

SPEARHEADING

SPORTS

By ED SPEARS

MEN'S time is now turning to... well, baseball for instance. Bud Blalock says he is rearing...

is to start today getting the Waynesville club links in top shape, although play has been...

ORS of softball teams are reminded of the meet- ing, at the Waynesville Building and Loan office...

ES we didn't know 'til now department: Bill Voigt played fullback at Waynesville high and...

HAS football team. Charlie Trippi, seems to be more than a drawing card name with the Atlanta...

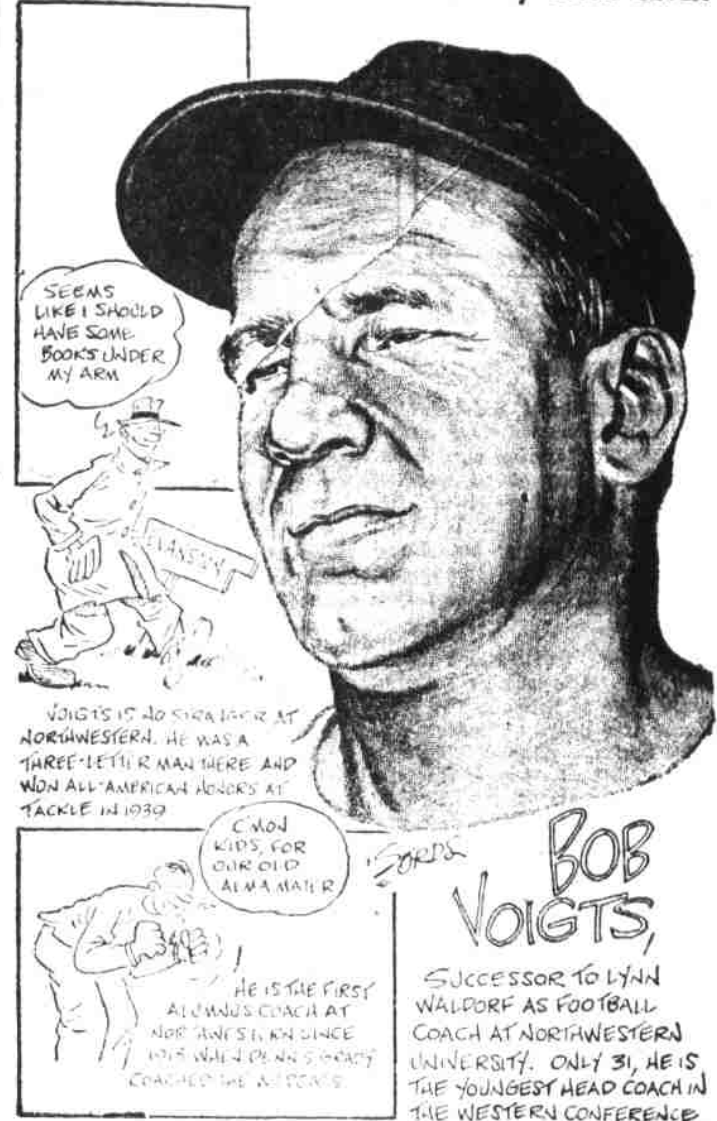


MY DAY, APRIL 7th, ASK-YOURSELF: WHAT AM I DOING PERMANENT PEACE?

will you do for your country? In the Regular Army you can have excellent training in valuable skills or trades...

Hazelwood Baseball Meeting Thurs. Night

YOUNGEST COACH - By Jack Sords



SEEMS LIKE I SHOULD HAVE SOME BOOKS UNDER MY ARM... VOIGTS IS AS SURE AS AT NORTHWESTERN... BOB VOIGTS, SUCCESSOR TO LYNN WALDORF AS FOOTBALL COACH AT NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY...

Blalock Asks All Players, Officials To Attend Session

A meeting of all persons interested in the Hazelwood baseball team will be held at the Coffee Shop in Hazelwood, starting at 7:30 o'clock Thursday night.

Tom (Bud) Blalock, manager of last year's Industrial League championship club, announces that the meeting will be utilized to set dates and work out the best system for practice and set a more definite idea of how many players will be available.

Bud Elmer Dudley and George Bischoff attended the meeting in Asheville last week-end when the WNC Industrial League was re-organized for this year's play.

League play will start on Saturday, April 26, with a schedule pitting each team against the other members three times and ending the season with a Sloughness playoff in September. An All-Star game will be played at midseason in Asheville.

Jimmy Williamson of Canton was elected president of the circuit and Wilson Ayers of Euka was named secretary.

Charges for carrying a ton of freight one mile vary from an average of 2.406 cents in England to less than seven-tenths of a cent in Japan, the U. S. average being .96 of a cent.

WCTC Nine Gets Ready For 20-Game Schedule

Four Waynesville Candidates For Catamount Baseball Team

A 20-game schedule is announced for the Western Carolina Teachers college baseball team, opening at Maryville college on April 4-5.

