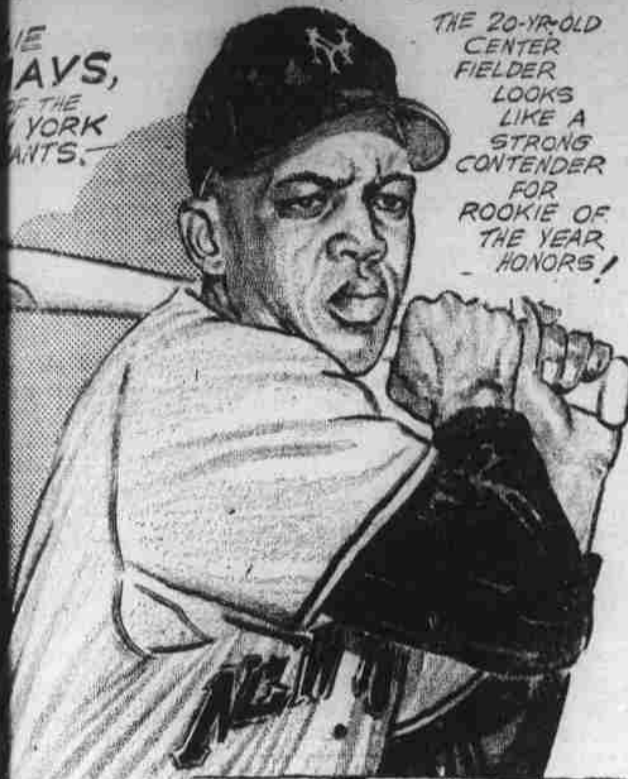


# Mountaineers Schedule 10 Football Games

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR? - - By Alan Maver



THE 20-YR-OLD CENTER FIELDER LOOKS LIKE A STRONG CONTENDER FOR ROOKIE OF THE YEAR HONORS!



THE GIANTS WERE SEEKING POWER WHEN THEY BROUGHT WILLIE UP FROM MINNEAPOLIS, AND AFTER A SLOW START HE STARTED TO PROVIDE IT—HIT 7 HOMERS AND BATTED IN 27 RUNS IN 33 GAMES—HIS FIELDING AND THROWING HAVE BEEN A BIG HELP, TOO!

## School For Drivers To Be Held

Bowles, District Superintendent of Schools, announces a Drivers School to be held Aug. 14, beginning at 9 a. m., at the Waynesville High School. Those interested in qualifying for the license should report to the school. Mr. Bowles.

## Free Methodist Vacation School Begins Today

The annual Daily Vacation Bible School of the Free Methodist Church begins today and will continue for one week, ending Friday, August 17. A two-hour session will be held each morning at 9 o'clock. There will be classes for boys and girls, with a variety of handwork, and memory work. Invitation is extended to all children to attend. Misses Rosetta Williams and Strickland from Jolley, Ga., are visitors at the school. Mrs. Conyers, Ga., are visitors at the school. Mrs. Conyers, Ga., are visitors at the school.

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## SPORTS in BRIEF

By HANK MESSICK

For a small group, the operators, gambling is a business, and a big business at that. For a much larger group, the victims, to put it bluntly, gambling is a sport.

Why a sport? Well, it has all the elements of suspense, conflict, chance, and drama that a football game would have. In addition, of course, there always is the faint chance of making some money. People read about a horse race where the winner was a fifty-to-one long shot, and they spend the rest of their lives betting on long shots. Easy money is the lure. The fact that millionaires attend the races regularly, however, indicates that it isn't just the money alone. They go for the suspense; the drama; the thrill of winning.

And so it is with the average man, who, after all, puts more money in the pockets of the crooks than the wealthy people. In the old days, the so-called common man depended upon poker games on Saturday night, with maybe a 25 cent limit. Or, perhaps there was a local race or rooster fight. Anyway, they had a chance to bet on something, but it was pretty small peanuts compared with what goes on today.

As the recent Crime Investigating Committee proved, gambling is on an organized basis that reaches from ocean to ocean, from border to border. Recent action by the sheriff indicates that it even reaches to Waynesville. Modern invention such as the telegraph, the telephone, the ticker tape, makes such an organization possible and profitable.

Gambling then is a national sport, but some forms of it are not fully understood by the average citizen. Perhaps if he did understand, he might take some action against it. The systems are complex, however, and may vary a great deal from operator to operator, but basically most of them are similar.

It is quite legal to lease a Western Union wire for certain purposes, and it seems quite easy to use that wire, once you have it leased, for certain other purposes entirely illegal. Okay, you get your wire and your ticker tape machine. It is simply a glass-covered device that spins out a roll of tape and automatically prints on the tape whatever the person at the other end of the wire desires to communicate.

