfielders. During each game, when I'm toiling back of the plate on that hard clay, I often think of those outfielders with their feet in the nice, cool, soft grass, with hardly a thing to do and no one to second guess them when they didn't call for a curve instead of a fast ball."

But Dixie, after speaking facetiously about the job, will also tell you it holds the best future of any in the game. The proverbial teeth of the hen are easier to find today than good catchers. The young receiver who can handle the job is worth his weight in gold.

The major league rosters will show quite a few chaps who are not great hitters, but they hold their jobs as catchers, year in and year out, because they are capable receivers. Coastal Plain fans will like Dixie Parker. He's a good mixer, a great hand with kids and he's been a hustler for over 20 years. The boys who make his club will have to hustle, win, lose or draw.

Predicts Tobacco Will Be Later This Year Than Usual

L. T. Weeks, extension tobacco specialist of State College, predicts that tobacco will be later this year than has been the case in the past several years.



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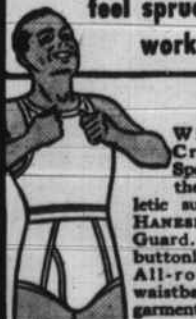
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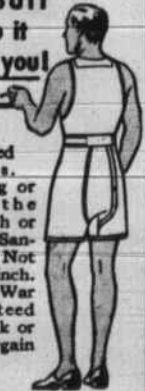
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