Coaches Tom Young and Jim Gudger have begun workouts of the squad, which is primarily composed of freshmen and sophomores with little previous experience.

Two other outfield candidates, Jack Allison and Murray Whisenand, and Hobie Collins, a catcher, are from Waynesville. Outstanding prospects as pitchers for the Catamounts are Gene Grogan of Canton and Walt Deermont of Andover, Mass.

The list of prospective players includes: outfielders—Max Beam, Pete McDonald, Jim Bryson, Jim Banks, Spee Everhart, Bobby Terrell, Don Womack, Warren Wylie, Tom Fore, Gus Colegerakis, Joe Beenes, Carrol Cobe, Ralph Humphries, Jim Barnwell, Paul Monroe and Anzman Brady.

Infielders: Mac Hensley, Kenneth Johnson, Arthur Byrd, Glen Newton, Ray Lee, J. B. Beam, Ovie Hoeyner, Frank Hardin, Tommy Ellis, and Leroy Sileo; pitchers—Ray Tweek, Jim English, Ralph Manning, L. C. Crocker, Phil York, Howard Barnwell, and Howard Barnhorst; catchers—Joe Hunt, Bill Powell, Clark Pennell, Harry Duke and Dick Scott.

The complete college schedule is as follows:

- April: 4-5 Maryville there, 11-12 High Point there, 14-15 Catawba there, 19 North Georgia College home, 22-23 Lenoir Rhyne there, 25-26 Appalachian home, 28-29 Atlantic Christian home. May: 2-3 Catawba home, 9-10 Appalachian there, 12-13 Maryville home, 17 North Georgia College there. All home games will be played on the newly constructed baseball field at Cullowhee.

Bill Milner Will Report To Bears On August 1st

Duke Gridiron Ace Joins Top Club In National Pro Circuit

Charles E. (Bill) Milner will begin practice with the Chicago Bears, National League professional football champions, on August 1st and expects a year of understudy play before taking a regular position at guard with the team, since that is the usual procedure with pro freshmen.

Bill talked over his plans for the future during his visit home through the spring vacation period at Duke, whose gridiron team he captained last autumn and where he earned selection on All-Southern conference and All-State college elevens. He returned Sunday to Durham, where studies will take up his time until June 2nd—graduation day.

Professional football is not considered a permanent occupation, but besides offering good pay to its outstanding performers it can serve as a springboard for what the Hazelwood griddler has been schooling himself for—a coaching position.

An all-round athlete, Bill has no little ability on a baseball field—being particularly effective in the hitting department—and track. He took in 1943 before entering active duty with the Marines, the conference broad jump championship with a 22-foot, 4-inch leap. Golf, swimming and other diversions take up his spare time.

When Duke's baseball team began practice, Bill looked like he was to get a birth in right field but when eligibility forms were sent in for the team his was turned down due to the contract to play pro football. The same reason will keep him off the Blue Devil track squad.

About the Chicago Bears: "I could have signed with the Brooklyn Dodgers (All-American league) at more money, but wanted to get with the best, so I took the offer of George Helas." The Bears' owner and coach signed up Milner and Ernie (Bear) McKotts, of Albemarle, on January 18 when the two Duke stars flew to the windy city to complete the deal.

Pat Preston, Milner's teammate of 1943, is expected to be a regular linesman next fall for Chicago, and such old-time ace as George McAfee and Sid Luckmann will be on hand to keep the Bears in their top position.

Bill says he will play a few games this summer with Hazelwood's baseball club, but since he'll have two weeks training with the Marines and football practice beginning in August, there won't be much time.

Old, But Good



HENRY EVANS took up bowling at 70. At 83 he captains a team in the Hudson N. M. city league. His best game is 229, but noise and confusion bothers him down to a 176 average in tournament play. He rolls a slow, accurate ball. Neither of his three sons and three grandsons can approach his alley feat.

Bethel's Independents Defeat City Electric

Bethel's independent cazers nosed out City Electric in the county basketball league championship playoff series at Champion YMCA, Thursday night. Billy Wells paced the winners with 25 points as they marked up a 61-53 victory. Two other games will complete the series.

- Bethel (61) City Electric (58) F. Billy Wells (25) J. Rogers (21) F. Lume (10) J. Pless (6) C. Stoney (6) M. Rogers (12) G. H. Wells (6) M. Tolson (11) G. Bobby Wells (6) Stoney (8) Subs: City Electric—Stevenson.

In ancient times a ship canal 150 feet wide, from the Nile and the Red Sea to Alexandria the gateway to the East.

The U. S. Canal building would fit into any one of the five pipe-shaped sections of the U. S. War Department's Bethesda Building in Washington.