Your next step is to get yourself tipboards or tickets of the kind suitable. The tipboard is usually a folder covered with tiny sealed tickets in which are certain numbers. All this is strictly illegal, of course, and if you should happen to get your tipboards COD from across the state line, you'd better watch out. A Federal law is involved.

All you have to do now is get everyone is happy.

your suckers informed. They come and they bet. What they bet on is up to you; how much you get and how much they get is also up to you. Suppose they are betting on which team in the major leagues will make the highest score during the day's games. Suppose you sell them a ticket for one dollar, and suppose they win. The ticket they pull happens to be the right one out of a thousand. Suppose they get ten dollars or even a hundred. You've still got 900 left. Not bad for an afternoon's work.

All the above is simplified, of course, but it is the general idea. It also should serve to show how stupid it is to bet in the first place. In the long run you've got about as much chance as you'd have of escaping unhurt if an atomic bomb should fall in your lap.

A great sport, gambling; a great evil.

Going to something equally hopeless but less dirty—the St. Louis Browns. Before the season opened they had 37 players on their rolls. Of that number, only 11 remain. They filled up the bench with new players, of course, but still they are at the bottom of the American League.

I guess you've all heard about the football clinic they are going to hold over at Cullowhee for football officials. Rules will be discussed, and the duties of officials explained. So, if "Offsides" is called after your favorite back just made a 90 yard run for the winning touchdown, don't get angry. The man with the red flag was taught how to do that at school. Seriously, however, the clinic is a good thing. The umpire has a tough job and he tries to do it well. Sometimes a lot of courage is required to call back a play, but he goes by the rules.

Speaking of courage, Earl Blaik has plenty. As coach of the West Point football team, with his own son involved, he was in, and still is in, a tough spot. The easy way out was to resign—he could get a good job elsewhere without trouble. But after a lot of thought, he decided to stay on with what remained of his team. The West Point cadets could do well to study the example he has given them. The country could too, for that matter.

Waynesville High School's football schedule is published elsewhere in this issue. A quick glance is all that is necessary to show the rough season ahead. Coach Weatherby, with most of his old team lost, isn't making any predictions. Pessimism is necessary to a coach, if not to a gambler. If you lose nobody is surprised, but if you win

## Sets Racing World Talking



Lew Hanover and trainer-driver Bi Shively before a workout at Saratoga Raceway. The trotter, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Arleigh Wilkins of Marion, Ill., carried a \$50,000 price tag even before he won a race.

## Is The Lively Ball Dead?



ALLIE REYNOLDS Indian Giver

BOB FELLER Three-Timer

CLIFF CHAMBERS Traded Afterwards

By SYD KRONISH  
AP Newsfeatures Sports Writer

NEW YORK—This is supposed to be the era of the lively ball. Or is it?

When Allie Reynolds of the New York Yankees pitched his no-hitter against the Cleveland Indians it marked the third hitless game of the big league season. And said season is only half completed.

The other two hurlers who blanked their foes in hits this year are Bob Feller of the Indians and Cliff Chambers, then of Pittsburgh and now with the St. Louis Cards.

Last year only one no-hit game was pitched in the majors. Vern Bickford of the Braves did it against the Dodgers in a night game up in Beantown.

In 1948 there were two no-hit, no run games. Both were 2-0 affairs. Bob Lemon of the Indians whitewashed the Tigers and Rex Barney twirled his for the Dodgers against the Giants.

The last time there were three no-hitters in one season was in 1947. The mound masters that year were Ewell Blackwell of the Reds, Don Black of the Indians and Bill McCahan of the A's.

The most no-hitters in one season was six. They were hurled in 1915 and again in 1917. But of course that was the era of the so-called dead ball. Hah!

The last Yankee to pitch an ace prior to Reynolds was Monte Pearson who blanked the same Indians, 13-0, back in 1938.

Reynolds formerly was a member of the Clevelanders. He was traded to the Yanks for Joe Gordon after the 1946 season.

Pearson, as fate would have it, also was a former Tribesman.

And, to add insult to injury, the guy who smacked a home run to win Reynolds' game, 1-0 was Gene Woodling—an ex-member of the Indians.

## Every Grave Decorated At Buchanan Cemetery During Service Sunday

Approximately two hundred people attended the annual decoration at the Buchanan cemetery Sunday, and all graves in the cemetery were decorated.

The Rev. Jule Singleton delivered the sermon, and the Rev. Mr. Massie made a short talk. The Rev. Fred Inman was in charge of the program. Special singing was furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Jule Mashburn and family from Swain County.

During the business session a report was given of the year's work, and new committee members and trustees were elected. Mr. Inman was re-elected chairman of the decoration day program. Others named were Monroe Oxner, Floyd Grasty, Frank Wood, and Charlie Buchanan, treasurer. Mr. Buchanan voiced thanks to the fifty-two people who contributed more than \$80 to the upkeep of the cemetery.

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