New Manager Will Give Reds Stronger Hitting; Giles Scorns Cellar Rumor

AP Newsfeatures

TAMPA, Fla.—"The Cincinnati Reds will be a different ball club this year, and you can quote me on that," said Warren C. Giles, president of the Ohio entry in the National League.

But that was only the beginning of a conversation which saw Giles, usually one of the most placid officials in the major leagues, turn on the heat. He first sat there as though the talk floating around the room was correct—several men were picking the Reds to finish deep in the pennant race. But as he sat he not only listened but thumbed through the National League Green Book of Facts and figures.

Then, without leaving his seat, Giles literally hit the ceiling and pointed out how the Reds were improved over their sixth place club of the previous season.

"Now it's my turn," said Giles. "Bill McKelvie was a grand manager but he played for the single run, usually depending on pitching for a victory. It's going to make a big difference with Johnny Neun managing the team. He plans to bring American League baseball to Cincinnati and in the other league they play for those big innings."

"Why last year we lost 41 ball games by one run, a new high for us. In 1946 we won 40 games by one run. That year we won the pennant."

"So the Phillies pick us near the bottom. Well, if we had just three more runs last year we would have finished ahead of them. They beat us by two games for fifth place."

"People had been asking a long time 'when are you going to get a .300 hitting outfielder?' Well now we have one in Augie Galan of Brooklyn. Galan was one of the seven outfielders in the league to bat .300 or better."

Gabe Paul, Giles' assistant, then came to the aid of his boss by furnishing some additional data on "what happened in the Reds."

"The type of ball Johnny Neun will have the Reds playing this season will increase our team batting average by 10 percentage points," said Paul. "Why the Reds were in fourth place last summer when we lost our two most important players, third baseman Grady Hatton and shortstop Eddie Miller. They were to us like Stan Musial and Enos Slaughter were to the Cardinals."

"Hatton suffered a hairline kneecap fracture and Miller hurt his shoulder. We lost nine straight and during the last two months won only 20 while losing 39."

Besides Galen filling a gap in



ERAUT and BAUMHOLTZ

the outfield, the Reds are banking on three rookies. Two of them pitcher Ed Erault and Frankie Baumholtz, an outfielder, may crash the lineup. The other, Ted Kluszewski, brought two gloves along and is willing to play first base or the outfield.

Erault is a six foot right hander from Portland, Ore. His last ball game was his 20th win with Hollywood in the Pacific Coast League last year. He is 22 and appears ready. His brother, Joe, 25, is at Lakeland hoping to stick with the Detroit Tigers as a catcher.

Baumholtz starred for the Cleveland Rebels in the Basketball Association of America this winter and shows exceptional promise as a hitter despite the fact that at 163 pounds he is about 13 pounds underweight. The 27-year-old former three-sport star at Ohio, U., is slated to play centerfield. He hit .343 for Columbia, S. C., in the class A Sally League last season after serving four years in the Navy.

Kluszewski is built like Lou Gehrig although in early practice he moved around faster than Gehrig did when Lou broke in. If he can play first he has a great future, says Paul, for he seems to be able to hit a ball out of the park.

The Reds are well equipped with pitching. Probable starters besides Erault are Bucky Walters, Johnny Vander Meer, Joe Beggs and Ewell Blackwell, the freshman sensation of last year. Blackwell led the National League in shutouts with six. He won nine and lost 13 after three years in the Army.

Ray Mueller, Ray Lamamo and Al Lakeman again will handle the catching with Mueller, a real



Ed Erault

workhorse, hogging the chest protector. Besides Galan and Baumholtz, Ed Lukon is down for the outfield.

Grady Hatton, another star rookie of last year, is certain to be back at third base but the rest of the infield appears unsettled. Miller may not be back at short. Battling for the position are Ben Zientara, whose 289 led the team in hitting, and Kermit Wahl. Lonnie Frey will have competition in Bob Adams or Zientara around second base.

First base is open with Bert Haas and Charley Kress engaging Kluszewski in the three-cornered fight. Haas has the experience but this spring the Reds are looking for hitters.

34 Mountaineer Diamond Hopefuls

Thirty-four candidates reported to Coaches C. E. Weatherly and Carl Ratcliff to draw equipment Monday afternoon and mark the official beginning of practice for the Waynesville Township high school. Two other players are expected to join the squad this week.

Advertisement for Doan's Pills, featuring the text 'Sentinels of Health' and 'Don't Neglect Them! Nature designed the kidneys to do a marvelous job...'

Advertisement for Cold-Strikes, featuring the text 'When a Cold Strikes Strike Back with COLD DISCOMFORT'S Liquid - 35¢ Per Bottle'

Large advertisement for Budweiser beer, featuring the text 'BUDWEISER! JUST WHAT I'M AFTER, TOO' and 'As yet there is no such thing as an abundance of Budweiser. The demand is so great throughout America that the world's largest brewery can't cope with it...'